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**Statement on Behalf of the OIC Group delivered by
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**Mr. Chairperson,
Director General,
and Distinguished Delegates.**

The OIC Group expresses its gratitude to the Director General for her comprehensive update on the internal governance framework and risk management. We welcome the progress report and encourage the IOM to continue updating member states on organizational and strategic goals.

Chairperson

We note with serious concern that only \$1.3 billion has been secured out of \$4.7 billion total required funding to support 41 million people across the world, leaving a critical gap of \$3.4 billion. We consider that this significant budgetary gap will affect lives of many displaced people and negatively impact the progress on migration governance.

While we understand the impact of funding cuts on the organizational structure of IOM, we urge that workforce reduction may be managed with the utmost care. Geographical representation, particularly from OIC Member States, must be preserved. We encourage greater use of local staff and resources as a cost-saving measure and request continued transparency from the Secretariat on the details of human resource reduction.

Chairperson

We welcome the new results-based presentation of the budget aligned with IOM's strategic objectives. We also see value in the IOM Development Fund in strengthening migration governance capacity in developing states.

The Group appreciates IOM for providing assistance for climate-induced displacement especially in the OIC countries, most of which are vulnerable to climate change. We urge for the prioritization of resilience-building through climate adaptation, disaster preparedness, and rehabilitation measures in post-disaster situations.

Chairperson

As world's large number of migrant-sending, transit, and host countries, the OIC Member States are key stakeholders and proactive partners in shaping a safe, orderly, and regular migration governance.

The OIC Group underscores that regular migration is a powerful driver of sustainable development. We call on all states to adopt non-discriminatory policies that recognize the positive contributions of migrants, and counter racism, xenophobia, and Islamophobia.

We remain deeply concerned by the persistent challenges of irregular migration, human trafficking, and migrant smuggling. We urge to strengthen cooperation at the bilateral, regional and cross-regional levels on prevention, investigation and prosecution of perpetrators, as well as on identification and protection of, and assistance to victims of trafficking in persons.

The OIC Group will continue to work with IOM and international partners to promote safe, orderly and regular migration for progress and prosperity of all.

Thank you