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**Statement**

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Excellencies,

Distinguished Participants,

I would like to thank International Organization for Migration and personally the Director General, Ms. Amy E. Pope for the opportunity to address the High-Level Dialogue during the 115th Session of the IOM Council.

Undoubtedly, the work carried out by the IOM is an important contribution to the creation of effective regulation mechanisms of international migration and the development of comprehensive international cooperation in this area.

Eurasian Economic Commission works closely with IOM on the basis of the Memorandum of Cooperation dated April 12, 2013. Currently we are considering the possibility of updating it.

Just one month ago, we also began developing a pilot project to improve the financial literacy of migrant workers in the EAEU. We consider financial inclusion as one of the key elements in achieving economic benefits from migration flows.

The Eurasian Economic Union is an international organization for integration comprised of five countries: Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Russia.

Regular migration pathways have formed in the Union.

95 million workers who make up the labor market of the Union can move freely and work in any of the Union countries. Quotation and work permits have been abolished, common taxation conditions, direct recognition of education documents and academic degrees have been provided, and issues of social insurance and pensions have been resolved.

At the same time, the need for qualified workers is increasing in the global labor market.

Eurasian Economic Commission is ready to share its experience in regulating the migration flow of qualified labour. This includes the development and implementation of mechanisms such as the compilation of a common list of in-demand professions, the convergence of qualification requirements and the development of platforms for skills and qualifications.

We also propose using the experience of digital regulation of labor migration in the EAEU to create an international employment platform.

It could become a key site for informing workers about vacancies and working conditions for migrants.

Digitalization of regulation of migration processes is one of the key components of ensuring the employment legality and stay in the host state of migrant workers.

Application of digital technologies helps to simplify access to necessary services, to reduce the recruitment costs, and additionally benefits to regular and orderly migration.

In the current year, Eurasian Economic Commission joined the Global Policy Network on the Regulation of International Recruitment. We consider it promising to participate in the GPN Working Groups in order to develop recommendations and exchange best practices of protection of migrant workers.

I believe that our cooperation will continue and will be mutually beneficial.

Thank you.