



## **STATEMENT**

**delivered by Ambassador Vaqif Sadiqov  
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on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement  
at the 110<sup>th</sup> Session of the IOM Council**

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Dear Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to deliver the statement on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement for the first time at the Session of the IOM Council. At the outset, allow me to congratulate you, Mr. Chairman, for assuming this position and wish you all success during the work of the Council under your Chairmanship.

Acting in my capacity of the Chairperson of the NAM Geneva Chapter, I would like to inform the Council that the XVIIIth Summit of the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Non-Aligned Movement took place in Baku on 25-26 October, where the NAM leaders came together to discuss and address vital issues of development and challenges of global nature.

In the Baku Final Document the Heads of State and Government took a specific focus on global migration and refugee matters and in particular agreed to effectively promote and protect human rights and fundamental freedoms of all migrants regardless of their migration status in conformity with the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the obligations and commitments under the relevant international instruments to which they are Parties.

The NAM Member States underlined that the issues of migration and development must be addressed comprehensively, mindful of their economic, social and environmental dimensions and include cultural and human perspectives. They recognized the need to address these issues through international, regional or bilateral cooperation and dialogue. The NAM Heads of State and Government also recognized that trafficking in persons and smuggling of migrants continue to pose a serious challenge to humanity and require a concerted international response.

Mr. Chairman,

We would like to stress that the IOM remains main partner of the majority of NAM countries in migration cooperation. We highly appreciate the work done by the IOM in addressing key issues of migration, particularly through the implementation of various projects in the NAM countries, aimed at better understanding of migration patterns and needs of migrants.

NAM Member States also attach importance to World Migration Report produced by the IOM, dedicated to understanding of migration throughout the globe, which is forecasted to grow in importance due to a number of wide-ranging factors. As indicated in its Annual Report for 2018, the IOM peace-building portfolio is designed to prevent and resolve conflicts, a principal driver of displacement, and to support sustainable peace and reintegration.

Mr. Chairman,

On behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement I would like to assure you of the support of the NAM to the noble work carried out by the IOM to address the issues of global migration.

Thank you.