

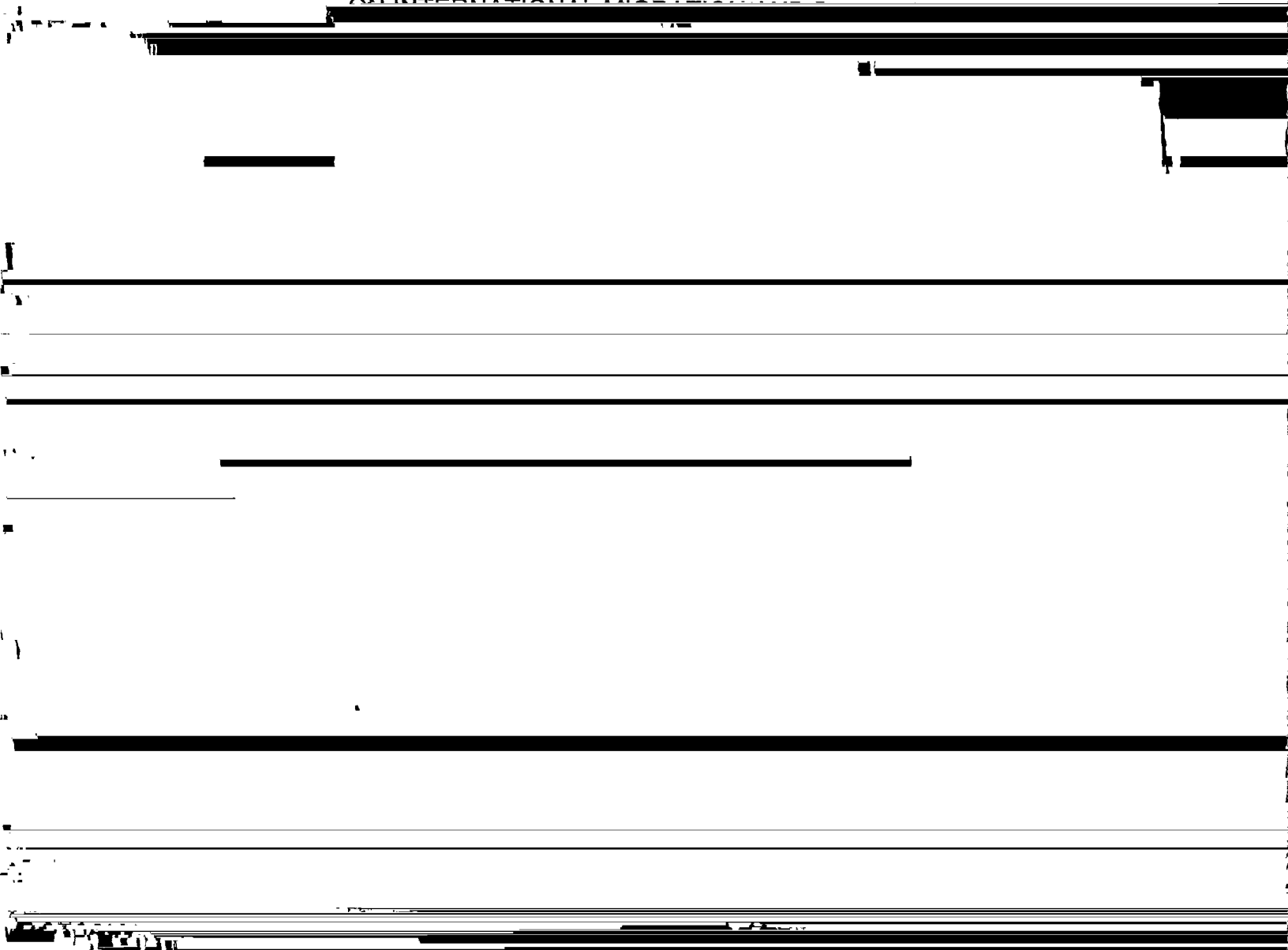


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TO THE HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE

ON INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL



Madame President,

I would like to thank the Secretary General for convening this High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development as well as all those involved in its organization. The decision to hold the High-level Dialogue is a reflection of the broader perspective that states and experts are increasingly adopting in their consideration of issues related to migration.

It has been 12 years since the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD). Canada continues to believe that Chapter 10 of the ICPD Programme of Action provides an important guide for global cooperation on issues related to migration.

Over the past few years, we have witnessed a growing sophistication in the way migration is treated. Linkages between migration and other areas of public policy are being explored in greater depth, an approach that Canada finds valuable.

While it has become commonplace to talk of the impact that globalization is

underway, much remains to be discovered. For those responsible for designing government policy, greater coherence between those parts of government responsible for migration issues and those responsible for development needs to be forged. And between governments there is a need for more communication to raise the level of understanding, so that activities in the future will increase the benefits for all. Not only are the substantive issues important, but so too is the process of governments working through these issues together.

Governments cannot and should not work in isolation. Yet at the same time, it is important that States take the opportunity to reflect upon and refine their own perspectives in order to engage constructively with others. Canada supports

consideration of appropriate mechanisms for civil society and the newly-created Global Migration Groups to provide input into ongoing discussions that States

Madame la Présidente,

Je remercie le Secrétaire général pour avoir convoqué ce Dialogue de haut niveau sur les migrations internationales et le développement, de même que toutes les personnes ayant participé à son organisation. La décision de tenir ce dialogue montre que les États et les experts envisagent de plus en plus les questions migratoires dans une perspective d'ensemble.

Deux ans se sont écoulés depuis la tenue de la Conférence internationale

sur la population et le développement (CIPD). Le Canada continue de croire que

dans ce dossier, il faudra que les intervenants abordent les discussions de façon

ouverte et constructive.

Les liens entre les migrations et le développement sont actuellement étudiés

- Les États devraient jouer le rôle prépondérant, puisqu'il leur incombe de transformer les idées en politiques concrètes.

Je vous remercie, Madame la Présidente.