

Intervention of the Holy See

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Mr. Chairman

My delegation congratulates you and the bureau on your election.

A globalised economy has given rise to the growing unity of the human family but at the same time this interdependence continues to divide our world and our people through increasing social and economic inequalities. Such social and economic inequalities have forced individuals, families and

Migrants are members of the human family, struggling with the challenges we all face, often times under infinitely harsher circumstances. This should augur for the establishment of a stronger sense of solidarity between peoples and amongst nations.

Mr. Chairman,

Migrant's courageous pursuit of development for the good of their families naturally predisposes them to serve as an inspiration for their host communities. This human capital is a source of immense social and economic potential which must be nurtured or risk being squandered.

The Secretary General reports an increase by some 60 million of the number of international

migrants during the past 20 years, most of which migrate from developing to developed countries –