

**Statement by Ambassador Seong Deok Yun of the Republic of Korea in
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Thank you, Mr. Chair, for allowing my delegation to take the floor again in our national capacity.

At the outset, I express gratitude to the Member States, especially the Ambassadors of Mongolia and Ghana, for their support in electing Ambassadors Yun as the First Vice-Chairperson of the Council Bureau. I look forward to working in close cooperation with other Bureau Members under the Chair's able leadership.

Mr. Chair, Director-General,

The Republic of Korea values its partnership with IOM in responding to migration-related humanitarian crises across the globe. Our contributions to IOM have significantly increased in the past few years, demonstrating our continued commitment and cooperation with IOM in global humanitarian responses. We have also been supporting IOM's efforts to strengthen its core functions through our voluntary, unearmarked, multi-year contributions.

Looking forward to the year 2024, we expect the partnership with IOM to continue to expand, particularly in more strategic and comprehensive way. In line with this context, the enhancement of the IOM Seoul Office's workforce, as outlined in next year's programme and budget, is a welcome step.

Mr. Chair, Director-General,

While the world is faced with the largest-ever funding gap between humanitarian

needs and the resources mobilized, and with predictions that the situation may worsen in the coming years, diversifying the funding base becomes significantly important. In this respect, I commend IOM for having expanded its partnership with the private sector in 2022, including the launch of Goodwill Ambassador programme. I further encourage IOM to increase its public visibility, especially through strengthening of its country offices with resource mobilization functions, including IOM Seoul.

I also note the IOM's partnership with the UN Advisory Alliance on a comprehensive review of its Headquarters and field structures. I hope the Member States would be briefed of the recommendations from the review in a timely manner, when the result is released, and given a chance to offer feedbacks on how IOM could effectively utilize these insights.

I thank you, Mr. Chair.