

**Statement of V.L. Kazakova,
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Dear Mr. Chairperson,

Dear Mrs. Director General,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Migration agenda has been in the focus of attention of the global community over the past few years.

In this context the International Organization for Migration has created considerable resources and capacities throughout the years of its activity to engage as many states and organizations concerned as possible in the migration perspective.

Being an authoritative international platform, the IOM hosts events dedicated to views and experience sharing as well as to facilitating cooperation and coordination of efforts in the area of international migration, inter alia organizing researches into migration issues with a view to drafting practical solutions.

We are convinced that every single state is aware of and recognizes the potential of migration in a broad sense of this word and is striving to build an optimal strategy for migration flows management in order to harmonize the demographic, social and economic development.

Undoubtedly a significant role in this regard is played by the ability of the state first to create such a mechanism of migration flow management that would on one side allow engaging migration's positive capacities as full as possible, and on the other side preserve openness and counteract efficiently to probable challenges and threats, minimizing their influence on migrants and communities, and second to ensure the operation of that mechanism.

Informed and balanced solutions in the area of migration are to a great extent key to the security of the state, to the strengthening of economy, to interethnic harmony inside the country.

In this regard the provisions of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration addressing all the aspects of international migration including its humanitarian dimension, development issues, human rights, countering illegal migration, have become the main reference point for most countries.

Within the framework of international cooperation and domestically the countries develop specific mechanisms to implement the Global Compact provisions taking into account their own national policies, including in the areas of security, and priority given to interests of its citizens.

We should note that the Russian Federation is actively pursuing these efforts.

Given that our country is one of the global migration clusters, an efficient and which is central a flexible migration policy is of special importance for us.

The Russian legislation has created simple, as easy as possible and understandable rules to stay in our country.

We have to point out also that international cooperation of the Russian Federation in the sphere of migration is implemented according to international principles and norms of international law and taking into consideration the priorities set out in the State Migration Policy Concept of the Russian Federation.

The Ministry of the Interior of the Russian Federation has concluded a great number of bilateral agreements on countering illegal migration, on mutual travels of citizens, on nationality issues and labour migration.

Practical measures are being drafted to prevent the involvement of migrants in various destructive processes and to enhance the level of their preparation before exiting countries of origin for employment, having in mind both professional skills and the Russian language proficiency.

The external labour migration processes are evolving in the form of inviting foreign nationals and using their labour as well as in the form of Russian nationals going abroad for employment.

That said, further strengthening of cooperation in the sphere of migration with states and international organizations is an absolute priority of our work.

Summing up I would like to stress that such a complicated and complex task as creation of legal routes of migration can hardly be implemented without an understanding of global trends of migration flow management and without exchanging experience in international best practices. The ability to take rapidly changing migration needs into account, to respond quickly and flexibly to internal and external context evolvement, to adapt national migration policy are key to an efficient international dialogue on migration.

Concluding my statement I can not but mention the following: the interaction between the Russian Federation and the IOM head quarters have not yielded expected results.

Our initiatives to expand Russia's representation among the personnel and to promote the Russian language in the Organization as well as to agree the draft

protocol to the existing agreement on cooperation with the IOM have found no appropriate response yet.

Mr. Chairperson,

Mrs. Director General,

The Russian Federation being a full-fledged member of IOM is looking forward to enhancing a mutually acceptable and constructive dialogue with the Organization in the near future.

Thank you for your attention.