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Note verbale dated 17 April 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to the Secretary-General and has the honour to transmit the enclosed documents from the Chair of the Council of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), Abdul Hannan, who is also Permanent Representative of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations Office at Geneva, and the Director General of IOM, William Lacy Swing (see annex).

The Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the United Nations would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly under agenda item 22 (b), "Globalization and interdependence: international migration and development".



Annex to the note verbale dated 17 April 2013 from the Permanent Mission of Bangladesh to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

18 December 2012

In the interest of keeping you informed of developments relevant to your own preparations for the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, to be held in 2013, we have the honour to enclose a copy of a letter sent to the President of the General Assembly about the recent deliberations and decisions of the member States of the International Organization for Migration on the topic (see enclosure).

We are committed to supporting you in any way we can to help ensure that the event itself and the outcome are as positive and productive as possible.

(Signed) Ambassador Abdul **Hannan**
Chair of the IOM Council
Permanent Representative of the
People's Republic of Bangladesh
United Nations Office at Geneva

(Signed) William Lacy **Swing**
Director General
International Organization for Migration

Enclosure

18 December 2012

I have the honour, in my capacity as Chair of the Council of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), to report to you on the deliberations of the IOM member States at the 101st session of the Council, which took place in Geneva from 27 to 30 November, and specifically on the discussions on “IOM and the United Nations High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in 2013”. For your information, I attach a list of IOM member States (see attachment I).

Both the IOM membership and the IOM administration are committed to this pivotal event and the member States adopted by consensus the enclosed resolution (see attachment II), in which the Council requests me to forward the resolution to you “with a view towards ensuring that the work of IOM is drawn upon and appropriately reflected in all aspects of the High-level Dialogue in 2013”.

I take this opportunity to inform you that the IOM member States also adopted a resolution approving the organization’s Migration Crisis Operational Framework, copy of which I enclose as it too may be of interest in the preparations for the High-level Dialogue (see attachment III).

I request that the present letter and the attached documents be circulated to the United Nations membership as a document. I stand ready to provide any further information or documentation on this topic that you or the United Nations membership might need.

(Signed) Ambassador Abdul **Hannan**
Chair of the IOM Council
Permanent Representative of the
People’s Republic of Bangladesh

Attachment I



IOM International Organization for Migration
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IOM MEMBER STATES (149) as of November 2012

Afghanistan	Gambia	Nigeria
Albania	Georgia	Norway
Algeria	Germany	Pakistan
Angola	Ghana	Panama
Antigua and Barbuda	Greece	Papua New Guinea
Argentina	Guatemala	Paraguay
Armenia	Guinea	Peru
Australia	Guinea-Bissau	Philippines
Austria	Guyana	Poland
Azerbaijan	Haiti	Portugal
Bahamas	Holy See	Republic of Korea
Bangladesh	Honduras	Republic of Moldova
Belarus	Hungary	Romania
Belgium	India	Rwanda
Belize	Iran (Islamic Republic of)	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Benin	Ireland	Senegal
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)	Israel	Serbia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Italy	Seychelles
Botswana	Jamaica	Sierra Leone
Brazil	Japan	Slovakia
Bulgaria	Jordan	Slovenia
Burkina Faso	Kazakhstan	Somalia
Burundi	Kenya	South Africa
Cambodia	Kyrgyzstan	South Sudan
Cameroon	Latvia	Spain
Canada	Lesotho	Sri Lanka
Cape Verde	Liberia	Sudan
Central African Republic	Libya	Swaziland
Chad	Lithuania	Sweden
Chile	Luxembourg	Switzerland
Colombia	Madagascar	Tajikistan
Comoros	Maldives	Thailand
Congo	Mali	Timor-Leste
Costa Rica	Malta	Togo
Côte d'Ivoire	Mauritania	Trinidad and Tobago
Croatia	Mauritius	Tunisia
Cyprus	Mexico	Turkey
Czech Republic	Micronesia (Federated States of)	Uganda
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Mongolia	Ukraine
Denmark	Montenegro	United Kingdom
Djibouti	Morocco	United Republic of Tanzania
Dominican Republic	Mozambique	United States of America
Ecuador	Myanmar	Uruguay
Egypt	Namibia	Vanuatu
El Salvador	Nauru	Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of)
Estonia	Nepal	Viet Nam
Ethiopia	Netherlands	Yemen
Finland	New Zealand	Zambia
France	Nicaragua	Zimbabwe
Gabon	Niger	

