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## High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development

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Madame President,

My delegation is delighted to see you presiding over our debates, and is sure that under your leadership, we shall achieve the targets that we have proposed.

Madame President,

Due to its complexity, international migration is charged by tensions between globalization and national sovereignty, between best practices and worst realities, **between unilateral and multilateral positions.**

Globalization has turned migration into a transversal affair, closely related

The global approach fully justifies its treatment in a context as inclusive as the United Nations, as the only inter-governmental forum of a global nature. Therefore, the convening of this High-level Dialogue is welcomed, and we should follow it up with all due consideration.

Colombia considers that it is convenient to set up a regular and continuous dialogue, which will allow a general and comprehensive political approach to migration, and should lead to specific mandates for the agencies concerned.

There are other inter-governmental instances whose composition is not universal, and that approach the issue of migration from specific points of

When it comes to considering the agendas for migration and development conjointly we should take into account the global prevailing economic model, which harms local forms of production, and encourages migrant flows to developed countries when the local population has no viable alternative to overcome poverty or generate wealth, invest or save.

With the results of the economic model implemented in Latin America to improve living standards, proposals