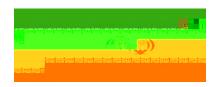
In the Name of the Most High



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In the Name of God

The Compassionate, The Merciful

Mr. Chairman,

At the outset I would like to congratulate you and the bureau members for being elected to lead the 46th session of the Commission on Population and Development. I would like also to thanket Secretary-General for his reports.

Recognizing the significant link betweengraition and developent, I would like to highlight the importance of the spend High-level Dialogueon International Migration and Developmentlyhich will be held during the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly. I would like also to stress on the importance of the discussion on the overall theme of "Ideviting concrete measures to strengthen coherence and cooperanti at all levels, with a view enhancing the benefits of international migration for migrants and uptrize alike and its important links to development, while reducints negative implications.

My delegation would also like to take **eco**f the report by the ecretary General, which, among other things, states that **grat**ion has increased in volume, scope, complexity and impact since the adoptiof the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population added velopment, and it is an intrinsic feature of a globalizing world in whice conomic, social, demographic, political and environmental factors all play an important role.

Mr. Chairman,

The Islamic Republic of Iran urges all member states, thunited Nations system and other relevant organizations to take further effective measures and actions to address the challenges fadeog all migrants in vulnerable situations, especially those who had to migrate because footfeign occupation and armed conflict; and *calls up* on all member states to address the root causes of this situation. We believe that the international community should enforce and strengthen effective measures to prevencombat and eliminate all forms of trafficking in persons, to counter the demand for traffickied ims and to protect the victims, in particular women, girls and childres ubjected to forced labour, sexual or commercial exploitation, violence or sexual abuse. Additionally, we also *strongly condemn* the manifestations and acts of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and lated intolerance, namely religious intolerance against migrants especially muslim migrants and emphasize that these heinous manifestations and acts the eradicated, inter alia, through combating impunity for the perpetrators.

My delegation is, furthermore, of the opinion that the negative impact of global financial crises on the life of migrans should be mitigated hrough appropriate national mechanisms and international cooperation.

Mr. Chairman,

The new trends in migration should bensidered by the international community in a way to be beneficial to the futu In conclusion Mr. Chairman,

The Islamic Republic of Iran, remainsooperative with all states and the United Nations system and otherleneant organizations especially through UNFPA office and IOM office in Tehran toneet the challenges of gration as well as making migration an opportunity for creatingbætter world for all in the future.

I thank you Mr. Chair.