

## **Panel 2. International cooperation and governance of migration in transit, on entry and at borders**

1. Thank you very much Mr. Chair. Italy aligns itself with the statement delivered by the European Union and wishes to add the following remarks in a national capacity.
2. Italy recognizes that the enforcement of border control is an essential instrument to reduce irregular migration, fight smuggling and human trafficking as well as an important element of security for States. In order to pursue such enforcement Italy recognize the importance of enhancing law enforcement cooperation in order to drive down cross-border trafficking and tackle illicit financial flows, supports the principle of shared responsibility in border management and promotes a common responsibility approach in managing the flows to ensure a safe and orderly migration, in protecting people on the move, in enforcing border control, and in tackle issues relating to transnational organized crime, terrorism and illicit trade
3. Recalling that Countries do have rights and responsibilities to manage and control their borders, Italy also recommends investing in capacity building for local authorities dealing with border management and migrants reception in countries of origin, transit and destination, in order to ensure the safety and dignity of all migrants as well as the protection of their human rights and fundamental freedom.
4. As a way to avoid statelessness, effectively combat trafficking and improve assistance to migrants, Italy also advices sponsoring civil registry systems enhancement and digitalization in countries of origin.
5. Finally, Italy encourages the collection of disaggregated data on migration phenomena, especially on minors, and improving data sharing among States in order to avoid disappearance and combat trafficking and to better analyze migration issues.