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The Chairperson,

Director General,

Excellencies,

Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a singular honour, special privilege and great pleasure for me to make this Statement of behalf of the delegation of the Kingdom of Lesotho, immediately following the admission of Lesotho to the membership of the International Organisation for Migration.

Chairperson

First and foremost the Lesotho delegation wishes to take this opportunity to congratulate you most sincerely upon your election as the Chair of this 99th Session of the Council of the International Organisation for Migration. The Lesotho delegation lends its full support and wishes to express high confidence in your leadership and skill in conducting the proceedings of this Session. Under your able guidance deliberations should be orderly and most fruitful bearing concrete outcomes.

Chairperson

This is a special day for the Kingdom of Lesotho. From this day forward Lesotho will be counted among the full fledged members of the IOM. Allow the Lesotho delegation to express profound gratitude to the members of the IOM for

Admitting her and other sister countries into the IOM family. It is indeed a :“Red letter day”

The Kingdom of Lesotho commits herself to being a member of IOM in good standing. In keeping with her reputation Lesotho promises to share aspirations, and abide by the principles and values of IOM. She will comply with the norms, decisions and provisions stipulated in the enabling and guiding legal instruments of the Organisation.

The track record, the current efforts and the strategic plan, as well as action plan and the programme of action unfolding there off, all taken together clearly manifest relevance and effectiveness of IOM in addressing past, current and emerging global, regional and national migration challenges.

Lesotho has been feeling, and continues to feel, the full weight of the enormous pressures exerted by the challenges posed by the ever growing migration and its complex dynamics. Migration is evolving in all its facets, namely, volume, **tempo**, character and composition. Movement of people among and within countries, voluntary and involuntary, legal and otherwise, for a variety of reasons, has been increasing by leaps and bounds and at an accelerating rate.

Chairperson

In the eyes of the Kingdom of Lesotho IOM has been considered to offer the best platform for addressing global, regional and national migration challenges faced.

Among others, the main motivating factors for the Kingdom of Lesotho to apply for IOM memberships are: relevant and sustainable capacity building; formulation of credible policies and devising of practical and effective strategies; sharing of experiences and exchange of ideas as well as collaborative action where necessary. Adoption and maintenance of effective monitoring and evaluation framework and mechanism can only enhance the rate of success.

Orderly, manageable and legal outward and inward flow of migrants with sustainable development as the centre piece is an ideal which is worthy of pursuit globally, regionally as well as nationally.

Chairperson

Allow the Lesotho delegation to conclude by wishing the 99th Session of the Council of the International Organisation for Migration (IOM) fruitful deliberations. May IOM grow from strength to strength. May it continue to yield concrete results with human development as the central end result.

Thank you Chairperson.