

Statement of Mongolia

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Chair, Director General,
Excellencies and Distinguished Delegates,

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the exemplary leadership of the Director General and the Deputy Directors General, as well as for the commendable efforts of the IOM staff

Let me congratulate Mr. Chairperson Ambassador Jung Sung Park and Council Bureau members on their election and wish a successful year ahead.

Mr. Chair,

Mongolia aligns with the joint statement of the Asia-Pacific Group, emphasizing our deep appreciation for our partnership with the IOM. We are pleased to reaffirm our commitment to supporting the Organization's proactive efforts in assisting people on the move, particularly the most vulnerable.

Mongolia echoes the call of fellow Member States to invite IOM to further enhance its leadership role as the Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration. The unique role of IOM is more crucial than ever in addressing emerging challenges. Immediate and responsive actions are essential to tackle global displacement driven by climate change, conflicts, and persecution. Through concerted measures and strengthened collaboration with IOM, we can work towards alleviating these pressing humanitarian crises.

Mongolia affirms the initiatives and efforts of the IOM in data collection and data analysis for better governance and productive policies.

We applaud the IOM for its comprehensive operations and inclusive approach toward governments, migrants and communities. Its efforts to strengthen migration management, enhance border capacities, combat trafficking, support resettlements, engage with diasporas, and empower human resources are praiseworthy.

While we appreciate and acknowledge the key achievements of the IOM operations in 2024, and the successful first-year-report of the new leading team of the IOM, we urge fellow Member States to actively contribute to the realization of the IOM Strategic Plan 2024–2028.

Mr. Chair,

The parliamentary election in Mongolia was held in July, and the newly formed Government of Mongolia places significant emphasis on addressing climate-induced internal displacement and enhancing diaspora policies. The major challenges associated with both international and internal migration continue to have a profound impact on Mongolia's socio-economic development. Despite the ongoing outflow of labor migrants from the country, the substantial movement of people through intra-rural and rural-to-urban migration poses challenges to effectively integrating internal migration into the broader development framework.

We have been working actively with IOM to enhance the whole-of-our approach managing migration in a humane and orderly manner.

Our delegation reaffirms its commitment to contributing to the implementation of the IOM Strategic Plan, the Global Compact for Migration, and efforts to promote gender parity and geographical diversity within the Organization.

In conclusion, we restate our support for the commitments of IOM for humane and orderly migration which benefits migrants and society. We will continue working closely in the coming years to overcome challenges and strengthen resilience.

Thank you.