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The negative impact of climate change, the consequences of intercontinental military interventions and the global economic crises have universally aggravated the humanitarian situation and provoked a huge population's involuntary movement across the world.

The current situation in Afghanistan is a testament to how political ambitions of some wealthy states are leading to new geopolitical challenges and make unprecedented suffering for people in the move in the migrants' countries of origin and transit as well as their host communities.

Host communities in developing countries are paying the cost of migration on behalf of developed states, who are the last destination of displaced people.

Tackling the humanitarian challenges needs a broad political will mostly by the main actors who made this situation. Taking a holistic political approach is a prerequisite to the “whole of society” and the “whole of government” approach in covering all needs of people on the move in developing countries.

Since multilateralism failed to find a viable solution to international disputes, high politics have flowed into the low politics, in particular the Humanitarian atmosphere. By conducting enhanced “Humanitarian Diplomacy”, we must try our best to prevent humanitarian space from



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being more contaminated by politics. In absence of this holistic approach, the financial gap in international humanitarian organizations will be increasingly aggravated. And developing countries of transit such as Iran, couldn't afford to disproportionately pay the all costs of hosting by their own limited resources, anymore.

Chairperson,

The Islamic Republic of Iran as an origin as well as long-temporary transit and destination for migrants has done its utmost to provide immigrants with more than necessary services, regardless of their legal status. Iranian host communities have been sharing their meager resources and means of livelihood with migrants for the last four decades.

Notwithstanding DG's report on the settling trend of humanitarian shock inside Afghanistan, the irregular influx of Afghan nationals to the neighboring countries, including mine, remains shocking. We mustn't let the new humanitarian crises consign the most prolonged ones to oblivion.

The Islamic Republic of Iran, in spite of its narrowed hosting capacity due to the unlawful unilateral coercive measures, has not spared any effort, to protect the displaced persons, in particular during and in the aftermath of the COVID pandemic, beyond the call of duty, some of which I will refer to.

- Registration of more than 700 thousand students in public schools -380 thousand of whom are undocumented Afghans;
- education of 58 thousand university students;
- Holding literacy courses for 190 thousand foreign illiterate students;
- Free insurance coverage under a special public health insurance scheme for 157 thousand of vulnerable refugees while providing access for all displaced persons to register in the public health insurance scheme;



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- Implementation of the nationwide vaccination of foreign nationals against Covid-19 regardless of their legal status;
- And granting Iranian nationality to more than ten thousand children born to Iranian mothers and foreign fathers to cope with statelessness.

Chair,

My delegation recognizes the IOM's commitment as part and parcel of its professional approach to scaling up its staffing and operations in Iran following the revitalization of the IOM office in Tehran. We also acknowledge the additional budget allocated to IOM's projects in Iran. While appreciating the generosity of some donors, we reiterate the need for implementing policies by IOM to ensure the full realization of the budget alongside the allocation of more funds to meet the least requirements of hosting and managing migration.

Align with the statement of the Asia Pacific Group, we hope that the Organization would take effective steps to promote a well-balanced and inclusive approach to equitable geographical representation, in particular in the senior management.

Allow me to conclude by expressing our commitment to supporting the Organization to ensure a fit-for-purpose organization to rise to the challenges associated with its humanitarian mandate. I thank you.