

**Statement by H.E. Ambassador Chen Xu
at the 114th Session of the Council of IOM**

Mr. Chairperson,

At the outset, I'd like to congratulate colleagues of Germany, Republic of Korea, Peru and Tunisia as bureau members, and wish Director-General Amy Pope every success in her first Council Session. China commends IOM's continuous efforts on the budget and governance framework reform and the protection of international migrants and global migration governance. I would like to highlight the following points:

First, focus on the root causes. The international community must forge a stronger consensus on development as the primary task and work together to speed up economic recovery, in order to build a solid material foundation for dealing with migration issues. We call on all relevant parties to stick to the direction of seeking political settlement of conflicts and disputes, to promote reconstruction and reconciliation, and

to reduce the large-scale, irregular movements of population. We believe that all parties should carry out robust cooperation under the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities, and jointly and properly respond to the issue of migrants affected by climate change.

Second, protect the legitimate rights of migrants. We welcome the foreign migrants to blend in with local communities and to yield productivity dividends. We advocate the transnational law enforcement security cooperation for facilitating the safe, orderly and regular migration and handling properly irregular migration. We stand firmly against illegal smuggling and human trafficking, and oppose any stigmatization, racial discrimination and hatred.

Third, upgrade migration services by emerging technologies. We look forward to rapid strategic response by scientific forecasting of population migration trends, effective improvement of identification capabilities, and optimizing employment through data-driven algorithms by using emerging technologies such as Artificial Intelligence and Big Data.

Fourth, enhance international cooperation on migration. We welcome all member states to implement the Global Compact

on Migration in accordance with their national conditions. We reiterate that developed countries should deliver on their commitments including the Official Development Assistance (ODA). We encourage IOM to increase assistance support and capacity-building for developing countries while reforming itself, and further improve the representation of developing countries in IOM.

Mr. Chairperson,

China has always been committed to migration issues, and will continue to firmly support IOM and Director-General by making our due contribution to global migration governance and building a community with a shared future for mankind.

I thank you.