

**Statement made by Mr. B.N.Reddy,  
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**Mr. Chairman,**

**The Director-General,**

At the outset, my delegation would like to congratulate you Mr. Chairman and other members of the Bureau on assuming the new office, and assure the support of my delegation in the work of this Executive Committee meeting.

We thank the Director-General for his comprehensive Report on the Work of the Organisation for the year 2012. We felicitate the Director General for pursuing the three initiatives set out by him leading to greater visibility and prominent role for IOM in global discourse on migration issues.

We would also like to place on record our appreciation to IOM Administration for promoting accountability and transparency, and also for taking necessary steps to seeking full compliance with the International Public Sector Accounting Standards (IPSAS).

IOM's role and discharge of responsibilities in cooperation with States, in facilitating Migration Management, has been pivotal to ensure humane and orderly migration benefitting millions of migrants world over.

We laud the development of Migration Crisis Operational Framework within the mandate of IOM, through a consultative process by way of accommodating broader views expressed by Member States. We also note with interest various situations in which IOM has been able to make meaningful contribution to migrants caught up in crisis situations.

It is encouraging to note that the budget structure of IOM has been rationalized, according to established international practices. While we appreciate IOM's prompt compliance to IPSAS, we urge IOM to devise suitable internal procedures to take into account recommendations of the External Auditor. In this context, we commend the Director General for accepting the External Auditor's recommendations and also for initiating steps to appoint an Audit Advisory Committee.

In the backdrop of the global economic crisis, we are concerned to note that there is an increasing anti-migrant sentiment. This also finds reflection in IOM's activities with 39% of IOM's projects focusing on regulating migration and only 4% devoted to Migration and Development. This trend is discernable even in terms of the operational expenditure as reflected in Section 6 of Annex I of DG's Report. We would therefore urge IOM to strengthen its dialogue with donor States, in favour of implementation of more projects on Migration and Development.

We would like to refer to concerns expressed by some delegations during the Standing Committee on nature of IOM's engagement with private sector. At the Standing Committee meeting last month, there was considerable discussion on enabling IOM to negotiate agreements for funding from private sector actors, we urge caution to ensure that such funding should not adversely impact upon the core mandate and projects of IOM.

Mr. Chairman, India commends the Director General for his realism and vision in leading the organisation as it braces a more challenging and competitive global environment meshed with complex humanitarian situations having direct impact on migrants world over. India reiterates its commitment to continue its engagement with IOM and other States for the strengthening of the linkages in migration.

Thank you Mr. Chairperson.

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