

Statement by H.E Rahma Salih ElObied

Ambassador, Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Sudan,
before the 105th Session of the International Organization for Migration
IOM.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson,

The Delegation of the Sudan expresses its congratulations to you on your election as the President of the 105th Session of the IOM.

We thank the Director General and his team for the report under discussion which reflects continued and relentless efforts to make the IOM more visible and relevant in Migration's affairs.

Sudan aligns itself with the statement delivered by Botswana on behalf of the African Group.

Mr. Chairperson,

Migration represents a high priority for the African Continent. African Union's mechanisms have endorsed significant decisions and instruments in term of combating negative effects of migration. In this regard, we would like to make reference to the Ouagadougou Action Plan to Combat Trafficking on Human Beings, as well as the consistent position of the African Countries to fight illegal or irregular migration.

Mr. Chairperson,

Sudan is a member State since 1998. The IOM started its operation in Sudan in 2000. Since then, the IOM operations have expanded to cover main key issues in term of:

1. Emergency and post-crisis migration management.
2. Humanitarian Assistance.
3. Return of qualified Sudanese from abroad.

Sudan represents today a country of transit, origin and destination. Migration related issue tends to become one of our priority, this is clearly reflect throw the empowerment of our national mechanisms and institutions such as the Council

for Sudanese Working Abroad, the Center of Migration Studies, and the establishment of different unities and departments in relevant Ministries such as the Ministry of Interior and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. This growing importance is reflected by the issuing Sudan's anti-trafficking law in March 2014, and convening of the African Regional Ministerial Conference on Human Trafficking and Smuggling in the Horn of Africa in Khartoum last October in full cooperation with the AU, IOM and UNHCR.

This forum represented a valuable opportunity to formulate a roadmap for the various national, regional and international instruments to co-ordinate and work together to combat the trafficking in persons.

Mr. Chairperson,

Sudan under took many positive steps regarding migration related issues. However, many challenges still lies ahead, such as brain-drain, and the facilitation of the return of qualified national to participate in the process of development in the country, the management of border to control, and capacity building, this is beside the effective coherence and co-ordination at the national level of the work of institutions related to migration issue.

Mr. Chairperson,

Sudan acknowledges the excellent work IOM had continued to do in managing migration from an integral and holistic vision. We register our support to the IOM positive results that the administrative reforms continue to bring to the Organisation.

Finally, Sudan confirms once again its commitments to work closely with the Organisation to achieve its ambitious goals and objectives.

I thank you Mr. Chairperson,

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