



Statement of Mongolia

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Chair, Director General,
Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates,

At the outset, I would like to thank the Director General and the Deputy Director General for their leadership, as well as the staff of the IOM for their hard work and dedication during these uncertain times.

Mr. Chair,

The world is witnessing significant challenges beginning with global pandemic, climate change, disasters, armed conflicts, and large-scale socioeconomic calamities. These challenges are causing devastating effects on migrants and are raising global concern. Mongolia commends the agility of IOM to endure these negative implications though its continued assistance and staunch support to migrants.

In these difficult times, where we find ourselves with increasing danger of food and energy crises, rising price and geopolitical tensions, it is imperative that all countries remain committed to achieving the sustainable development goals and take responsive actions to address a global displacement arising from climate change, environmental degradation, conflict, and persecution.

The unique role of IOM, as the leading UN organization in migration, remains to be more critical than ever to tackle and mitigate the negative impacts of these upheavals.

Mr. Chair,

The major shortcomings of both international and internal migration have immense impact on socio-economic development of Mongolia. Despite the influx of labor migrants leaving Mongolia, considerable number of people in intra-rural and rural to urban migration does not bode well for our further approach to effectively mainstream internal migration into development.

At this juncture, Mongolia is convinced that the collective step towards budget reform with the adoption of Standing Committee Resolution No. 31 in June was an important decision by Members States in increasing the relevance and values of IOM.

Moreover, Mongolia underlines the critical role of IOM in the collective action and response against climate change, environmental degradation and disasters that are reshaping contemporary human mobility patterns. Mongolia commences the IOM's recent report "People on the Move in a Changing Climate –Linking Policy, Evidence and Action" which, provides communities, partners, governments, and other UN agencies with guidelines to scale up the implementation of adaptative action.

Mr. Chair,

Mongolia reaffirms our support for the central role of IOM in migration and continue working closely in the year ahead to overcome challenges and build resilience.

Thank you for the attention.
