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Thank you, Mr. Chair,

- Sudan aligns its-self with the Arab and African Group Statements.
- At the outset, we wish to extend our congratulations to your excellency Amb. Luis Juan, for your election as the second vice-chairperson of the Council and the entire team of the bureau. Let me also seize this opportunity to appreciate the outgoing Chairperson of the Council H.E Lansana Gberie, Ambassador of Sierra Leone for his dedicated work.
- it gives us great pleasure to congratulate the first female Director General of IOM, Ms. Amy Pope, we have great confidence in her capable leadership as she guides the organization through these exceptionally demanding times.

Mr. Chair,

- Allow me to commend the work undertaken by the IOM at the frontline of this unprecedented dire

humanitarian crisis in my country Sudan, and its scale-up Crisis Response Plan that aims at Saving lives and responding to the needs of crisis-affected populations, yet I must highlight that this plan remains severely underfunded.

Mr. Chair,

- Sudan as an origin, transit, and destination country for migration, and with its strategic geographical location at the centre of the Horn of Africa, has always played a crucial role in migration governance not only in the region but globally, as Khartoum, the capital, hosts the ROCK Center on combatting against irregular Migration, smuggling and trafficking in persons and transborder crimes, in partnership with IOM and other regional and international actors.
- Regrettably, I must convey that all these efforts are now at hold due to the insurgence of the Janjaweed Militia, erupted in mid-April, which has also dragged the country into dire humanitarian situation and has

severe repercussions on the region, which includes the increased waves of migrants.

- As you are aware the situation in Sudan remains dire. The Rebel Janjaweed Militia has been committing horrifying crimes against humanity for the past seven months, which resulted in significant increase in the number of refugees, migrants, and internally displaced people. As more than 6 million people have been forced to flee their homes, including more than 5 million internally displaced persons and over 1.4 million people who have crossed borders to neighboring countries, and half of the population is in need of assistance. In this regard, I must express our deepest gratitude for the neighboring sisterly countries for receiving those who have fled their homes seeking protection.

Mr. Chair,

- Sudan is highly counting on the role of IOM in responding to the influx of internal displaced people resulting in a very complex humanitarian situation

and the shortage of necessary public services and resources of the host communities. In addition of the significant damage to infrastructure, the collapse of health system, banking services, and other public facilities.

Mr. Chair,

- Sudan calls upon IOM to pay special attention to Sudanese migrants in different countries and work with the concerned governments to protect their rights, as Sudanese people who fled their homes forcibly are facing many obstacles in their migration procedures, lack of work opportunities and social and economic integration, which left them with no option than to take high risks journeys to cross the Mediterranean to reach Europe, seeking better life conditions and protection.

Mr. Chair,

- We reiterate the Government's full commitment to facilitate the work of the Humanitarian actors.
- We equally appeal to the international community to support the efforts of the IOM and provide more flexible and unearmarked funding to ensure the success of the announced plans and projects, and to enable the IOM to respond better to the emergent crisis timely and effectively.

I thank you