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Mr. Chair,  
Mr. Director General,  
Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates,

Let me express our deep condolences on the sad demise of former President of the People's Republic of China H.E. Mr. Jiang Zemin.

I wish to congratulate you, Mr. Chair, and the members of the bureau for being elected for this session of the IOM Council. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to the outgoing Chair and her team for the outstanding contribution made during her chairmanship.

Nepal welcomes Barbados as 175<sup>th</sup> Member of the IOM.

We thank the Director-General for presenting the report and appreciate for his active leadership during the past difficult years

Mr. Chair,

Migration has been a part of human history and we have realized that it is a source of prosperity, innovation, and sustainable development. Along with new opportunities and better life, migration also leads to richer and diverse society as it involves learning new culture, customs, and languages for both countries of origin and destination.

Managing migration is always challenging as it involves various complex issues. Addressing the needs of forced migrants due to political, environmental and socio-economic crisis, requires better understanding, sustainable, responsive and specific measures.

Mr. Chair,

Labour migration is one of the important aspects of Nepal's socio-economic dimension. With over 4 million nationals in foreign employment, Nepal highly prioritizes ensuring safe, orderly and managed migration.

We are firm in our commitment to the implementation of Global Compact on Migration. As a champion country, we have internalized GCM principles and objectives into our national plans and policies to enhance the quality of migration governance.

Managing migration starts from home country. Shared responsibility and solidarity are essential to ensure equal and affordable access to social protection and basic services for all migrants, including health, education, justice, legal protection, and decent work. Safe and dignified return as well as sustainable reintegration of migrants is equally important.

Chairperson,

IOM has been continuously working to ensure the orderly and humane management of migration. Nepal is thankful to IOM for its various support provided to the Government of Nepal in its efforts to manage migration effectively. Nepal supports the work of United Nations Migration Network and is committed to ensure safety, security and overall wellbeing of the migrants.

I Thank You.