



Mr Chairman

Excellencies

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is a pleasure to address such a distinguished gathering

I would like to join my voice to those who welcomed your appointment as a Chair of the Council and would like to welcome the other members of the Bureau. In the meantime I would like to welcome HE Ambassador Laura Thompson on taking over her new position as a Deputy Director General for the IOM. We exploit this opportunity to thank **HE Ambassador William Lacy Swing the Director General of IOM** for his excellent report and for His notable efforts together with his staff and under his guidance and leadership of the Organisation. We are greatly appreciating their valuable support for Yemen.

Dear chairman

Yemen experienced migration along its history and remains to look to migrations as a vital economic and social development factor for both (as proved historically) the sending and most importantly the receiving countries. For the importance of migration the Republic of Yemen established an independent governmental body that has evolved to the

Ministry of Expatriates. This body is mainly responsible for affairs of the Yemenis abroad. Respectively several conferences one of them was held last October organised by the Yemeni government and delegates from the Yemeni communities around the world usually take part in such events. Yemen however, has become a destination for the flow of irregular migrants for years. In this regards we highly honour partnership with **IOM** and the donor countries for their support in facing migration challenges.

Dear Chairman

Migration challenges of the day are demanding national and international efforts. Respectively these challenges are in need for concern of the international community, but from a wider prospective. In other words how can we genuinely treat this era of greatest human mobility? No doubt the prominent responsibility is to handle arising challenges that arose as a result of immediate difficulties such as the economic crises as well as conflicts or natural disasters here or there.

Yet, the prime question that desires our attention is globalization which as **HE the Director General** said is “about the free flow of capital, goods and services – with relatively little attention to the free flow of people”. The idea is how we can understand such trends within a just discourse.

Dear chairman

We recognise the success that **IOM** has continued to achieve and most importantly its response to the current changes. The growth of its membership from 67 Member States in 1997 to 127 Member States today is significant evidence. We also commend and encourage further cooperation between **IOM** with the United Nations and its organs, as instructed by the Council in 10 November 2003 and January 2004. Indeed, strong partnerships between the IOM and United Nations organs have become an essential task that must be enhanced further.

Dear chairman The Republic of Yemen value and support the efforts for reform that IOM has been undergoing especially the organisational structure for being intended to make the IOM most effective and efficient to its Member States and migrants looking forward to fretful deliberation by the council in this regard. No doubt there should be understanding for regional need during implementation. It is essential for the Membership to consider sincerely the need of IOM for budget enough to enable the organisation to continue to be fully responsive to Member States' and migrants' needs.

I thank you for your attention