

INTERNATIONAL DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION 2013
DIASPORA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE

18 and 19 June 2013

H.E. Md. Abdul Hannan

Closing Remarks

Honourable Ministers,
Dear Deputy Director General,
Excellencies,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

After two days of intensive work and many interesting contributions, the time has come to close this Diaspora Ministerial Conference. We have had very thought provoking discussions over the last two days. We have learned a lot from each other, have heard about good practices and some less successful approaches, have received some suggestions to prioritize action at national and international level and IOM has heard the suggestions for new programmes and projects. I would like to sincerely thank the Honourable Ministers and other delegations for coming to Geneva and participating in this meeting to raise various aspects that relate to the Diaspora.

I am sure this will form a useful input to the High Level Dialogue.

What we can say with certainty is that transnational societies are part of the international agenda and will remain there, and that exchange of experiences among practitioners – and here I include political leaders who deal with diasporas – has proven to be useful.

While we have not aimed for a negotiated outcome of our deliberations, a summary of the meeting has been prepared by the Secretariat that will reflect many of the salient points raised. This is not an exhaustive exercise. A detailed report will be prepared by the Secretariat and will be made available to all.

With your permission I shall now request Mr. Peter Schatzer to read out the summary of the meeting.