

The International Organization for Migration (IOM)

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Egypt's Statement

Thank you Madame Chair.

Egypt welcomes the report and the statement of the DG and reiterates its appreciation and support to the IOM's tireless efforts in responding to the needs of migrants and displaced persons, in the midst of the multitude of protracted humanitarian challenges currently facing the global migration system.

Egypt commends the IOM for its comprehensive emphasis on emergency response, climate mobility solutions, and enhancing regular pathways for migration and labor mobility. As a country of origin, transit and destination, as a Champion Country for the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration (GCM), and as a host country to more than (9) million migrants and refugees, mostly coming from protracted situations, Egypt recognizes the critical issues highlighted by the DG in her report and

update on the complex drivers of migration, and the urgent need for more holistic long-term durable solutions.

Egypt commends IOM efforts in the area of humanitarian response and resilience. Egypt echoes the concern voiced by the Director General on the ongoing “Humanitarian Catastrophe” in Gaza, with more than 1.7 million Palestinians currently displaced, and unprecedented levels of suffering witnessed by innocent civilians on a daily basis. We re-iterate the Arab group’s call on the international community to put an end to the ongoing crisis, and to stand firmly against any attempts to forcibly transfer the Palestinian people, from their homes.

Egypt also highlights the ongoing crisis in Sudan, and welcomes the IOM’s efforts in response to the large-scaled displacement inside Sudan and in neighboring countries, including Egypt. We however note with concern the continued underfunding of the Humanitarian response plan for Sudan, and call on the international community to commit to the pledges it made to address the devastating humanitarian situation in Sudan and its neighboring countries, which currently stands at a low of 27% of overall pledges.

Egypt notes with appreciation the IOM's focus on climate-induced mobility. We encourage the IOM to build on the breakthrough achieved in COP27, which witnessed a clear reference to the inter-linkage between climate and human mobility in its covering decision. We further encourage the IOM to continue identifying areas of potential vulnerabilities, invest in the resilience of local communities, as well as support state-led efforts to plan migration in the context of climate change adaptation.

Egypt welcomes IOM efforts, as the coordinator of UN network on Migration, in leading efforts aiming at the full implementation of the GCM, including through enhancing labor mobility. Egypt encourages the IOM, to continue working closely with partners to enhance labor mobility as a complementary pathway for refugees and asylum seekers in long protracted situations, with a view to providing durable solutions, while mitigating against potential "brain drain" in hosting communities.

Finally, Egypt welcomes the progress made towards achieving the organization reform objectives, including the ongoing budget reforms. We encourage the IOM to continue to enhance its partnership with non-

conventional donors, and diversify its donor base, with a view to increasing multi-year flexible funding, and ensuring that solutions to migrations challenges are reflecting the context-driven priorities and needs of the countries in which it operates. Moreover, we look forward for the appointment of two Deputies to the Director General, to further compliment and strengthen the efforts of the IOM's new leadership to guarantee a more fit for purpose organization.

I thank you.