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Mr. Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished delegates,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you Mr. Chair and the new members of the Bureau on their election. I also wish to extend my thanks to Director General for his effective leadership during past two years.

We appreciate all endeavors that have been made for implementation of structural reform to align it with the challenges and imperatives of the new millennium. We are hopeful that the new configuration of the organization, while remaining within the framework of the constitution may help us better cope with its roles and functions.

Such reforms, along with announced priorities are also hoped to provide for full and fruitful engagement and partnership of the member states in implementation of constitutional functions and IOM Strategies.

Mr. Chair,

Management of migration flow requires cooperation, coordination and collective efforts of all sovereign states. Global, regional and bilateral dialogues, deliberations and consultations can virtually provide common grounds for action at all levels. We, therefore place, as duly underlined GFMD dialogue addressing migration and development, significant importance on IOMs role in supporting Regional Consultative Process. We specially underscore the importance of providing assistance to GFMD.

Mr. Chair,

According to the World Migration Report 2010 many countries lack the capacity to manage migration policies effectively and are often subject to or victims of their negative consequences (e.g. irregular/vulnerable migrants). Such failure in migrant management particularly holds true in conflict affected countries and/or where social and political unrests prevail and continue to exert far reaching negative implication on their immediate neighbors. IOM, therefore, is invited to

enhance more serious support in the capacity building and skill- upgrading of such group of countries.

Due to the same reason, immediate neighbors also face continued huge influx of displaced persons and refugees which place huge burden on the shoulder of host countries. Having a wide range of negative effects, coping with the issue, requires more constructive involvement of UNHCR and cooperation of IOM on the basis of their functions.

Migrant smuggling and trafficking in person is a growing menace to international community. Interconnected with other international organized crimes, the issue will cause profound negative effects for origin, transit and destination countries. Combating the threat needs serious cooperation between origin, transit and destination countries. Therefore, as a great challenge in migration management the issue calls upon active involvement of IOM, and it is highly expected that IOM provides its full support to member states in combating against organized crimes and protection of victims.

At the end, Mr. Chair,

I would like to highlight good cooperation between I.R. of Iran and IOM, and put emphasis on the importance of IOMs role in training and migration management capacity building approach of the country.

I thank you.