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The International Organisation for Migration Congratulates the NDPHS for the important achievements to date and for the steps taken for establishing of a Partnership Secretariat with its own legal capacity. IOM particularly welcomes the Prison Health EG work and the Prison Health Declaration as it also relates to IOM's work for better health in detention centres.

IOM is Inter-Governmental body with 127 Member States committed to principle that well managed migration benefits migrants and societies. There is an increasing international recognition of the health related dimension of migration, and a consensus on the need of Regional and Global health management strategies. IOM has a long standing experience working in the Region in areas such as:

- Health assessments and travel health assistance
- Health promotion and direct assistance for migrants, Roma, as well as for victims of trafficking.
- Health policy, research and work on mobility of health professionals.

IOM looks forward to continue collaboration in these areas as well as expound in others where IOM is already active such as public health and border management, emergency and inclusive pandemic preparedness and training.

Providing for the physical, mental and social well-being of migrants, regardless of their individual migration status, finds its justification on basic and shared societal values - such as equity, solidarity and participation - and is also necessary for the protection and promotion of the health of all.

Although the Migrant Health agenda has gained significant momentum over the past years, with the Portuguese 2007 Presidency, the Council of Europe Bratislava Declaration on migrants' right to health, the Lisbon 2009 Migration Health EU Consultation, difficulties remain in translating its vision in coherent policies and programmes. In May 2010, Member States are to report to the WHA on the endorsed by all WHA 2008 resolution on Health of Migrants: IOM is currently working with WHO on a Global Consultation on the subject, which will be held March 3-5th 2010. IOM calls for the NDPHS 'active participation.