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**To the United Nations and other International Organizations in**  
**Geneva**  
**at the Ninety-Ninth Council of IOM**

Thank you, Mr. Chairman,

Let me begin by congratulating you on your assumption of the chairmanship of this Council. I assure you of my delegation's full support and cooperation to your work. I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to Ambassador Kitajima for his excellent leadership and valuable contribution during his incumbency.

With rapidly growing human mobility and changes in the nature of migration, governments and organizations pay more and more attention to migration issues. IOM, as a leading global organization for facilitating more orderly and humane migration, is gaining importance and is shouldering growing responsibilities.

In this context, the Resolution on the Structure Review adopted in 2009 was timely. I note with satisfaction that the implementation of the reform at the IOM Headquarters has made good progress so far. I hope that similar efforts and progress will follow in the Field next year.

Mr. Chairman,

This year we have reviewed IOM's **current Strategy** and its status of implementation over the last three years. My **delegation** notes with satisfaction that IOM has made a lot of efforts **to address** new, emerging or complex challenges in the field of migration **within the direction** of the Strategy. While urging IOM to continue to **focus on the twelve points** of the Strategy, my delegation welcomes the draft **resolution** on the review of the IOM strategy.

Along with the structure reform and strategy review, we have worked hard to find a solution to address core structure funding through the Working Group on Budget Reform. As well described in its TOR (Terms of Reference), the working group has taken into account the parallel discussion on the review of the IOM strategy and the implementation of the revised organizational structure. My delegation considers that the working group has had meaningful discussions regarding the core structure and key functions.

We appreciate Director-General's leadership reflected in the Administrative part of the Budget for 2011, which is kept at the same level as in 2010, reflecting wide-ranging impact of the financial difficulties of member states. However, we are still conscious of the real budgetary needs relating to the fixed core structure of the Organization. I hope the working group will be able to formulate appropriate recommendations to the SCPF (Standing Committee on Programme and Finance) in 2011.

Mr. Chairman,

Next year, IOM will celebrate its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary. In tandem with the growing posture of IOM, the partnership between the latter and the Korean government has further intensified. It has born fruit with the establishment of the IOM Migration Research and Training Center (MRTC) in Korea last year. The Korean government has spared no effort in helping the MRTC being launched and operated as smoothly as possible in close cooperation with IOM and other member states. My delegation is confident that the MRTC will contribute to national and regional development in the Asia-Pacific region through its work on migration policy and practice. Mr. SEOK Dong-hyeon, Commissioner of Korea Immigration Service, will make a detailed presentation on MRTC during the session on 'Migration Highlights- Key developments' on Thursday.

I thank you, Mr. Chairman.