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The main conclusions of the Secretary-General reports for this session coincide with the positions adopted by the Brazilian Government in regard to international migration and development. We consider that international migration is a genuinely global issue, which constitutes a pivotal component of the development agenda, encompassing issues that affect

access to medical and educational public services to immigrants, in a spirit of respect for the human rights of migrants, including their social and labour rights. In doing so, we are acting out of the belief that, regardless of the migratory status of an individual, the State in

international standards.

We are also starting to implement the consular registration of Brazilian citizens living abroad, inspired in a successful initiative by the Mexican Government. This will enable consular authorities to issue an I.D. that will help the government to better assist Brazilian citizens living abroad. A pilot project is being implemented by the Brazilian

Furthermore, programmes with the objective of providing advice to returning

citizens who wish to establish new businesses with the means of financing their business

