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**Statement by H.E. Ambassador Chen Xu at the 115th
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Mr. Chairperson,

At the outset, I'd like to congratulate you and other colleagues for being elected as members of the bureau. Over the past year, IOM launched its global five-year strategic plan and made positive progress in implementing the three Strategic Objectives. I wish to express appreciation to Amy Pope for her key achievements in the first year as Director-General of IOM. Facing the current challenges of global migration governance, I would like to highlight the following points on improving migration governance:

First, Enhanced collaboration. Migration governance is a complex and systematic work. The international community should uphold true multilateralism and support IOM to play a greater role in this respect. Countries of origin, transit, and destination should strengthen their dialogue and cooperation. It is also necessary to

benefit wisdom from different civilizations with a view to find lasting solutions to facilitate safe, orderly, and regular movement.

Second, Promoting development. Poverty, wars, and climate change among others, are the main drivers of forced migration. Developing countries suffer a lot, and as a result, their capacity to solve migration problems has been seriously hampered. Developed countries should fulfill their promises of ODA and climate assistance, helping developing countries to enhance resilience and capacities, and eliminate negative impacts of Unilateral Coercive Measures.

Third, Open attitude. Migration is a powerful driver of sustainable development. As members of the same community with a shared future, we should protect the legitimate rights and interests of migrants with an open, inclusive, and fair attitude, fight against the stigmatization of migrants, and combat hate and discriminatory speeches. Host countries should guarantee regular pathways and protect the legitimate rights and interests of migrants to help them better integrate into the local community.

Fourth, Innovative technology. Emerging technologies, such as AI, Big Data, Block-chain, could play important roles in migrant management. We encourage IOM to equally expand partnerships with technology companies worldwide, so as to benefit migrant communities and bridge the digital divide.

As the second largest assessed contributor, China will continue to support IOM, by promoting practical cooperation and making greater contributions to the welfare of migrants and facilitate orderly movement.

Thank you, Chairperson.