

**Statement by the Permanent Representative of the Republic of  
Kazakhstan Yerlan Alimbayev at the General Debate of the IOM  
Council**

Chair, Distinguished Members of the Council,

Kazakhstan thanks the Director General for the comprehensive report highlighting IOM's achievements in advancing global migration governance. We recognize IOM's continued commitment to supporting Member States in shaping migration policies that are both evidence-based and human rights-based.

Kazakhstan recognizes migration as a force for positive transformation, addressing demographic challenges, filling labor shortages, and fostering innovation and investment. Migrants contribute to poverty reduction through remittances, cultural diversity, and personal development by gaining skills and expanding opportunities.

Kazakhstan notes with particular approval IOM's efforts in promoting regional cooperation and robust data collection. As a nation situated at the crossroads of migration flows, we deeply value tools such as the Displacement Tracking Matrix and other innovative mechanisms to enhance migration policy implementation.

We also recognize IOM's focus on improving staff welfare and fostering diversity. Kazakhstan strongly supports IOM's initiatives to ensure gender-balanced representation across all levels, particularly in senior leadership roles. Inclusivity is a cornerstone of effective migration governance, and we encourage the Organization to maintain momentum in this regard.

Kazakhstan supports IOM's ongoing efforts to enhance accountability and transparency. As a donor, we support IOM's work to address evolving migration challenges.

Kazakhstan remains committed to the Global Compact for Migration (GCM) and continues to support and engage with the IOM

to integrate GCM objectives into our national frameworks. As part of the Central Asian region, we understand the value of robust, evidence-based tools for monitoring and enhancing migration governance. With our neighbors, we continue to work through initiatives like the Almaty Process to ensure safe, orderly, and regular migration in our region.

As an active member of the Global Network on Migration, Kazakhstan is committed to fostering international partnerships and promoting shared responsibility in migration governance.

Distinguished delegates,

Our efforts are aligned with IOM's strategic objectives.

First, we prioritize safeguarding the rights of Kazakhstan's labor migrants abroad by developing bilateral agreements, enhancing pre-departure training, and promoting financial literacy. We also implement reintegration programs for return migrants, including vocational training and green economy grants, to facilitate their sustainable reintegration into society.

Second, Kazakhstan is integrating migration challenges linked to climate change into national policies, enhancing disaster preparedness. Additionally, we aim to implement principles of humanitarian border management to address displacement caused by natural or man-made crises.

Third, we are improving legal migration pathways, including ethical recruitment standards and expanded access to social protections for migrants in Kazakhstan. Our collaboration with IOM and WHO ensures the inclusion of migrants in health systems, while joint efforts with UNICEF protect migrant children's access to education and healthcare.

In closing, Kazakhstan reaffirms its commitment to collaborating with IOM to strengthen migration governance, enhance regional cooperation, and implement data-driven policies. Together, we can advance the global agenda for safe, orderly, and regular migration.

Thank you.