

114a Sessão do Conselho da OIM

Debate geral

Intervenção do Brasil

(29 de novembro, às 17h)

- First, I would like to congratulate the Ambassador Katharina Stasch, from Germany, for her election as Chairperson of the Council.
- As this is the first Council under the leadership of Director-General Amy Pope, Brazil takes this opportunity to congratulate Ms. Pope most warmly for her election and wish her success in her mandate. My government is ready to continue its close cooperation with IOM in the coming years.

Madam Chair,

- Brazil aligns itself with the statement delivered by the delegation of Argentina, on behalf of GRULAC countries.
- We thank the Director General for her comprehensive report and commend IOM team for their outstanding work worldwide.
- IOM plays a decisive role in a world that witness a dramatic increase in the influx of migrants from different regions. While many of them are seeking better opportunities and living conditions for their family, others are compelled to move under the most vulnerable circumstances.
- While there are some commendable examples of solidarity, Brazil sees with concern a trend of increasing restrictions on the entry of migrants.

- We are of a view that migrants are entitled to the same universal human rights and fundamental freedoms as any citizen, and must have their rights respected, protected and fulfilled at all times.
- In Brazil, migrants and refugees benefit from full access to public services, including healthcare and vaccination, regardless of migratory status.
- We share with IOM those same values, which are also the foundation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.
- Brazil's reintegration to the GCM, announced in the first days of our new government, testifies to the priority we attach to the challenges of migration and the promotion of migrants' rights. We are ready to engage in the second round of regional reviews of the GCM, scheduled for 2024.

Madam Chair,

- Brazil welcomes the vision and the priorities proposed by the new Director-General. Protecting people on the move, finding innovative solutions to displacement, and facilitating regular migration pathways are some of our national concerns.
- In particular, the emphasis on safe channels for migration coincides with Brazil's policy of humanitarian visas. Since 2017, we have been granting humanitarian visas to a number of nationalities who can find themselves in situations of forced displacement. Humanitarian visas provide safe access to the Brazilian territory in critical scenarios.

- This is a policy we intend to expand with IOM support. Let me also mention IOM's cooperation with Brazil in areas like resettlement, integration and fight against human trafficking. IOM's expertise in those areas are highly appreciated in Brazil.

- Operation Welcome – Brazil's biggest humanitarian response – has benefited from IOM's support. This collaboration has been particularly important in the context of the relocation of migrants from the northern state of Roraima to many parts of Brazil, in the so-called interiorization strategy that has allowed more than one hundred thousand migrants to find jobs opportunities.

- As a sign of our recognition of IOM's work, my government has made efforts to settle its outstanding contributions to the administrative part of the budget. This is the first time in years that Brazil has no arrears from preceding years.

- Finally, Brazil also welcomes the new priority given to the promotion of gender equality in all of IOM's activities.

- I thank you.