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**Chairperson,
Excellencies,
Distinguished delegates**

Thank you for giving Zimbabwe the floor. We align ourselves with the statement delivered by Rwanda on behalf of the Africa Group. My delegation welcomes the opportunity for this General Debate which is informed by the well-articulated report of the Director General.

Chairperson, we convene today at a time when migration is at the centre stage globally due to several compounding factors some of which relate to climate change induced natural disasters, conflict and geo-political dynamics. Within this context is the growing importance of multilateralism anchored in the United Nations in general and the IOM in particular, with respect to migration governance and protection of migrants.

My delegation has been involved in the discussions around the 2024 programme and budget proposals and we are appreciative of the work that has been done in that regard by the IOM. We look forward to the implementation of the proposals as mandated by Council for a responsive IOM that is fit for purpose.

Chairperson, Zimbabwe continues to enjoy unwavering support from the IOM in the face of the myriad challenges that confront us today in relation to migration governance. We commend the timeous allocation of

resources under the Development Fund (IDF) which has enabled the rolling-out of all approved projects. We hope for continued collaboration as we move to implement our National Migration Policy which we recently launched with the support of the IOM. Many of the issues in our policy thrust require good collaboration with development partners and other member states and we look forward to fruitful engagement.

Chairperson in closing, we encourage the IOM to redouble its efforts in peacebuilding, peace preservation, disaster risk reduction among many other initiatives articulated in the DG's report as viable ways of preventing forced displacements globally.

I thank you.