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Thank you, Mr. Vice Chairperson

We would like to thank Ms. Amy Pope, Director General of the IOM for her comprehensive report

Ethiopia fully aligns itself with the statement made by Rwanda on behalf of the Africa Group.

Let me begin by congratulating the Chairperson of the Council and Bureau members on their election and assure you our full support in discharging your functions. I would like to congratulate Ms. Amy Pope, Director General of IOM as this is her first IOM Council Meeting.

Mr, Chairperson

Ethiopia is undertaking various steps towards building better migration management and governance to ensure that migration remains safe, regular and orderly. As a champion country of the Global Compact for Migration, Ethiopia is committed for the implementation of the Global Compact. In connection to this, Ethiopia has made regular and inclusive reviews of progress at the national level in collaboration with IOM. We have developed a comprehensive National Migration Policy which is awaiting endorsement by the Council of Ministers.

We welcome IOM's investment on data. In collaboration with IOM and other partners, we have implemented Labour Market and Migration Information System (LMMIS) and the Migration Information and Data Analysis System (MIDAS). We believe that those actions would enable us to get up-to-date and forward-looking information for the formulation and monitoring of policies and actions that have an impact on migration management.

Mr, Chair

On the other hand, in a bid to ensure safe, orderly and regular migration, we have bilateral labor agreements with some of the Middle East countries and we have also conducted dialogues at sub-regional and continental level. Despite our efforts, irregular migration and human trafficking remain a challenge risking the lives of

many Ethiopians. Our migrant's status as irregular migrants have also exposed them to wide range of abuses and exploitations.

As a result, Ethiopia repatriated hundreds of thousands of migrants for the last three years who were in vulnerable situations. The absence of funding for return and reintegration to irregular migrants remains the biggest challenge in migration management. Hence, we would like to call upon IOM and our partners to support Ethiopia in its effort of returning and reintegrating migrants with their families and communities.

Mr, Chair

We recognize that Climate Change is the Director General's priority. Climate change is affecting many and forcing people to leave their homes. Addressing displacement caused by adverse impacts of climate change through effective interventions aimed at building resilience of vulnerable communities is critically important.

In conclusion, we believe that migration is best addressed through enhanced international cooperation and it must be underpinned by the principle of shared responsibility that takes into account national and regional realities, priorities and capacities. Let's enhance international cooperation to benefit from regular migration. Ethiopia wishes to reiterate its commitment to enhance its partnership with IOM to make migration safe, regular and orderly.

I thank you.