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**MALAWI'S STATEMENT ON AGENDA ITEM 12 – GENERAL
DEBATE AT THE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF
MIGRATION (IOM) 113TH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL**

WEDNESDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 2022

Chairperson,

On behalf of Malawi, I would like to convey our congratulations to His Excellency, Ambassador Lansana Gberie on his election as Chairperson of the Bureau. We appreciate the oversight and leadership of the outgoing chairperson over the course of our previous deliberations. We are grateful also for the dedication of the Director General and the commitment of the entire IOM leadership. I take this opportunity to renew our support.

In total alignment with the statement made by Nigeria on behalf of the African Union, the Government of Malawi wishes to highlight, acknowledge and appreciate the recent, positive budget adjustments that ultimately benefit the ongoing projects world-wide and particularly in Malawi.

Malawi supports the IOM's newly engraved focus on the effects of Climate Change on Migration. Malawi has most recently lost 30% of its electricity due to Hydropower station damages caused by this year's Tropical Storm Ana. This is but one of many examples of the effects of Climate Change on the world economies. The lack of sufficient renewable energies results in further degradation of the environment leading to further displacements.

In Malawi's Southern Region, specifically along the lower Shire River, floods often result in internal migration and the disruption of national food security.

Malawi subscribes to the Paris Agreement and the recent resolutions of COP 27. Allow me to take this opportunity to thank our host Member State – Switzerland for being one of the first to implement Carbon offsetting deals. Malawi is grateful to have benefitted from a such a deal signed at the COP 27.

Malawi would like to commend all member states for the collective efforts made to mitigate world Migration challenges.

I thank you.