

# Statement of the Republic of Sudan

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Mr Chairperson,

Director-General,

Distinguished delegates,

Ladies and gentlemen

At the outset we congratulate you Mr Chair for your election as chairman of the IOM council. Your wisdom, dedication and experience will add a lot to the growing relevance of this organization. We align this statement with African Group statement delivered by Algeria. We pay special tribute to Ambassador Strohal for the excellent work during his tenure and congratulate the new members and observers.

We express our thanks and gratitude to the Director General, his deputy, and indeed IOM entire staff for the great achievements and dedication in serving and saving migrants lives, dignity and properties especially during difficult times. Certainly Libyan crisis was one of the great success stories. Under the leadership of Mr William Swing, Migration complex challenges and immense opportunities and their related aspects are having growing relevance and dynamism in the global

discourse, which will ultimately be translated into the betterment of the conditions and well-beings of millions around the globe, especially with the inclusion of migration into post 2015 Millennium Development Agenda.

Mr. Chairman,

We welcome various IOM substantive and organizational reforms, introduced into the IOM machinery, especially Migration Crisis Operational Framework, as an instrument for enhancing assistance to migrants in crisis situations, at the request and consent of the concerned state and full respect of its sovereignty. Sudan welcomes the upcoming high level dialogue on Migration and the excellent suggestion by our close friend permanent representative of Kenya over organizing a world Summit on Migration.

Mr. Chairman,

We value our strong relations and good cooperation with IOM, and aspire to explore more areas of cooperation to enhance the people and government of Sudan contribution in the well-being of our nearly two millions migrants, and their contributions to the development and progress of their homeland, and particular communities, to transform the brain drain which badly did hit countries like Sudan to a brain gain.

Mr. Chairman

Sudan as a host to more than a million residents and transit illegal migrants look as well to a more close cooperation with the IOM in the field of border management, and combating human trafficking.

The good news from Sudan is the gradual improving relations with our new neighbour South Sudan, and the growing peace and stability in Darfur thanks to the successful implementation of peace agreements, and positive regional developments in Darfur immediate neighbours, which was evident in the big numbers of IDPs returns to their original homes, as rightly stated by the U.N Special representative to Darfur Mr Ibrahim Gambari stating that more than 70% of Darfur is peaceful and stable.

We can't attain full relative peace and stability overnight but what is certain is that our march towards that end is proving irreversible.

Efforts of the International community in early recovery and building capacities for returnee's local communities are greatly needed.

I thank you Mr. Chair