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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

At the outset, allow me to thank you, Mr. Chair, for your able stewardship of the 46th session of the Commission on Population and Development. I would also like to thank the other members of the Bureau for their leadership, as well as the Secretariat for their invaluable work.

Migration is a global issue that is gaining more and more attention—particularly as the international community begins to reflect on the development agenda beyond 2015.

The link between migration and development is not new. What is new, however, is the increasing speed of global mobility—and its effects, whether positive or negative, cannot be ignored.

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in times of turmoil—and were forced to leave their economic capital behind. There were high rates of people who were elderly, disabled, sick and devoid of work capacity.

Mr. Chairman,

Israel developed a broad range of policies and initiatives to facilitate the integration of new immigrants

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improving their achievements in matriculation exams and reducing their drop-out rate, by providing
scholastic assistance and empowerment and leadership training. A variety of programs also exist to assist