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FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT THE GENERAL DEBATE OF THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING ON
ADDRESSING LARGE MOVEMENTS OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES**

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that many of their citizens needed protection in other countries during the two world wars.

Mr. President,

Facing this multiplied number of asylum-seekers and refugees demands genuine responsibility to international peace and security by the major industrialized countries, as well as the renunciation to their hegemonic interests.

It also requires to substantially modifying the unjust and exclusive international economic order, which is equally vital to address the reasons why millions of people emigrate every year, even risking their lives in search of higher standards of living and increased wellbeing.

The migratory movements will persist if the 836 million people currently living in extreme poverty or the 795 million people starving, basically in the third world, continue to be doomed to this situation. In addition, why does the developed world close its eyes to the substantial contribution received from migrants to achieve its current standard of living, while the latter are victims of economic, cultural and social discrimination?

Mr. President,

International cooperation is therefore vital, ensuring genuine dialogue and collaboration, recognizing the shared responsibility of all States in the field of migration, and respecting the sovereignty and equality of all States and other foundations of the UN Charter, as well as the integrity, dignity and wellbeing of migrants.

However, there are actions by some

