

Seat Agreement between the Kingdom of Morocco and ICMPD

Signing Ceremony, DG Remarks

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Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a great pleasure for me to be here today together with Ambassador Director General of the Kingdom of Morocco Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, Fouad Yazouh, and I am very happy to welcome you to this ceremony at the occasion of the signing of the Seat Agreement between the Kingdom of Morocco and my organisation, the International Centre for Migration Policy Development.

The cooperation in all areas of migration governance between the Kingdom of Morocco and the ICMPD has a long history. But I think it is even more important that our joint initiatives have always supported the principles of partnership between all countries and regions linked by international migration flows.

This very much reflects our conviction that all sides have to work together on migration issues, that all sides have interests that must be reflected, that all sides have to benefit, and that all areas of migration governance must have their place in a functioning and beneficial migration partnership.

The Seat Agreement will help to strengthen our relations even further and provide the basis for promoting our joint cooperation framework. We are very grateful for that. And we hope that this important step for us will also make a relevant contribution to better migration governance in the Mediterranean region and beyond.

Today, we experience perhaps the most challenging times since the end of the Second World War, in terms of the geopolitical situation, in terms of the global economic situation but also in terms of migration, flight and displacement.

We need to stand together as partners and we need to work together as friends when we want to meet the many challenges ahead of us. But we should also work even harder on reaping the benefits of migration, in terms of labour mobility, of development and of economic cooperation.

Ladies and gentlemen, let me reiterate our commitment to support the Kingdom of Morocco wherever possible in assuming these important tasks. And let me thank you, Mr. Ambassador Director General and all your colleagues once more for the trust you have put in our organisation, the great dedication to prepare this agreement and the will to lift our cooperation to an even higher level.

Thank you very much.