

Statement of Hungary
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Thank you Chair,

We appreciate the excellent cooperation between IOM and the Hungarian Government during the last two decades and would like to express our satisfaction with IOM's engagement and its swift and well calibrated approach towards the ever-changing patterns in the field of migration, as well as its rapid response and close collaboration with other actors in the international humanitarian response system.

The High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development held in New York in October 2013 has confirmed the growing political importance of migration and the role of IOM as the leading intergovernmental organization committed to promoting humane and orderly managed migration. The discussions at the UN High Level Dialogue have also underlined the need for global migration governance. Therefore, we are in favour of having IOM as permanent co-chair of the Global Migration Group, furthermore we support the idea of setting up a working group to examine in depth the relationship between IOM and the UN and exploring new ways of enhanced co-operation.

Hungary was honoured to welcome Director-General William Lacy Swing on 11 November 2013 in Budapest and to host the launch of the World Migration Report 2013. The report focused on migrants' well-being, development and trends along the main routes of population movements. The document is an enriching and useful source for experts as well as for policy makers. We are glad to have financially contributed to the publication of this report and we look forward to IOM's cooperation with Gallup on next year's report.

Hungary fully supports the budget reform of the IOM in order to solve the structural problems of the budget stemming from the growing membership and higher number of projects, due to IOM's increasing importance and broadening field of activities and responsibilities. We recognize the efforts of the Working Group lead by H.E. the Ambassador of Belgium. We think that the measures encompassed in the respective resolutions of the present meeting of the Council, like finding alternative sources of funding, or granting privileges and immunities to IOM similar to those provided to UN agencies, will put IOM on a safe track in financial terms.

We also welcome the entry into force of the amendments of the IOM Constitution, which will further enhance the efficiency of the work of IOM and thus enabling the streamlined organization to even better address the challenges in human mobility.

Finally, let me refer to the meaningful cooperation between Hungary and IOM by drawing attention to our successful projects. Hungary has been running Assisted Voluntary Return programmes, coordinated by the Budapest office of the IOM, for more than a decade. Further to that we take part in different projects, too, such as the Voluntary Return European Network platform. The IOM office in Budapest is also active in the pilot project of the Prague Process Targeted Initiative, led by Hungary, focusing on exchanging best practices on new modes and channels of legal migration.

Thank you Chair.