

**Mr. Chairperson,**

Since it is the first national statement of the Republic of Azerbaijan during the ongoing session, allow us to start by expressing our sincere congratulations to you on your election as the Chair of the 115<sup>th</sup> session of the Council. You can rely on cooperation and support of the delegation of Azerbaijan throughout the session.

**Mr. Chairperson,  
Madame Director-General,  
Distinguished delegates,**

As it is known, recently Azerbaijan hosted the 29<sup>th</sup> UN Climate Change Conference – COP29. Accordingly, we would like to briefly inform the participants of this session about migration-related activities and priorities of the Azerbaijani Presidency of COP29 – the Conference of utmost importance for the global society, including global migration community.

Allow us also to use this opportunity to thank the IOM Director General Ms. Amy Pope and other representatives from Geneva-based institutions for their active participation and valuable contribution during COP29 in Baku.

Azerbaijan, as a committed supporter of global debate around migration, has kept the issue of human mobility in the context of climate change at the center of discussions within its COP29 Presidency. As part of these efforts, a high-level roundtable was co-hosted by the COP29 Presidency and IOM during the UN General Assembly week, followed by an event on climate change and migration within the “29 Climate Conversations” series, and a high-level panel discussion with diverse groups of stakeholders during COP29.

Additionally, during the COP29 “High-level Panel on Climate and Peace,” aimed at addressing the urgent nexus of climate change, conflict, and humanitarian needs, the Baku Call on Climate Action for Peace, Relief, and Recovery was launched. The COP29 Presidency also convened the first-ever Human Development Day to launch the “Baku Initiative on Human Development for Climate Resilience.” This initiative aims to address intersectoral synergies and complementarities between greening education, health, social protection, decent jobs, and skills development to enhance climate resilience, with a special focus on migrants. We believe these initiatives will open up new areas for cooperation. Building on this Azerbaijan will spare no effort in actively advocating for greater coherence among key global frameworks governing human mobility and climate change beyond COP29. We will continue advancing proactive measures with our partners to foster dialogue at the global level in our capacity as the GCM Champion country and will facilitate the exchange of ideas and best practices through our Chairmanship of the Almaty Process at the regional level.

We would also like to thank IOM for supporting these activities and fostering dialogue to better understand multidimensional nature of human mobility.

Finally, we would like to reiterate that Azerbaijan will continue mobilizing all its efforts to contribute to the global discussions around migration with a view to finding better solutions. We stand ready to support efforts and initiatives that will help us reach our common goals.

**Thank you!**