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Statement of the Republic of Yemen
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Thank you, Madam President,

My delegation associates itself with the statements made by the Arab group and Asia- Pacific group.

Madam President,

Allow me to congratulate you on your election as chair person of the 114th session of the Council, wishing you every success.

We also reiterate our congratulations to Mrs. Amy Pope, for the assumption of office of the IOM Director-General. We can assure you, Madam Director- General, Yemen full support to make IOM innovative, dynamic, diverse, and fit for purpose. We are confident that your vision will steer the IOM towards achieving our common goals and objectives, mainly protecting the migrants on the move. We thank you for the comprehensive report.

Madam President,

Yemen has been at war for nine years. A destructive war imposed by the Houthi militia, which has led to a total economic collapse and an unprecedented humanitarian crisis. This appalling war has caused the

displacement of over five million people living in difficult humanitarian conditions.

Madam President,

Migration flows and the issues surrounding them remain a source of concern for Yemen, which is a country of departure, transit, destination and return. Reports indicate that the number of migrants crossing the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden is constantly increasing. These migrants often find themselves recruited by Houthi militias, and exploited by armed groups and smuggling gangs.

The Republic of Yemen highly appreciates IOM's efforts to alleviate the suffering of migrants and displaced persons, and looks forward to strengthening its support to the Yemeni government to ensure protection and shelter for migrants in transit. The Yemeni government also hopes to re-launch the voluntary humanitarian return program by IOM for migrants wishing to return to their country of origin.

Madam President,

In conclusion, Yemen is going through an acute humanitarian crisis requiring special attention from IOM to help fulfill its obligations and

duties towards refugees and migrants on the move in a way that preserves their rights, humanity and dignity.

The Republic of Yemen also reaffirms its commitment and willingness to cooperate with IOM and its member states to find durable solutions to the migration causes facing the world.

I thank you ...