

**INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION (IOM)****115<sup>th</sup> Council, November 27-28, 2024**Bilingual Statement on behalf of the Government of Canada  
during IOM Plenary*Delivery by H.E. Peter MacDougall**Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations Office at  
Geneva*

Monsieur le Président,

Je suis ravi de m'adresser au Conseil pour souligner la contribution importante de l'OIM au soutien des personnes en déplacement les plus vulnérables, et ce, souvent au péril de la vie de nos collègues de l'OIM.

Le Canada salue les efforts déployés par l'OIM pour faciliter la mise en place de voies de migration régulière, qui sont essentielles pour gérer la migration d'une façon efficace. Elles permettent de répondre aux besoins du marché du travail, favorisent l'innovation, facilitent la réunification des familles, stimulent l'économie et aident les personnes en situation de vulnérabilité.

En même temps, le soutien du public à l'égard de l'immigration est crucial pour en assurer la réussite. Si nous voulons assurer la confiance du public envers la migration et en faire connaître les avantages, il faut mettre en place des systèmes fiables qui permettent de gérer la migration de façon responsable.

Nous encourageons l'OIM à continuer à collaborer étroitement avec les États membres afin de renforcer les systèmes de migration, de promouvoir un discours sur la migration équilibré et fondé sur des données probantes, et de mettre en place des conditions propices à la réussite des nouveaux arrivants.

Our collaboration with IOM is important, notably in southern Mexico, and with UNICEF in eastern and southern Africa, to invest in improved access to robust migration data to help address the impacts of climate change on the movement of people. With the involvement of a youth delegate, we were pleased to showcase our investments in capacity building and climate adaptation at the recent COP29 meetings in Baku.

Chair, Canada continues to be a proud Champion country for the implementation of the Global Compact for Migration. We thank IOM for coordinating the Regional Reviews and encourage active participation as we chart GCM progress in the Americas in March 2025 in Chile.

Finally, I want to underscore Canada's strong commitment to gender-responsive and inclusive migration approaches. It is important that voices of women and gender diverse people be included in policy development and decision-making to create migration systems that address diverse needs and circumstances and leave no one behind.

We applaud IOM's determination to mainstream gender across its programming and internal governance. We also appreciate IOM's efforts to foster meaningful dialogue through initiatives like the Gender and Migration Research Policy Action Lab, also known as GenMig.

In closing, I would like to reaffirm Canada's support for the IOM's pivotal role in ensuring that migration is conducted in a safe and dignified manner, and that we can harness migration as a force for resilience and prosperity.

Thank you.

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