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STATEMENT BY MONGOLIA

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Thank you Chair.

Distinguished representatives,

First, I would like to thank the Director General and the Chairperson of the Council for their leadership, as well as the staff of the IOM for their hard work and dedication.

I join the previous speakers in extending congratulations to the newly elected officers and wish them success.

I would like to express Mongolia's commendation for the IOM's consistent fulfillment of its designated functions and successful implementation of its strategic goals and policies.

The pivotal and distinctive role of the IOM has become increasingly apparent in addressing timely issues such as climate-induced human mobility, displacement, and the escalating need for humanitarian aid in recent years.

Mongolia supports the strategic policy and programs of the IOM Administration and initiatives of the fellow Member states in the regard of implementing SDGs and Global Compact for Migration. Mongolia echoes the urgency of finding long-term, data-driven solutions for migration affected by climate change and endorses efforts to provide innovative, sustainable livelihoods options for those at risk of unsafe migration.

Mongolia applauds the IOM's recent initiative, the Gender and Migration Research Policy Action Lab (GenMig) led by Ms. Ugochi Florence Daniels, Deputy-Director General for Operation of IOM, aimed at addressing and facilitating gender inequalities in migration.

Similar to our fellow Members, Mongolia actively cooperates with all stakeholders and relevant international organizations, including IOM, in implementing the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration (GCM), the SDGs, and the Government of Mongolia's long-term program "Vision 2050".

We express gratitude to the IOM for providing technical and financial assistance to its Members and Observers to facilitate policymaking in migration, resettlement diasporas, and capacity-building in this sector.

Taking this opportunity, I extend appreciation to the IOM Development Fund for its decision to implement a new 12-month, USD 100 thousand budget programme "Strengthening Cyber-Crime Investigations on Human Trafficking in Mongolia" this year.

Mongolia has demonstrated its commitment to prioritizing migration by incorporating the protection of migrants' human rights and maximizing the positive impact of migration as key issues in the national development agenda. The IOM has been a valuable partner in supporting the Government's efforts to improve migration management, enhance capacity for border management, and counter trafficking.

Mongolia reaffirms its unwavering support for the central role of the IOM in migration and looks forward to continued collaboration in the coming year to address challenges and build resilience.

Thank you for your attention.