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devastated by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. It looked into diaspora networks, circular and return migration and how they contribute to technological transfers and the development of the community of origin.

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proposed Inter-agency Global Migration Facility will ensure a more coherent and effective institutional response to the opportunities and challenges presented by international migration. It looks forward to working with the high-level inter-institutional group to identify existing overlaps and gaps, explore the pooling of institutional expertise and develop the modalities of the Global Migration Facility. UNFPA can utilize its network of regional technical teams and national Country Offices to advocate for, and facilitate, policy dialogue, planning, capacity building, data collection and dissemination, and consultations.

D. CONCLUSION

International migration has important social and economic implications for countries of origin and destination, as well as for the migrants themselves. The challenge before the international community is to harness the potential of migration in such a way as to minimize the costs and maximize the benefits for both sending and receiving areas while preserving the basic rights of individual migrants including female migrants in order to spur development and facilitate the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals.

Addressing the challenges of international migration requires a high degree of coordination and inter-State cooperation and collaboration both regionally and at the international level. It requires awareness and understanding of the social and economic implications of migration, the political will to manage migration flows and to address the consequences of migration, institutional capacity and trained staff, and resources to manage migration flows.

UNFPA looks forward to the discussions of international migration and development in 2006 at the Commission on Population and Development and the High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development at the sixty-first session of the General Assembly. Both events will provide the international community with a forum for discussion of the implications as well as the challenges and opportunities presented by international migration.