

**Statement of delegation of Thailand**  
**By H.E. Ms. Usana BERANANDA**  
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**during the General Dabate**  
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Chairperson,  
Director General,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished Delegates,

Thailand aligns itself with the statement of the Asia-Pacific Group and wishes to congratulate Mr. Seong Deok Yun on your election as the Chairperson of the IOM Council Bureau.

We **welcome the Director General's comprehensive report** on IOM's key activities as well as achievements in line with IOM Strategic Plan 2024-2028.

Thailand attaches importance to migration management, using the whole of government and whole of society approach.

We are pleased to **collaborate with IOM** to promote inclusive dialogue on migration, including **through the organization of the first National Consultation to Enhance Migration Governance** earlier this year, based on strengths and weaknesses identified by IOM's Migration Governance Indicators (MGI) assessment.

As a major hub of migration in Southeast Asia, our government has been implementing measures to promote safe, orderly and regular migration and ensure appropriate treatment and protection of migrants, such as **MOUs with neighbouring countries**, the **National Referral Mechanism (NRM)** for victims of trafficking in persons that also covers non-Thai nationals, and a forward-looking **alternative to detention (ATD)** system.

In this regard, we appreciate the IOM's support in sharing of expertise on NRM and its long-standing support, together with civil society organizations, on alternatives to detention that we champion, which 584 children and parents benefited from during the past five years.

Chairperson,  
Director General,  
Colleagues,

We also **took note** of the third UNSG biennial **report** on the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration launched last week, highlighting both its progress and implementation gaps. In this connection, as a GCM champion country, we will continue to work with IOM and partners to further ensure that migrants enjoy their rights, and are given opportunities to fully realise their potentials and contribute to the society.

Lastly, Thailand is **pleased to host the second GCM Regional Review in Asia and the Pacific** next year and looks forward to fruitful discussions in Bangkok.

Thank you.

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