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**Statement of the Republic of Yemen
To the 113th session of the Council of International
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Thank you Mr. President,

Yemen aligns itself with the statements delivered by the regional groups to which it belongs.

Mr. President,

At the outset I would like to congratulate you; Excellency on your election as Chairman of the Council, wishing you all the best. I am pleased to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to His Excellency, the Director General of IOM for his report. Thanks also to the IOM secretariat for their efforts.

Mr. President,

This meeting comes and my country Yemen is still going through exceptional circumstances because of the war imposed by the Houthi terrorist militias on the Yemeni people, which led the country to a complete economic collapse and a catastrophic deterioration in the humanitarian aspect, the last of which is the militias' refusal to extend the truce on October 2nd 2022, the Houthi's is even refuse to enter into a peace process, Instead they continue to target displaced people, migrants, oil resources, maritime navigation and neighboring countries. This coup is resulted a tragic humanitarian situation, where 25 million people are in need of humanitarian assistance, the number of displaced Yemenis has risen to 5 million. It is also estimated that the number of Yemeni immigrants abroad due to this war has reached two million.

Mr. President,

The Republic of Yemen gives the issue of immigration a top priority, as Yemen is a country of origin, return, and transit. Whereas, the statistics of the International Organization for Migration indicate that the proportion of migrants arriving in Yemen through the Gulf of Aden, and Red Sea during the first half of 2022 witnessed an increase compared to the last year. Given the difficult conditions that Yemen is experiencing, which has increased the suffer of illegal immigrants, as they are exploited by Houthi terrorist militias and other armed groups, including the fire that engulfed the detention center of illegal immigrants in Sana'a, located Under the control of the Houthi militia, and other violations.

Mr. President,

In Voluntary Humanitarian Return, The Republic of Yemen has signed an agreement in 2021, with the Ethiopian Government, and the IOM, to operate voluntary return flights from Aden to Addis Ababa. We thanks IOM for the commitment, and we can assure our full support to facilities the Voluntary Humanitarian Return. In this context, we urge the International community to fulfill their commitment and provide the support needed.

In Conclusion, the Republic of Yemen reaffirms that the effective solution for the continued influx of refugees and migrants lies in addressing the root causes, and strengthening cooperation and coordination between the relevant countries.

Thank you ..

