

**Danish statement at General Debate, 113<sup>th</sup> Session of IOM Council, 29 November to 2 December 2022**

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Thank you, Director General, for the comprehensive presentation yesterday.

Denmark aligns with the statement made by the EU on behalf of its Member States and the statement made by Ukraine on behalf of a group of Member states and would like to add the following in its national capacity.

Earlier this last month we had a general election in Denmark, and we are hence - of course - awaiting guidance from a new government, currently under formation.

With more people than ever on the move and multiple global crises – now only fueled by the global implications of Russia’s war of aggression against Ukraine – the need for international cooperation on migration issues is evident. And so is the need for a well-functioning and smoothly operating IOM.

Organizational effectiveness and accountability is key – to us as Member State and a large donor to IOM, and to the beneficiaries of IOM’s work across the globe. In this regard, Denmark welcomes the adoption of the budget reform in June. A reform that – as implemented – will bring a much needed strengthening of IOM’s core structure.

Chair, there is no doubt that IOM has developed a lot over the past years. Not only in terms of its budgetary growth, but also as organization with regard to organizational reforms, aiming at making the organization fit for purpose to deliver on its role and responsibilities – including within the UN system. Denmark has – including through our un-earmarked funding - been a strong supporter of the reform process.

Therefore, we also find it very timely that IOM is subject to its second MOPAN assessment over the coming period. As you, Director General, also pointed out yesterday, the assessment will provide guidance in developing the next generation of

IOM reforms and be crucial in informing the development of the next Strategic Vision.

Finally, we note the importance of continued strengthening of efforts towards preventing any forms of misconduct, and welcome the increased focus on preventing and responding to Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment.

In conclusion, Denmark expresses its sincere appreciation to all staff at IOM for their tireless work.

Thank you.