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Climate impact on human mobility: A global call for solutions

Chair, Director General, Ministers, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- The climate crisis is the global challenge of our time. We see a global increase in hazards and disasters related to climate change leading to new displacements of millions of people every year.
- Today more than three billion people live in regions that are highly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. The destruction of the environment and of natural resources endangers human and international security. It exacerbates conflicts over ever-scarcer resources such as water and food, forcing people to flee their homes.
- Women and girls experience the greatest impacts of climate change, which amplifies existing gender inequalities and poses unique threats to their livelihoods, health, and safety.
- Last year, more than half of the internal displacements were triggered by disaster such as floods, storms, or droughts. Disaster displacements in 2022 were 41 % higher than the annual average of the decade before.
- Concrete: More than 30 million people not only lost their homes due to weather-related events. They lost much more: economic security, community and maybe even whole cultures. Not to speak about the physical and mental health impacts of such a traumatic event.
- That is why we need the International Organization of Migration more than ever – to help families who get displaced, because they lost their homes in contexts of disasters and climate change.

- To act as far as possible in a preventive manner IOM is gathering and analyzing data that is needed to anticipate needs in order to act early on with targeted interventions, to help people adapt, mitigate the effects of crises and prevent displacement.
- We very much appreciate that Director General Pope is making “Climate and Migration” one of her priorities. We stand ready to support this approach:
- *We remain committed to strengthening anticipatory action, for example in the context of climate-induced disasters and conflicts. We have committed ourselves to use at least 5% of our overall humanitarian budget for anticipatory action and we encourage partners to do the same.*
- *That is why we are glad that Germany and IOM jointly set up the Global Emergency Response Programme, which allows for flexible funding to be used in an anticipatory manner.*
- *In this context, we stress the importance of flexible funding for crisis response for IOM’s ability to react quickly.*
- *We also support the Platform on Disaster Displacement to advance the protection agenda for people displaced across borders in the context of disasters and climate change.*
- *We will also be advocating for climate policy and action to be inclusive of refugees and other forcibly displaced people, and their host communities, following the Global Refugee Forum in December 2023.*
- *At the same time, we have to increase our mitigation effort to lower the risks of climate change. Reducing emissions is an important tool to prevent conflicts and to prevent displacement.*
- Going forward, we also need a better understanding of the dynamics of displacement and migration movements, especially in the context of climate change. In that respect, the systematic collection, analysis and use of relevant data is key. The establishment of IOM’s Global Data Institute (GDI) in Berlin is very timely in that regard and we are glad to support the GDI substantially.

Thank you for your attention!