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Your Excellencies Mr. Nasser Bourita and Mr. Vusal Huseynov,  
Excellencies,  
Distinguished delegates,  
Esteemed members of panel,

It is an honour to contribute to roundtable 4 of the first International Migration Review Forum. I would like to thank the President of the General Assembly for extending his kind

Consider, for example, the role of remittances. According to the World Bank, remittance flows to low- and middle-income countries, excluding China, are expected to surpass the sum of foreign direct investment (FDI) and official development assistance (ODA) in the current year. Remittances have provided a critical lifeline during the COVID-19 pandemic, allowing migrant families to maintain access to

In closing, I wish you very fruitful deliberations during this roundtable.

Thank you.

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