

Statement on behalf of the State of Israel

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Mr. Chairperson, Director-General, distinguished delegates,

At the outset, let me welcome the new members of the IOM as well as Ambassador Hannan as the incoming Chair of the Council.

I would also like to commend the DG for his leadership and vision in establishing IOM as a leading organization in the collective effort of meeting the growing challenges of global migration.

Israel is pleased with the efforts being taken to further improve and develop the efficiency and good governance of the organization and encourages the DG to continue in that endeavor.

Mr. Chairperson,

Israel is happy to see active role of IOM in international fora dealing with the nexus between migration and development. Just like it supports the Global Forum on Migration and Development, it is hoped IOM will play a similarly prominent role in next year's High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development.

Israel looks forward to play an active role in the upcoming Diaspora Ministerial Forum planned for April 2013 in Geneva. Israel was pleased to host senior IOM officials during its own International Conference on Diaspora-Homeland Partnerships last June in Jerusalem, and we look forward to continued partnership with IOM in this domain.

Israel is happy to see that the administrative budget of the organization remains stable, while it hopes to continue contributing to IOM's work in 2013 through earmarked contributions.

In addition to partnership in the field of labor migration, in 2013 Israel hopes to intensify cooperation with the Organization in the field of Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration, as well as other aspects of Migration Management.

I thank you