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High – LEVEL SEGMENT

CLIMATE IMPACT ON HUMAN MOBILITY: A GLOBAL CALL FOR SOLUTION

The moderator

Excellencies,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the government of the Republic of The Gambia, my delegation wishes to express my sincere appreciation to the donor partners and the IOM for convening the High-level segment of the 114th session of the Council on the theme “Climate impact on human mobility: a global call for solutions”. We also express our appreciation for facilitating the participation of developing countries to the session.

This is an opportunity for us as Member States to discuss critical solutions to respond to challenges relating to human mobility, displacement, migration, and climate change crisis. The Gambia supports the promotion of innovative approaches and increased availability of labour mobility pathways for inclusive and prosperous societies.

On that note, we thank the panellist for their thought-provoking presentations on the theme of the high -level segment.



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The impact of the climate change crisis is devastating such that it forces mass displacement of populations and renders large geographical areas uninhabitable. It is also the leading cause of environmental degradation, destruction of essential infrastructure, civil unrest and conflict. The negative impacts of climate change exacerbate and accelerates these drivers migration or traps people in risky environments.

The climate crisis further exposes countries and their populations to vulnerable situations, especially developing and least developed countries. In The Gambia, the adverse impacts of these changes on the agriculture, forestry, fisheries, and tourism, are amplified and accelerated by saline intrusion into arable land, with attendant losses in productivity of land resources, water, nutrient and sediment fluxes.

The Gambia adopted its National Migration Policy in 2020 which is aligned with key regional and global frameworks including - The Migration Policy Framework for Africa, the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM), and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

As part of its ratification of the Paris Agreement, the Government of The Gambia is committed to consolidate its fight against climate change by integrating the identified mitigation measures into national planning processes. Accordingly, we formulated a Green Recovery Focused National Development Plan 2023-2028 to



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strengthen the government's mainstreaming of climate change adaptation across all levels of government.

Therefore, The Gambia wishes to encourage more international cooperation and increased funding to support the Ecosystems-based adaptation in developing countries to enable the provision of nature-based solutions that will help people and communities survive and thrive under the circumstances of unpredictable patterns of climate change, protect the environment and facilitate the development of a sustainable, natural resource-based economy.

In conclusion, we call on partners and IOM to increase technical assistance to the developing and least developed countries on Large-scale ecosystem-based adaptation, with a view to solve mitigate threats to agriculture, food security and economic growth and advert the dangers of climate change on human livelihoods.

Thank you.

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