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Attachment II



IOM International Organization for Migration
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COUNCIL

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CONSEJO

101ST SESSION

RESOLUTION No. 1244 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 523rd meeting on 27 November 2012)

**IOM AND THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON
 INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT IN 2013**

The Council,

Taking note of the invitation extended to United Nations Member States in General Assembly resolution 65/170 of 17 March 2011 to contribute to the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in 2013 through appropriate regional consultative processes and, as appropriate, major initiatives in the field of international migration,

Taking further note of the invitation of the General Assembly to the Regional Commissions, in collaboration with other relevant entities of the United Nations system as well as the International Organization for Migration (IOM), to organize discussions to examine regional aspects of international migration and development and to provide inputs, in accordance with their respective mandates and within existing resources, to the report of the Secretary-General on this item and to the preparatory process of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development in 2013,

Bearing in mind the report of the 100th Session of the Council (MC/2342) which, among others, called on IOM to engage actively in the debate leading up to the High-level Dialogue in 2013,

Reaffirming the request of the Council to the Director General to ensure that IOM is fully engaged and participates in the preparations and proceedings of the High-level Dialogue in 2013 and shares its rich experience and expertise, drawing on its unique strengths,

Recalling the essential role of IOM in the founding of the Geneva Migration Group, which served as the basis for the creation of the Global Migration Group as an expanded inter-agency coordination mechanism,

Aware of the significant substantive and administrative support that IOM has provided to the Global Forum on Migration and Development since its inception,

Bearing in mind the unparalleled scope of the IOM migration programme and project portfolio, and its existing mandate under the IOM Constitution Article 1(1)(e) to “provide a forum to States as well as international and other organizations for the exchange of views and experiences, and the promotion of co-operation and co-ordination of efforts on international migration issues...”,

Recognizing the continued value of the IOM International Dialogue on Migration in advancing policy dialogue and cooperation among IOM Member States, observers and other stakeholders, as is prescribed in the provisions of objective 7 of the IOM Strategy,

Noting the interdependence of migration and development and the fact that well-managed and safe migration meaningfully contributes to the development of migrants’ countries of origin, transit and destination and to that of individual migrants and their families,

Recognizing IOM’s commitment to the principle of partnership and cooperation as the most effective means of addressing opportunities and challenges posed by migration to development,

Resolves to:

1. *Request* the Director General to keep Member States fully informed of preparations for the High-level Dialogue in 2013 in order to assist them in preparing for this event;
2. *Further request* the Director General to ensure that IOM’s engagement in the preparatory activities and proceedings of the High-level Dialogue in 2013 creates sustained attention of the international community to the perspectives of migrants themselves;
3. *Affirm* the support of the Member States of IOM for the recognition of IOM’s current and future role as the global lead agency on migration, as well as its extensive knowledge, expertise and experience, in all aspects of the High-level Dialogue in 2013;
4. *Encourage* Member States to reflect this resolution and the joint positions contained herein in their national positions and contributions for the High-level Dialogue in 2013;
5. *Request* the Chairperson of the IOM Council to forward this resolution to the President of the General Assembly with a view towards ensuring that the work of IOM is drawn upon and appropriately reflected in all aspects of the High-level Dialogue in 2013.

