

34th STANDING COMMITTEE ON PROGRAMMES AND FINANCE
Agenda Item 5: Presentation by the Director General
GCM Champions Draft Statement

**Excellencies,
Director General,
Colleagues,**

1. El Salvador is honored to deliver this statement on behalf of the GCM 35 Champion Countries which are member and observer States of the IOM.
2. The GCM Champion Countries would like to extend warm greetings to the Chair, the Director General, the bureau, and the representatives of relevant stakeholders attending this meeting.
3. We congratulate Ambassador Ana Cecilia Gervasi from Peru on her appointment as the Second Vice-President of the Council. We are pleased to have a Champion Country as a member of the bureau. We wish her a successful mandate and assure her of our full support in her role.
4. We thank Ms. Amy Pope, Director General, for her presentation of the 2023 annual report and commend the fact that IOM's 2024-2028 Strategic Plan prioritizes contributing to the full implementation of the GCM through its three main objectives, designed to ensure that the Organization works in a joined-up, data-driven and efficient manner. This demonstrates a shared vision to work together and do our utmost for the welfare of migrants worldwide, particularly the world's most vulnerable.
5. We also support the efforts of the IOM to restructure and strengthen the institutional and administrative aspects of the Organization. This will contribute to facilitate prompt and effective responses in the field, in line with its mandate and the Strategic Plan, contributing to the implementation of the GCM and the Agenda 2030.
6. As GCM Champion Countries, we reaffirm our commitment to enhancing cooperation, mobilizing support, and exchanging best practices to ensure the success of the implementation of the GCM. We aim to contribute to the realization of safe, orderly, and regular migration for all migrants, including women and girls, and their families, while adopting a human rights based approach during at the different stages of the human mobility cycle of human mobility.
7. Therefore, we consider the IOM, including as coordinator of the UN Network on Migration, and its SCPF as valuable platforms to support member States in achieving the ambitious roadmap set forth by the GCM, and we appreciate the alignment of priorities between the Organization and the Initiative, especially under the co-chairmanship of Morocco and El Salvador, to address the challenges and unlock the potential of migration. This includes efforts to tackle the negative impacts of climate change, promote positive migration narratives, and facilitate regular migration pathways, through leadership, partnerships, advocacy, and communication.

8. Regarding the topics for the discussion in this session, Climate Change and Data, we would like to:

- Reiterate the guidance outlined in the GCM, particularly in Objectives 2, 5, and 23, on addressing the interactions between human mobility and climate change, highlighting the need for urgent actions to adapt to and mitigate the adverse effects of climate change, as well as to cooperate in identifying, developing, and strengthening comprehensive solutions for migrants compelled to leave their countries of origin due to climate change or natural disasters, recognizing that these crisis do not affect everyone equally and can exacerbate existing vulnerabilities.
- Emphasize our support for GCM Objectives 1 and 3, which focus on enhancing global governance of international migration, by investing in the collection, analysis, and sharing of accurate and reliable migration data, as well as providing timely and transparent information on migration matters, for and between states, communities and official institutions, ensuring that this data supports research, informs evidence-based policymaking, and enables effective monitoring of commitments while respecting international human rights law, including the right to privacy and data protection.

9. Finally, as GCM Champions Countries, we will keep firm in our leading role and raise our voices in advocating for the rights, welfare, and security of all migrants. As we approach the upcoming GCM Regional Reviews and the 2026 International Migration Review Forum, we reiterate our strong commitment to contributing with robust outcomes, recognizing the importance of regional diversity of our Initiative, towards advancing the Global Compact for orderly, safe, and regular migration.

10. We invite other member states to join us in this effort.

Thanks.