

Mr. Chair, Mr. Director General

Excellences, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

Allow me, at the outset, to thank the Director General for presenting his annual report and to congratulate the newly appointed members of the Bureau,

Jordan welcomes the selection of this important topic for the high-level segment that addresses "The intersection between climate change, food security, migration and displacement".

Climate change and its significant consequences on migration, food insecurity and internal displacement of populations is becoming a challenge reality that needs to confront and addressed on both t national and international policy level.

Mr. Chair

The Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan is among one of the most affected countries in the world by climate change, in particular, in the water sector area.

Jordan is one of the most water-scarce countries in the world due to the semi-arid climate system and the high temperatures. Thus the severe pressure on our limited resources, exacerbated by the abnormal increase in population growth caused by the massive influx of refugees is the biggest obstacle to economic development and growth in Jordan.

Jordan hosts about 3.6 million refugees, The combination of climate change and population growth, enhanced by the influx of refugees are both expected to place further strain on Jordan's scarce water resources.

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The UN has recognized that global refugees and their host countries are among the most vulnerable to climate change. To address this crisis, Jordan has put forward a Climate/Refugee Nexus Initiative, that was launched by His Majesty King Abdulla II during COP27 that took place in Sharm El Sheikh that prioritize support for host countries that bear the brunt of climate change. We welcome (invite) all countries to endorse this important initiative.

Jordan has started to find solutions in renewable energy, water desalination, advanced irrigation technologies, and shifting to electric modes of transportation.

Today, Jordan's green recovery program goes hand in hand with our Economic Modernization Vision. We are making the most of our country's significant solar and wind resources. Jordan is a leader in the region in clean energy production, with 29 percent of electricity powered by renewables, and we plan to reach 50 percent by 2030. In the meantime, Jordan has boosted its contribution to greenhouse gas reduction, to double our 2030 SDG's, and across our economy, green-focused partnerships are set to create new jobs, for a future of hope.

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Climate change is a global scourge that concerns us all, and one of the drivers of successful climate action is strong collaborations at the global and regional levels, as well as between the public and private sectors, in order to target opportunities and align resources and capabilities. One critical area is financing for developing countries to mitigate and adapt to climate negative impacts.

Finally, we would like to commend IOM for its flexibility and important contributions in response to the pandemic and the challenging humanitarian crises and for its standing by migrants and displaced persons. since its inception, IOM has sought to ensure the strengthening of international cooperation on migration issues and the provision of humanitarian assistance to migrants in need, including refugees and internally displaced persons,

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Jordan will continue to provide its support to the IOM.

Thank you