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**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.