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Mr. Chair,

At the outset, allow me to extend my heartfelt congratulations on your election as Chairperson of our Council, I'm confident that with your wisdom and dedication our meeting will be a success. I also wish the newly elected members of the Council Bureau every success in their roles.

Additionally, I would like to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to the outgoing Council Chair, Ambassador Katharina Stasch of Germany, for her exemplary leadership during her tenure, and wish her all the success in her next tasks in Berlin.

We extend our gratitude to Director-General Amy Pope for her comprehensive presentation on IOM's activities, the progress achieved this year, and the plans outlined for the year ahead. I also thank IOM family, here in Geneva and in the fields for their genuine efforts.

This year marks 30 years of partnership between Jordan and IOM. We highly value this cooperation which reaffirms the unwavering commitment to supporting the Organization's proactive efforts in assisting people on the move, particularly those who are most vulnerable.

Furthermore, our partnership with IOM focuses on empowering the participation of the youth, women and girls. Similar to this podium, more

Jordanian women and girls are in front seats skilled with exemplary talents.

Mr. Chair,

Establishing a regular migration pathway is essential for fostering safe, legal, and orderly migration options. This approach not only addresses the root causes of irregular migration but also ensures the protection of our common values.

We stress on the need to continue supporting the humanitarian crisis, including the refugees, the dwindling support will severely affect the vulnerable, and will cause stability concerns. For this we call on holistic approach that solve the root causes and consequences of the crisis.

Mr. Chair,

We welcome the announcement today for a ceasefire agreement in Lebanon, that will contribute to de-escalation in the region and firmly we call for the need to reach a ceasefire in Gaza TODAY.

I would like to commend IOM for joining the calls with the inter-agency standing committee IASC for a humanitarian ceasefire in Gaza and calling to respect all obligations under international humanitarian, and joining the recent Statement by Principals of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee – “Stop the assault on Palestinians in Gaza and on those trying to help them” that firmly stressed: “there is no alternative to UNRWA”.

Mr. chair,

Jordan appreciates the important work being done by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for its partnership with the Government of Jordan to fulfill their commitments towards migrants, refugees, and local communities in accordance with our national priorities, as well as our regional and global commitments and processes.

We also encourage IOM to continue its necessary and vital support and assistance to the rising critical humanitarian needs of hundreds of thousands of civilians in Gaza affected by the ongoing hostilities, reiterating that Jordan will continue support for IOM's Gaza response, including collaboration and facilitate operations at IOM's Gaza support office in Amman.

Mr. Chair,

Jordan will continue to provide its support to the IOM.

Thank you