

**Statement of the Libyan delegation participating in the 113th session
of the Council of the International Organization for Migration**

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Mr. President

I am honored to participate in this important meeting, which reflects the extent of the role that your esteemed organization offers in the field of migration. allow me to remind ourselves that the world is facing unprecedented challenges as new related crises continue to emerge all over the world. The migration remains one of the oldest unresolved crises, where millions of people leave their homes, and become internally displaced persons, asylum seekers, or immigrants. human mobility happens for several reasons, including temporary and long term such as the impact of climate change.

Mr. President

My country recognizes the importance of addressing the issue of migration through international, regional and bilateral cooperation, this involves an open dialogue with all stakeholders through a balanced and coherent approach, in a spirit of solidarity and partnership. The international community need to work on addressing the worsening migration crisis, taking into account its economic, social and environmental dimensions, with a view that respects the cultural, human and social perspective.

Regrettably this issue is now completed by the Climate change aspects and all consequences and repercussions included. This has direct impact on wellbeing and lives of citizens, and immigrants as well as other vulnerable communities of the population.

According to the world bank report Climate change may force more than 216 million people in six regions of the world to migrate by 2050, including about 19 million people from North Africa. This should motivate us all to move quickly to take immediate and effective measures to support green development.

referring to the climate conference in Sharm El-Sheikh this month and the important endorsement of the establishment of a fund to compensate the "losses and damages" incurred by developing countries as a result of climate change, This is one of the basic steps to adopt a policy that supports the reduction of climate migration, and it is a huge step in the right direction that we support with confidence.

My country unfortunately suffers from continuous waves of illegal immigration and related transnational crimes, such as trafficking and human smuggling. This adds to the crisis in Libya, which is going through an exceptional phase that is clear to all members of international community. Despite all that, my country strives to work on finding solutions for these issues in cooperation with International partners as much as possible, including facilitating the return of immigrants wishing to return to their home countries voluntarily and integrating them into the labor market through bilateral agreements.

Mr. President

The International Organization for Migration remains a major partner for my country, strong cooperation is established in the field of migration. As the year 2022 witnessed a continuation of the cooperation in priority areas, the most important of which is the voluntary, safe and dignified return project, which has achieved during the past years the return of more than 60,000 illegal immigrants stranded in Libya, as well as providing Assistance in emergency situations for immigrants in need, and we look forward for further discussions with the organization, we are ready to expand our work to create a strategic partnership to achieve our goals for the coming years. Also one of my country main strategy in this regards is to create greater opportunities for our employees to participate internationally through your esteemed organization in its extraordinary work.

Thank you