

Director-General, Excellencies and distinguished delegates,

I would like to speak on behalf of The Republic of Hungary, aligning myself with the statement of Sweden made in the name of the European Union

Mr. Chairperson,

At the outset let me commend the Director General on his report presented today and express our gratitude for his work on his thorough presentation.

We have witnessed that **migration has undergone considerable changes** in scope and volume over the last 10 years. Patterns of migratory movement have diversified so much that most countries of the world are simultaneously countries of origin, of transit and of destination.

Migration has consequently become a major international issue, one that interacts closely with a number of other policy domains, including development, trade, security, human rights and the environment. This complex phenomenon has to be handled, analysed and researched in the light of all its **complexity and its regional specificities**. The structural changes have to adopt to these essential elements. These features define and determine the tasks and therefore the most optimal structure. The most important focus shall be on the regional specificities in all regions of the world. The IOM's offices have to be situated in regions where all structural conditions are given and the most optimal functioning of the office is ensured.

Let me also mention a particularly important issue for us, that is **trafficking in human beings**. We all know how much this problem is intertwined with migration and how much international effort is made both at the level of adopting common rules and at the level of law enforcement activities. This is also well reflected in the work of the European Union in its fight against trafficking of human beings, where the efforts of the current Swedish Presidency of the EU needs to be underlined. We would very much welcome if the various international efforts could be streamlined and synergies between them could be better exploited.

Having said that we would like to take the opportunity to thank the tireless work of the Organisation and the efforts made in serving its mission. Let me underline again the full support of Hungary to the activities of IOM and praise the efforts

of the Director General and the newly elected Deputy Director General wishing them great success for the benefit of the IOM.

Thank you very much for your attention!