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IOM–UN RELATIONS

The Council,

Reaffirming the purposes and functions of the Organization as set out in the IOM Constitution and other relevant documents and decisions of the Council,

Bearing in mind the long-standing relationship and collaboration between IOM and the United Nations,

Recalling the Cooperation Agreement between IOM and the United Nations, dated 25 June 1996,

Considering the report submitted to the Council by the Standing Committee on Programmes and Finance, document S/17/14, reflecting the work of the Working Group on IOM–UN Relations and the IOM Strategy,

Considering also the requirement affirmed by Member States that the Organization be able to continue to fulfil its mandate while it stays coordinated with the international agenda,

1. *Expresses its appreciation* to the Chairperson of the Working Group on IOM–UN Relations and the IOM Strategy for the way in which he has guided its work in 2015, building on the good work of the Chairperson of the Working Group in 2014;

2. *Requests* the Director General of IOM to formally approach the United Nations to convey to it the views of IOM Member States as set out in subparagraphs (a) to (c) below and develop with it a way in which the legal basis of the relationship between IOM and the United Nations could be improved, based on the following essential elements and under the explicit condition that these essential elements as contained below in subparagraphs (a) and (b) be preserved in fulfilling the requirements of subparagraph (c):

- (a) IOM is the global lead agency on migration and is an intergovernmental, non-normative organization with its own constitution and governance system, featuring a predominantly projectized budgetary model and a decentralized organizational structure. The Organization must, in addition to these features, also retain the following attributes to which its Member States attach importance: responsiveness, efficiency, cost-effectiveness and independence;
- (b) IOM is an essential contributor in the field of migration and human mobility, in the protection of migrants' rights, and in operational activities related to migrants, displaced people and migration-affected communities, including in the areas of resettlement and returns. It has, over time, accumulated a wide and unique range of real world experiences. IOM must be in a position to continue to play this essential and experience-based role;
- (c) In order for IOM to continue to play such leading and essential roles and also for IOM's practical experience to be counted in and to be recognized at the level of United Nations decision-making bodies, the Organization should seek to become a member of key coordination mechanisms, including, but not limited to, the United Nations Chief Executives Board for Coordination and its three pillars, the High-level Committee on Programmes, the High-level Committee on Management and the United Nations Development Group; the Regional UNDG Teams and the United Nations country teams; the Inter-Agency Standing Committee; and the Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs. The Organization should also continue its membership in the Inter-Agency Security Management Network and in country-level security management teams;

3. *Also requests* that the Director General report back on his discussions on a continuous basis to the Member States through the Working Group on IOM–UN Relations and the IOM Strategy, including on the cost implications that the envisaged improved legal arrangements would entail;

4. *Further requests* that, in light of his discussions, the Director General develop proposals for improved legal arrangements with the United Nations which the Council could evaluate and upon which it could act at one of its future sessions.
