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Statement on behalf of the European Union

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Mr. Chairperson,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the European Union. The Acceding Countries Bulgaria and Romania, the Candidate Countries Turkey, Croatia¹ and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia¹, the Countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro and the EFTA Country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area as well as Ukraine and the Republic of Moldova align themselves with this declaration

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As this is the first time for Austria to take the floor during this session of the Commission

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the multi-dimensional aspects of migration and development that he has been requested

can gain autonomy through migration, but they can also experience discrimination and exploitation. Special consideration must be given to the violence deriving from all forms of trafficking in and smuggling of human beings, which disproportionately affects women, adolescents and children. Here we need to create/increase awareness together with

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estimated to be 2.2 times higher than that of ODA. Remittances are private resources

and, therefore, the high levels should not cause a decline in ODA. Remittances contribute to the advancement and living of migrants and communities. The EU is

working on proposals for providing more secure faster and cheaper transfer methods