



**Statement by H.E. Dr. LE Thi Tuyet Mai
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*Chairperson
Director General,
Distinguished delegates,*

I would like to join others in congratulating you, Chairperson, on your election as Chairperson of the Council and welcoming Barbados to the membership of the organization.

1. Viet Nam highly appreciates the role and contribution of the IOM as the UN agency in charge of promoting regular, safe and orderly international migration and resolving migration challenges.

Since the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) was adopted in December, 2018, the IOM has strongly extended technical and financial supports to Member States. These important assistances help to promote joint efforts at national, regional and global levels and create a safe and transparent migration environment for promoting and protecting the rights and interests of migrants.

Viet Nam also highly appreciate the cooperation between the IOM and Viet Nam which has increasingly been strengthened over the years. The IOM has strongly supported Viet Nam in carrying out the GCM National Plan through many projects, particularly the Project “*Promoting evidence-based policy making in the context of cross-border migration in Viet Nam*”. This is a practical project which helps our country improve the capacity of making evidence-based policy in the field of international migration.

Chairperson

2. It is widely observed that as countries have better control of the COVID-19 pandemic and are recovering, international migration are

accelerating again. This phenomenon also comes along with various matters, including human trafficking and migrant smuggling with new tactic, especially in cyber space.

Against that context, it is crucial for IOM Member States and the international community to work more closely to resolve the root causes of illegal migration, namely poverty, crisis, climate change...and facilitate regular, safe and orderly migration for the rights and interests of migrants.

Thanks to the experiences in its response to the Covid-19, Viet Nam believes that integrating health issue in managing international migration, in the spirit of cooperation and shared responsibility, is important.

3. We are pleased to note the growing engagement of Member States in the discussion of climate change and the interlinkage between climate change, food security and human mobility.

Viet Nam believes that urgent actions and comprehensive approach are needed to better protect and promote the rights of vulnerable groups including migrants in the context of climate change. Developing countries, especially those particularly vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change, need support to enhance their resilience and capacity to tackle climate impacts on human mobility.

4. We look forward to the IOM's continued support to Member States in improving their capacity in managing international migration and implementing the GCM in line with the roadmap and priorities of each country.

5. Before concluding my statement, I would like to reaffirm Viet Nam's commitment to working closely with stakeholders in the field of international migration as well as implementing the GCM to promote regular, safe and orderly international migration, protecting the rights and interests of migrants.

I thank you.