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Mr. Chairman, distinguished Delegates,

It is a pleasure to open this

continue to dispel the many commonly held myths about international migration. The Commission also has a special capacity to raise awareness about the existing-and significant-information gaps. Overcoming these gaps needs to be a top priority, for we all know that, without sound information, policy responses will most likely remain inadequate.

In considering the migration-development nexus, we must recall that migration is an integral part of the ongoing development of both sending and receiving countries, irrespective of
their current development level. So our real subject here is international migration and global
development, not only of economies but of societies, bearing in mind that the implications of
international migration play out differently, depending on a country's stage of development and
also other factors, such as size and location relative to the more dynamic economies.

From a global perspective, international migration has an overall positive impact on
development. In theory, efficiencies flowing from i2B7 0 Td (only40.85Tc 1.496lesciencies)T1.0035 Tc 11.cmtd