

Statement by

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In the Name of God, the Compassionate, the Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset, I would like to congratulate you and new member of the Bureau on your election, and I would also like to welcome the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Saint Vincent and Grenadines and Papua New Guinea as new members of IOM.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the Director General for his report to the Council and his tireless efforts for promoting the role and capacity of IOM as a global leading organization for managing migration, despite all challenges especially the budgetary

constraints and limitations of the resource. We are pleased to see that the fundamental reforms introduced by the Director General made significant progress during the past years. We are confident that these reforms have helped this body to address professionally the challenges in different areas and to be better prepared for meeting the needs of our time and era through better usage of its human and budgetary resources within the reformed and updated structure. In this regard, we attach great importance to the valuable leadership of the Director General and his assiduous colleagues.

Mr. Chairman,

Bearing in mind the multidimensional aspects of international migration, which now has converted to one of the structural elements of international community, we do hope that the second United Nations High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development in October 2013, with pivotal role of the IOM and by considering the contribution of previous sessions of GFMD, as well as the different international

migration meetings, including RCPs, could be managed in a balanced and comprehensive approach in order to maximize the positive effects of international migration on the development of both origin and destination countries.

May I also underscore that the Global Forum for Migration and Development is indeed a great opportunity for exchanges of expertise and experiences for experts and authorities with regard to global management of Migration. We thank Mauritius for hosting this forum, which was another big step towards common understanding on migration and development.

Mr. Chairman,

Full consent of the affected country for humanitarian assistance is the main principle that shall be followed by the international community. We are pleased to see that this issue has been carved properly in the Resolution on "Migration Crisis Operational Framework". We need to

add that the efforts of this organization under the framework shall not go beyond its mandate. We also have to be cautious to avoid any duplication in this regard. Here, I avail this opportunity to thank you Mr. Chair for considering the request of Like Minded Group and facilitating informal consultation on Framework and its relevant resolution, for reaching consensus.

And finally, Mr. Chair, I would like to thank IOM and donor countries for implementing projects in my country with respect to capacity building and the voluntary repatriation of skilled and semi-skilled Afghans to their homeland. In this respect, we place importance to the continuation and extension of these projects and the role which IOM plays in cooperation with UNHCR.

I thank you
