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COMMISSION ON POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

ON

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INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

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Mr. Chairman,

My delegation joins others in congratulating you on your election as the Chairman of the 39th Session. We are confident that under your able leadership you and the other members of the Bureau will be able to steer this session to a fruitful outcome in preparation for the High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development due to be held in September this year.

2. We thank the Secretary General for his reports. We fully agree with the Secretary General on the importance of building and strengthening the capacities of governments and other

stakeholders to meet the challenges posed by international migration. We also fully support the

important elements mentioned in the report that have the potential for policy interventions which can enhance positive development impacts and can bring mutually beneficial solutions for both countries of origin and destinations as well as for the migrants themselves.

3. Malaysia believes that it is most timely that the issue of international migration and

of foreign workers with work permits accounted for 15.0 per cent of the Malaysian labour force in 2005. Currently and in the future, Malaysia's intake of foreign workers will continue to be guided essentially by our policy to move to technology-intensive and higher value added

make no effort to avail themselves of the available reproductive health care services, many of which are preventive in nature.

12. Malaysia views the issue of trafficking in persons, in particular women and girls, with great concern and is currently working with various agencies to strengthen the measures to prevent and