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(Madame President of the General Assembly,
Mr. President of the Economic and Social Council,
Mr. Secretary-General,
Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Representatives of International Organizations,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a privilege and honour for me to participate on behalf of the Royal Thai Government in this High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development today. This initiative indeed constitutes the full recognition by the United Nations that international migration is a pressing issue affecting countries across the globe and thus needs comprehensive, concerted and coherent global responses in order to effectively address it.

Thailand would also like to express our appreciation for the Secretary-General's report on international migration and development, which highlights the inter-connection between international migration and development as well as the question of how this phenomenon can benefit countries, be they countries of origin, transit or destination of migrants. We also welcome the report of the Commission on International Migration, which provides a comprehensive overview of international migration in various part

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and human dignity of migrants, irrespective of their documentation status. Migrant workers are empowered to exercise their rights and to have access to resources and remedies through the Thai Government's provision of information, training and education. We have also been promoting legal practices on recruitment of migrant workers, and ensuring access to effective legal remedies for migrants.

Third, we share the views of many previous speakers that multi-dimensional aspects of international migration and development must be taken into account in formulating an effective national migration policy. International migration is linked with diverse policy issues, including development, human rights, human security, trade, health, as well as national security concerns. Therefore, a coherent, comprehensive and integrated migration policy involving multi-stakeholders is crucial to attaining our mutual goal of maximizing the benefits of international migration and minimizing its negative effects.

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