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Thank you for the opportunity to address this Commission on the subject of international migration and development, an issue that is widely recognized as extremely important in an era of increasing global interdependence.

International migration is a complex phenomenon of a global nature and with many dimensions. As Chairman of the recent 44th session of the Commission for Social Development, I would like to focus my remarks today on the social dimensions of migration. At its recent session, the Commission for Social Development decided to transmit to the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development at the

61st Session of the General Assembly, the Chairman's Message on Social Development held

Besides improving communication and disseminating accurate facts, an equally great effort is needed to producing reliable information and data adjusted to the changing realities of international migration. Moreover, an active involvement of governments and other national and international, public and private actors is required. As international migration is still primarily the result of income and resource differences and imbalances between countries and regions, the effects of international economic, trade and financial trends and policies on employment and income opportunities in countries of emigration should be carefully assessed. All forms of international cooperation are linked. Also, strengthened and effective international cooperation on migration and the situation of migrants will depend on the quality and coherence of related national policies.

Mr. Chairman,

A social perspective on international migration and the situation of migrants is a