Attachment III



IOM International Organization for Migration
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COUNCIL

CONSEIL

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101ST SESSION

RESOLUTION No. 1243 (CI)

(Adopted by the Council at its 523rd meeting on 27 November 2012)

IOM MIGRATION CRISIS OPERATIONAL FRAMEWORK

The Council,

Considering IOM's Constitution and in particular Articles 1.1(a) and (b) regarding IOM's purpose and function to make arrangements for the organized transfer of migrants and to concern itself with the organized transfer of refugees, displaced persons and other individuals in need of international migration services,

Recalling the United Nations General Assembly resolutions on "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian emergency assistance of the United Nations" (A/RES/46/182 and A/RES/60/124),

Reaffirming the principles of neutrality, humanity, impartiality and independence in the provision of humanitarian assistance, and reaffirming the need for all actors engaged in the provision of humanitarian assistance to promote and fully respect these principles,

Confirming the sovereignty and territorial integrity of States and that humanitarian assistance should be provided with the consent of States involved,

Reaffirming that States bear the primary responsibility to protect and assist crisis-affected persons residing on their territory in accordance with national law and in conformity with international humanitarian and human rights law,

Considering also the IOM Strategy (Council Resolution No. 1150) and in particular Activity 1 "to provide secure, reliable, flexible and cost-effective services for persons who require international migration assistance", and Activity 9 "to participate in coordinated humanitarian responses in the context of inter-agency arrangements in this field and to provide migration services in other emergency or post-crisis situations as appropriate and as relates to the needs of individuals, thereby contributing to their protection",

Recalling IOM policy on the human rights of migrants (MC/INF/259), “The human rights of migrants – IOM policy and activities” (MC/INF/298), and “Protection of persons involved in migration: Note on IOM’s role” (IC/2007/3),

Recalling also the consideration by the Standing Committee on Programmes and Finance of IOM’s emergency response capacity (SCPF/29), IOM’s assistance to stranded migrants (SCPF/45/Rev.1), IOM’s role in the humanitarian response to displacement induced by natural disasters (SCPF/71), the institutional and operational responses to migration consequences of complex crises (SCPF/80/Rev.1), and its role in assisting and protecting migrants caught in crisis situations (SCPF/87),

Recalling further the establishment of a Migration Emergency Funding Mechanism (Council Resolution No. 1229) in order to enable IOM to respond rapidly in assisting affected migrants during the acute emergency phase of a humanitarian crises,

Recalling also that the theme “Managing migration crisis situations” was selected by IOM’s Member States for the International Dialogue on Migration 2012 (IDM) and the discussions and conclusions of the IDM’s workshops with sub-themes “Moving to safety: Migration consequences of complex crises” (24 and 25 April 2012), “Protecting migrants during times of crisis: Immediate responses and sustainable strategies” (13 and 14 September 2012) and “Migrants in Times of Crisis: an Emerging Protection Challenge” (9 October 2012),

Aware of the 2005 United Nations Humanitarian Response Review,

Aware further of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Principals Reform Agenda 2011-2012,

Recognizing that, in a world shaped by migration, the human mobility dimension of humanitarian crises is becoming increasingly relevant and requires more comprehensive solutions,

Recognizing also that the concept of “migration crisis” serves to capture the complex human mobility consequences of crises,

Mindful of the vulnerability of international migrants in times of crisis, and the need to respond rapidly with immediate life-saving assistance and evacuation,

Mindful also of the need to consider human mobility in crisis preparedness and to address the medium- to long-term consequences of migration crises for individuals and States,

Recognizing IOM’s role and experience as a humanitarian actor and its comparative advantage in addressing the migration dimensions of crises based on its migration management mandate and expertise,

Reaffirming the importance of IOM’s partnerships with other humanitarian actors and the continued complementarity of IOM’s activities to their mandates, IOM’s on-going commitment and support to existing legal and institutional frameworks; IOM’s role and responsibility within the Inter-Agency Standing Committee as the cluster lead for Camp Coordination and Camp Management in natural disasters, and the complementarity of IOM’s migration management expertise and established humanitarian mechanisms,

Hereby:

1. Thanks the Director General for this initiative;
 2. Welcomes IOM's Migration Crisis Operational Framework;
 3. Requests the Director General to apply the Migration Crisis Operational Framework in implementing IOM's activities on the basis of the existing funding mechanisms of IOM in cooperation with its partners;
 4. Further requests the Director General to report to the IOM Council on a regular basis on the application of the Migration Crisis Operational Framework;
 5. Encourages Member States to utilize the Migration Crisis Operational Framework to enhance their own preparedness and response capacity to migration crises, with support from IOM.
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