



## **STATEMENT DELIVERED BY NIGERIA AT THE 113<sup>TH</sup> SESSION OF THE IOM COUNCIL, 29 NOVEMBER – 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER, 2022**

Thank you Chairperson for giving Nigeria the floor.

Nigeria aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the African Group.

2. At the outset, my delegation extends hearty congratulations to His Excellency, Ambassador Lansana Gberie on his election as Chairperson of the Council Bureau and assures of Nigeria's support during the tenure of this versatile Ambassador and commends the past Chairperson, Her Excellency, Ambassador Catalina Devandas Aguilar, for her commitment to the work of the Bureau.

3. My delegation commends IOM for its continued efforts in providing global migration governance, at a time our world continues to contend with multidimensional challenges, particularly in the spheres of climate change, flooding, conflicts and several socio-economic disparities, with adverse impact on displaced persons and human mobility across many regions of the world.

4. So far in 2022, climate-induced occurrences in Nigeria, including droughts and unprecedented flooding in many parts of the country have exacerbated humanitarian crises resulting in forced migration, loss of lives and livelihoods, including damage to infrastructure and

environmental degradation. In this regard, my delegation wishes to underscore the overarching need for IOM to remain a relevant and fit-for-purpose Organization, pointedly positioned to address climate-induced displacement, by providing assistance and practical solutions to climate-change related migration. As a global organisation on migration issues, IOM remains best suited to engage in discourse on the impact of climate change on human mobility, bearing in mind the global commitment and outcome of the Climate Change Conference of the Parties (COP 27) on the “loss and damage” fund to be set up and dedicated to addressing the adverse effect of climate change on developing countries.

**Chairperson,**

5. The imperative for migrants to feel safe while travelling across countries of origin, transit and destination has become more pertinent. We must therefore underline the rights of migrants and their families as a critical mandate of IOM and a centrepiece of the work of the Organisation. IOM must therefore take concrete measures to continuously engage Member States on dynamic and mutually beneficial pathways that reflect ever-increasing migration needs and salience of promoting safe, orderly and regular migration.

6. Finally, Chairperson, rest assured that Nigeria will continue to support you in implementation of the mandate of IOM to address the needs of migrants.

I thank you