

**Statement of disassociation of paragraph 12 of the Progress Declaration**

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**Thank you, Mr. president,**

Consistent with our objection during the consideration of this Progress Declaration at the closing meeting of the Migration Review Forum, Ethiopia rejects paragraph 12 of the progress declaration that attempts to establish unfounded link between migration and water scarcity. We underscore, the progress declaration is not a consensus document.

Ethiopia's intention remains preserving the carefully negotiated document of the GCM intact. Paragraph 12 of the progress declaration amounts to amending the language of the GCM.

For this reason, regardless of the Declaration's non-binding status, Ethiopia disassociates from the current paragraph 12 of the Progress Declaration. Ethiopia will not accept, in any future deliberations, paragraph 12 as a basis for discussion or negotiation.

We request this statement and the statements made during the consideration of the Progress Declaration on May 20<sup>th</sup> 2022 to be made part of the official records of this meeting.

I thank you.