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Mr. Chairman,

I have the honour to speak on behalf of the Member States of the Rio Group: Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.

Permit me to extend congratulations to you on your election as Chairman and to commend the other members elected to serve on the Bureau. We are confident that your leadership will ensure the success of the Rio Group's efforts to promote economic and social development in Latin America.

rights of migrants, especially women, and the establishment of frameworks to promote circular migration.

In particular, the Group encourages countries to consider acceding to the principal international agreement in this area, the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families.

Mr. Chairman,

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