Sr. Viceministro de Relaciones Exteriores, Claudio de la Puente,

Excellencies, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen,

IOM is honoured to have been a co-organizer of this important gathering with our generous host, the Government of Peru. Thank you!

I come away from this meeting ever more convinced about the continued relevance of RCPs and IRF in addressing global migration challenges on the basis of consensus, the value of sharing migration-related benefits without compromising their sovereign prerogatives, and the need to overcome migration challenges that might otherwise prove intractable.

Several issues have come up in the course of our two days of deliberations that I would like to very briefly touch upon as we close:

1) The need for enhanced information exchange between RCPs has come up repeatedly, most prominently at the 2009 Global RCP Meeting. This led to the development of a dedicated space on the IOM website that provides a platform through which RCPs can make available information on their work that they wish to share with RCPs from other regions. While this platform is up and running, the challenge we face is that of making this information exchange
platform a reliable source of up to date information. I therefore take this opportunity to emphasize that this website can only be as good as the inputs it receives from you, the RCPs that requested its establishment.

2) Dialogue between states has and will continue to expand at an exponential rate at the global, regional and inter-regional levels. The growth in the number and remit of RCPs reflects this expansion, as does your presence here in Lima to participate in this global RCP meeting that we continue to hold on a biennial basis – this meeting being the fourth one. Your governments clearly appreciate the importance of dialogue and cooperation, which today is ever more essential to tackling migration challenges in the collaborative manner that is critical to achieving positive outcomes for states and for migrants.

That said, our discussions also reveal that the question of how these regional, inter-regional and global processes can or should interact with each other remains a continuously evolving matter. Linked by common challenges, common structures and common membership, but separated by different scales and agendas, it seems reasonable to suggest that they could move forward in mutually complementary and reinforcing ways. The insights our discussions here in Lima have yielded will hopefully go some way towards suggesting possible modes of interaction and engagement going forward, bringing together all relevant stakeholders.
This October 2013 second United Nations General Assembly High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development (HLD) in New York raises the question of what structures and mechanisms would be most suitable to further facilitate regular and constructive interaction between and amongst the regional, inter-regional and global dialogue and cooperation mechanisms. This question is also relevant to development of the UN post-2015 Development Agenda and to the role of the Global Migration Group.

In this regard, I note with satisfaction that this gathering of RCPs, IRF and regional bodies, has risen to the challenge put to it by the UNGA in its resolution (A/RES/65/170) of March 2011 by agreeing an outcome document – a Chair’s Summary that details some of the key points and outcomes from this 4th Global Meeting of RCP Chairs and Secretariats, and more importantly, by making specific recommendations for consideration by the Secretary General and the General Assembly in the context of the 2nd HLD.

I therefore leave Lima with little doubt that this 4th Global meeting of RCP Chairs and Secretariats will make important contributions to and influence, even if only modestly, the deliberations and outcomes of the second HLD.

In closing, I wish to reiterate IOM's gratitude to the Governments of Switzerland and the United States, whose generous contributions have made this meeting possible, and to acknowledge the support either financial or in-kind of several other donors to the continued functioning of many RCPs.
Sr Viceministro quisiera agradarle en mi nombre, en nombre de la OIM y, estoy segura, en el nombre de los otros participantes, al Gobierno y al pueblo del Perú, por su hospitalidad habitual durante estos dos días. Ha sido un placer para nosotros colaborar con la Cancillería y todos sus colegas que nos han acompañado en la preparación y realización de esa Conferencia.

Finalmente, no podría concluir esta reunión sin agradecerle a mis colegas en la OIM de Ginebra, Nueva York y Lima por todo el trabajo que han realizado en la preparación y organización de esta reunión.

I thank you very much.