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Mr. President

1. I have the honor to address this Council on behalf of the member countries of the Group of Fifteen (G-15), a Summit Level Group of Developing Countries comprising 17 member states¹, which seeks to promote South-South and North-South international cooperation, with an emphasis on socio-economic progress, stability and sustainable development. Naturally, the various aspects of human mobility, international migration in particular, have a major role in our agendas.
2. Since this is the first meeting of the Council after the re-election of Amb. William Lacy Swing as IOM Director General, we congratulate him.
3. The IOM has been transformed under his leadership into a modern and efficient organization. It is an example for other international organizations. We are sure that his leadership will continue to guide the organization's participation in the tasks of international migration.
4. The G-15 countries encourage the Director General and the Council to keep the IOM as the leading organization in the field of migration, to strengthen its capacity to provide services to migrants and States, to increase the political and public recognition of the contribution made by migration, migrant workers and the members of their families to development, to carry out its role for a humane and orderly management of international migration, and to contribute substantively to follow up the results of the Second High-Level Dialogue on Migration and Development (HLD).
5. The HLD achieved a negotiated outcome with a clear political message about the relevance of international migration on the agenda of the United Nations System; took stock of the consensus built in the last seven years on the subject, stressed the need for an approach based on respect for human rights of migrants as an essential element of the relationship between migration and development,

¹ Algeria, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Islamic Republic of Iran, Jamaica, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Nigeria, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

and prompted the search for synergies to complement the efforts of all stakeholders. The G-15 encourages IOM's involvement in following up the results of this dialogue as well as in the work of the Global Forum on Migration and Development.

6. International migration can impact positively the development of countries of origin, transit and destination and is a cross-cutting issue that involves all areas of human rights, labor, health, economy and education, among others. It is important that international migration be a part of the global economic discourse and development paradigm.
7. We are therefore, committed to work together at both the regional and international level for the protection of migrants. We also believe that the IOM should continue to play a lead role in discussions relating to the post-2015 development agenda on issues of migration.

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8. The G-15 also recognizes the need to address international migration in a holistic and comprehensive manner. An approach premised on the developmental paradigm of migration that is sensitive to the national circumstances of countries of origin, transit and destination, and one that seeks to maximize the mutually beneficial nature of international migration while reducing its negative effects.
9. The multi-disciplinary nature of migration should lead to the establishment of a worldwide strategy to look into innovative multilateral cooperation with a view to achieving sustainable solutions.
10. We believe that IOM's vast experience and expertise have the potential to contribute to international migration management. We remain confident that the IOM will continue to work towards constructive dialogue and cooperation on migration.
11. Finally, the G-15 welcomes Turkmenistan, Iceland, Fiji and the Marshall Islands as new IOM Member States.
12. Thank you very much
