

## **The International Organization for Migration (IOM)**

### **The 113<sup>th</sup> Session of the Council**

#### **Egypt's Statement**

Egypt aligns itself with the statements delivered by the regional and political groups to which it belongs.

The issues of migration and displacement, and their strong links to sustainable development, climate change, poverty, and political instability, continue to pose some of the most complex humanitarian and socio-political challenges of our time.

As **a country of origin, transit, and destination**, we believe that migration should be addressed in a holistic and interdependent manner- that puts the rights and dignity of migrants as well as their hosting communities at the center of its endeavors.

Egypt expresses its gratitude to the IOM and its staff for their tireless efforts to respond to the needs of migrants and displaced persons, and promote the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration, in the midst of unprecedented global challenges and a continuing gap between humanitarian needs and financial resources.

Egypt welcomes the progress made towards achieving the organization reform objectives, and the implementation of **the Internal Governance Framework**. Egypt has been actively engaged in consultations pertaining to **the IOM budget reforms**, and while recognizing the importance of the proposed reforms to enable the IOM to fulfill its ever-evolving responsibilities, we encourage the IOM to enhance its partnership with non-conventional donors, and to ensure that solutions to migrations challenges are reflecting the context-driven priorities and needs of the countries in which it operates.

Sound Migration governance is an issue of top priority for Egypt. According to the latest IOM estimates, **Egypt hosts more than 9 million migrants and refugees** originating from 133 countries. While this poses dire political and socio-economic challenges for the

government, we remain steadfast in our commitment to respect the rights of all migrants and refugees present on Egypt's soil, providing equal and non-discriminatory access to health care and education services.

We also remain committed to addressing migration in a comprehensive manner. As a **Champion Country for the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM)**, Egypt believes in the critical importance for tackling and minimizing the adverse drivers that compel people to leave their countries, and enhancing pathways for regular migration that would benefit countries of origin, destination, as well as the migrants themselves.

Egypt took note with appreciation the discussions on the intersection between climate change, food security, migration and displacement, during the High level segment of the council. As **the African COP President**, Egypt welcomes efforts aimed at bridging the gap between global processes relating to migration and climate change, and enhancing inclusive adaptation and resilience action to avert the adverse effects of climate change, and strengthen the integration of migration and displacement issues into climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction strategies. We welcome IOM's important engagement in COP27, and commend its ongoing efforts to implement its Institutional Strategy on Migration, Environment and Climate change.

In closing, Egypt would like to renew its appreciation to the IOM's role as the leading organization on Migration in the UN system, and in supporting countries' efforts in addressing complex and intricate issues relating to migration and displacement in a spirit of shared responsibilities and cooperation.

I thank you.