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by

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Mr. Chair,

Germany should like to associate herself with the statement made by the European Union.

First of all, let me underline our appreciation for the management of the organization by the Director General. In the two years of his leadership he consolidated IOM as a leading organization in facilitating the management of migration. He intensified the dialogue with the member states and enhanced the transparency in administrative issues.

Next year IOM will celebrate its 60th anniversary. This is the appropriate occasion for the organization and for the member states to reflect on the role and the future of IOM. The challenges IOM has to deal with have changed remarkably. New issues have emerged such as climate change, pandemics or natural disasters. The migration context is more than ever complex. Therefore it is important that the tasks of the organization are clearly defined. We welcome the outcome of the strategy review. IOM shall continue to act as a service provider within the framework of the core mandate as it is described in the 12-Point-Strategy.

With regard to the emerging challenges we consider the structural reform as an important element for the further development of IOM. After completing the restructuring at the Headquarter the next step is to implement the reform in the field. This will be an issue of high priority next year. In this context I would like to thank especially the Deputy Director General for her personal engagement in this matter. It is crucial for the member states that IOM continues to give regular

briefings on the implementation process and to involve the governments in all important decisions in this regard.

Another important issue for the next year will be the budget reform discussion. We see the necessity to ensure a solid financing of the core structure. On the other hand, the member states have to face strong economic restraints and could hardly agree to significant increases of the assessed contributions. Germany will continue to cooperate in the framework of the Budget Working Group in order to find substantial proposals for improvements in the financial structure of IOM.

Mr Chair,

The partnership with IOM is for the German Government a fix component of the migration management. The numerous Repatriation and Reintegration programmes are examples for the successful and efficient cooperation. We know that IOM has a long standing experience as service provider in many migration management areas. Let me therefore emphasize once again our commitment to strengthen our cooperation.

Thank you, Mr Chair