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Statement

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on behalf of the OIC Group**

**Under Agenda 16 (A): IOM's approach to protection of migrants
and displaced persons**

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**Honorable Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,
and Esteemed Colleagues.**

On behalf of the OIC Group¹, we would like to extend our sincere appreciation and thanks to the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for extending continued support and protection to displaced persons across the globe.

The OIC Group is deeply concerned about the escalating humanitarian crises in Gaza, Lebanon and Sudan where ongoing conflict has led to the displacement of a large number of people.

Especially in Gaza, the continued intensification of hostilities has destroyed homes, schools, hospitals, and critical infrastructures which forced families to flee under unimaginable conditions, and many have nowhere safe to go.

The OIC calls for an immediate and coordinated response from the international community to address the urgent needs of the displaced populations. In this context:

- First, IOM and international agencies must prioritize humanitarian assistance to those forcibly displaced in Gaza, Lebanon, Sudan and other OIC member states.

¹ Except Albania

- Second, increased support for host communities where forcibly displaced persons are taking shelter. Particularly, host communities in OIC countries need urgent financial and logistical support to accommodate displaced populations.
- Third, the displacement crises in Middle East, Africa and Asia are not merely humanitarian issues but are deeply rooted in longstanding conflicts. We call on all stakeholders to seek sustainable solutions that address the root causes of displacement.
- Forth, we look forward to continue working with the IOM to promote legal pathways of migration and taking care of forcibly displaced persons.
- Finally, we stress on the importance of adhering to universally agreed terminologies and concepts for smooth implementation of the IOM's mandate.

I thank you
