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Thank you Mr. Chairman.

As this is the first time for the Netherlands to take the floor, I congratulate you and your colleagues of the bureau with your election.

The Netherlands fully aligns itself with the statement made by the EU presidency. I use

The days are over when immigration policies and development policies were seen as

separate. In the 1990s, governments realised that both immigration and emigration

have an effect on development, sometimes positive, sometimes negative. In the Netherlands, we work towards a whole-of-government approach which ensures that migration and development policies reinforce each other.

Policy coherence on migration and development starts at home. Since 2004, the

Finally, Mr Chairman,

We acknowledge that the discussions this week and during the High Level Dialogue will not focus on refugees and internally displaced persons. However, we should not forget about this group and should keep the important link between migration and refugees and internally displaced persons in mind.