



Statement by  
**the Republic of Slovenia**  
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**General Debate**

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Dear Director General,  
Distinguished colleagues,

While I fully align myself with the EU statement, I would like to offer a few additional remarks in a national capacity.

As you have emphasized in your (very comprehensive and compelling) report, Mme. Director General, migration has shaped our past and will continue to do so in the future. Right now, more people are on the move than ever before. The global instability, caused by the use of force, disasters, food insecurity, violations of human rights and lack of economic opportunities, is on the rise. All these are exacerbated by devastating consequences of climate change that unfortunately affect the already most vulnerable populations.

As part of our comprehensive approach to human mobility, we need to create more and better opportunities for people to move in regular, safe and orderly way. If migration is managed well, it can be a driver for global sustainable development. Accelerating on the progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we need to provide safety for those fleeing conflict, fill labour shortages, manage demographic transition and work towards migration as an integral element of climate adaptations.

Multilateral action and global, effective partnerships at all levels are paramount in our endeavour. The private sector has a key role to play and should be meaningfully involved at all stages of our joint action. Only by inclusive participation of local

communities and local level authorities can we achieve progress on social cohesion and resilience.

We need to hear migrant's voices and enable their better access to skills recognition, training and education programmes, particularly for young people. Slovenia currently supports the Higher Education Pathway Initiative for Syrian Refugee students and paves their way to a brighter future in a new country.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Slovenia particularly welcomes and is grateful for the important work IOM is doing on human mobility in the context of climate change; we were pleased to jointly organise COP29 side event on empowering local climate change adaptation strategies, where new labour migration pathways offer important opportunities for migrants and communities.

Thank you.