

We come together this week to cap off a year of real progress and accomplishments in our collective goal to strengthen cooperation on international migration.

We were pleased to participate in the first International Migration Review Forum in May. Member States, international organizations, and civil society came together to discuss a common approach to managing migration and protecting vulnerable people that is the goal of the Global Compact for Migration. The United States supports this vision. We seek migration policies that are grounded in human rights, human dignity, transparency, and state sovereignty. In June, the United States joined with other nations in the Western Hemisphere on the margins of the Summit of the Americas to commit to further cooperation by endorsing the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection; participating states are already making efforts to take action to meet our joint commitments.

More recently, the United States met with over 190 parties to the Paris Agreement to tackle the challenges of climate change. The United States recognizes the interplay between climate change and food insecurity on migration and forced displacement. We believe adaptation and resilience are important in addressing these challenges which IOM also underscored in the lead up to COP27. This is why we launched the PREPARE plan to help more than half a billion people in developing countries adapt to and manage a changing climate and why the United States supports regional IOM programs to place climate change and migration on the agenda of the various regional consultative processes.

As an organization, we have seen IOM use data to help us understand the policy linkages across multiple sectors. Increasing communication between IOM operations and scaling up data collection will be key to developing data-informed migration policies and programs.

IOM is also a valuable operational partner that delivers vital humanitarian assistance, including for those devastated by the recent floods in Pakistan, drought in the Horn of Africa, and the conflict in Yemen. IOM also continues to support those affected by Russia's unprovoked war in Ukraine. Member states and the IOM administration must continue to invest in maintaining this operational

capacity; training staff; supporting institutional capacity; prioritizing protection and the prevention of sexual exploitation, abuse, and harassment; and developing new beneficiary feedback systems.

In the spirit of global partnership and in recognition of IOM's critical role, the United States supported IOM's requested budget increase last June. We especially commend DDG Pope for her strong leadership of that process. IOM must now meet the challenge by investing these new resources strategically and transparently.

For IOM to continue to grow and succeed, it requires a robust human resources unit, transparent internal processes, and a responsive internal justice system. IOM must also seek ways to expand its resource base, including expanding its outreach and partnership with the private sector.

Mister Chair,

IOM is a member state-led organization, and you play a key role facilitating this dialogue between the IOM administration and its member states. We look forward to your active leadership to engage the IOM administration and member states in an open and transparent manner to advance our shared goal of building a stronger and more enduring organization to meet the challenges and seize the opportunities afforded by migration.

Thank you.