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**Mr. Chair**  
**Director-General,**  
**Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,**

We welcome Ambassador Yun on his assumption of the chair of IOM council. We applaud the efforts of Director-General Amy Pope and are happy to see the momentum her leadership has brought to the work of IOM through enhanced strategic partnership and substantial increase of the operational budget of IOM. We express our gratitude to DG for visiting Bangladesh in May this year and particularly, for launching IOM's flagship report 'World Migration Report 2024' from Dhaka.

My delegation aligns itself with the OIC statement.

**Mr. Chair,**

We are witnessing a world grappling with conflicts, disasters and economic fragility, exacerbated by climate change. Besides, timely and efficient access to regular migration pathways has become more complex than ever. In such a critical time, convening High-Level segment on regular migration pathways is commendable. We hope that the outcome of this High-Level segment will duly reflect in the future work of IOM and the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) to advance this important dialogue and to promote sustainable development.

Although migrants bring opportunities for countries of destination as well, they continue to experience racial profiling, discrimination, xenophobia, and other inhumane treatments. Due to limited access to regular pathways, vulnerable people are left with no other choice but to embark on dangerous sea journeys or other perilous journeys. We hear the sufferings of displaced people and their families across the world.

**Mr. Chair,**

Bangladesh continues to host 1.2 million forcibly displaced Rohingyas for over 7 years and not a single Rohingya could go back to their homeland. We thank IOM for providing Camp Coordination and Camp Management service in Cox's Bazar.

As we are committed to safe and voluntary return of the Rohingyas to Myanmar, we urge the international and regional actors and partners including IOM to contribute to creating favourable conditions for their return in Rakhine.

**Mr. Chair,**

We are happy to note that IOM is implementing integrated durable solutions programming in 21 countries. We also appreciate launching of the Climate Mobility Innovation Labs for Asia and Africa. As we appreciate the general direction and strategies indicated in the report of the DG, we would like to make the following areas specific suggestions:

- a. While IOM continues its crisis response role, it should collaborate with other actors to address root causes of displacement and prevent drivers of displacement.
- b. Climatic events and environmental degradation driven forced displacements are taking greater share in total internal displacements. Therefore, IOM must consider higher allocation of resources towards seeking solutions to such displacements.
- c. IOM should broaden its scope for realizing existing migration pathways and unfolding new avenues of labour mobility through skill recognition and upscaling of skills of migrants.
- d. IOM has to organize regular dialogue between countries of origin and destination to identify obstacles to realizing the full potential of migrant workers and address those to ensure their well-being.
- e. IOM should continue to mobilize additional funds for reintegration of returnee migrants.

I thank you.

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