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Madam President,

Let me at the outset congratulate you on your election as the President of the 61st session of the General Assembly and assure you of my delegation full support.

We align ourselves with the statement read by the Minister for Home Affairs of South Africa on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Madam President,

The government of the United Republic of Tanzania welcomes this high level dialogue on migration and the opportunity it has provided for putting the issue of migration and development on the international agenda. We welcome the reports prepared by the Secretary General for this dialogue. The reports have provided us with a wealth of information on this issue. The recommendations contained therein provide a basis for our deliberations in this dialogue and material for further discussions. My government welcomes the recommendation in the Secretary General's report A/60/871 for a consultative forum on migration. However, more discussions are needed on the establishment of this forum and the form it should take in view of the on-going reforms of United Nations.

Madam President,

Migration is an old historical phenomenon with varied causes and consequences. The current rising trend of migration can be attributed to many factors including rapid globalization, the advance in transport, communication and technology,

4. Promotion of respect of human rights of migrant workers and their families

Madam President,

There has been much recognition on the volume of the remittances brought by migrant workers and the benefits to their home communities. Its positive impact of individual households' income can be significant but it cannot replace ODA. At the same time we need look into ways of enhancing their productive use as well as reducing their costs of remitting funds. While we cannot prevent migration, my government is also concerned on the issue of brain drain of skilled-as well as brain waste when those skilled migrants are not efficiently utilized. We encourage effective engagement of the Diaspora in contributing to the development of their countries of origin and as well as the transfer of technology from receiving to sending countries.

Madam President,

While it is widely recognized that migration when properly managed is beneficial to both sending and receiving communities, we note also that there is an

undertaken in a safe, informed and dignified manner with full respect to human rights.