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Mr. President of the Council,

Madam Director General of the IOM,

Your Excellencies,

It is an honour to participate in this **High-Level Segment of the 115th Session of the Council of the International Organization for Migration (IOM)**, and to share the experience of the Republic of Angola in this platform for international dialogue and cooperation aimed at finding viable solutions for safe, orderly and regular global migration, which drives sustainable economic and social development of societies around the world.

Angola's Migration Policy is based on a vision of openness to the world, based on respect for the fundamental rights and freedoms of migrants and their effective integration into the country's social and economic sphere, recognizing the added value of cultural diversity and the benefits of human mobility for national development and progress.

In Angola, the **Law on the Legal Regime of Foreign Citizens** regulates the entry, exit, stay and residence of foreigners in national territory, reserving for them the same rights, freedoms and guarantees granted to Angolan citizens, with the exception of

political rights and others only reserved by law for national citizens. This legal provision is in line with the various international conventions and treaties on migration to which the Republic of Angola is a party.

The phenomenon of global migration is complex and cross-cutting, being both an opportunity and a challenge, with profound implications for individuals, communities and countries of origin, transit and destination. In this context, we reiterate that regular migration based on policies in defense of human rights contributes to the sustainable economic and social development of countries.

In recent years, the Angolan government has adopted specific measures aimed at guaranteeing the political, social and economic integration of migrants and the diaspora, including the **promotion of inclusive education**, with the inclusion of immigrants in the national education system, like: **the recruitment of specialised foreign labour**, particularly in sectors where national capacity is insufficient or non-existent; and the fostering of close ties with the **Angolan diaspora** as a catalyst for human, financial and material resources for the country's socio-economic development.

Excellencies,

Regular migration requires the effective sharing of information and good national and international practices, as well as border management, the creation of social conditions and the recognition of migrants' skills to ensure safe mobility under the terms of the law.

Finally, we reiterate the Republic of Angola' commitment to strengthening regular and safe migration, in line with the principles of the **Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations Agenda 2030** and the vision of **the African Union's Agenda 2063** in order to contribute to inclusive and sustainable development in all regions of the world.

I Thank you for your attention!