



# SWEDEN

STATEMENT

by

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Mr Chairperson,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,

Let me begin by congratulating you, Mr. Chairperson, and the other members of the

Sweden fully aligns itself with the joint statement presented by Austria on behalf of

also very much welcome that the European Union is now preparing the first coherence report.

Remittances are a concrete evidence of the potential development impact of migration. They provide relief to poor individuals, families and communities. Also more indirectly, remittances can support a more vibrant economy by expanding job markets. But this is also an area where more coherence is needed. Too much money is lost on the way. We should work to reduce the transaction costs and facilitate the flows, as well as enhancing the development effects of remittances.

Human mobility is contributing to global development in other ways, and that is probably even more important. A hundred years ago more than a million Swedes left my country to go to America. Every fourth person came back home. They made an important contribution to development in both Sweden and America.

reunification, full access to the labour market and to the social benefits' system.

A migration policy with the aim of managing migration is in everybody's interest – countries of origin and destination as well as migrants themselves.

Mr Chairperson,