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Mr. President,

Distinguished Delegates:

Ladies and Gentlemen:

It is for me a great honor to address this session of the IOM Council, and I would like to express the commitment of my delegation for the success of this Session.

I welcome the Kingdom of Lesotho, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, the Republic of Botswana and the Kingdom of Swaziland as new IOM member States.

Angola associates itself with the statement made by Zimbabwe on the behalf of the African group.

Allow me to share the position of my Government on the most pressing issues related to migration, in a period in which the situation in Angola is characterized by the current effort to consolidate peace, economical infrastructure rehabilitation , implementation of strategies and institutional reforms for poverty reduction, and the strengthening of the public administration across the national territory, to promote growth and prosperity.

The return, resettlement and reintegration of Angolans is an important factor in the reconstruction process of the country in that, the government has adopted an economic programme based on human resource development and labour markets as key areas in order to enhance economical growth and sustainable development.



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Angola thanks in particular the IOM's assistance in the voluntary return program and the contribution to the sustainable socio-economic reintegration of returned Angolans as agents of development.

In the priority areas such as education, macroeconomic management, health, basic infrastructure, employment and professional training, food security and rural development, security and civil protection, social reinsertion and governance, the government has adopted policy measures for the well being of all Angolans, without exception.

Mr. President,

Angola is facing migration flows from some neighboring countries, irregular workers, increased informal cross border trading and illegal migration, in this context Angola is searching for solutions to mitigate the negative aspects of migration.

To fight against illegal migration, Angola has been betting on an effective control of its land and maritime borders situation that has not been easy because of their great length, the irregularity of the relief that prevents the coverage of the entire national territory.

The Angolan government is grateful for IOM's assistance in the reintegration program for former soldiers, malaria prevention program to reduce the number of malaria infections among populations in Moxico and Kuando Kubango, trainings for members of the Migration and Foreigners Services, and its striking presence during the return of Angolans from DRC, a delicate process that has deserved the special attention of the Angolan authorities.

We believe that the reforms of staff rotation, the structure review, and budget will permit the IOM to face the current challenges and to create solid foundations for the future. The world is connected, human mobility has reached unimaginable proportions, requiring the update not only in the IOM, but also in other organizations involved in migration issues.

Thank you

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