

Speaking Notes

UN Symposium in Turin, Wednesday, June 28, 11:00-11:30 am

- b. And it is certainly true that there is much contention surrounding migration.
 - i. There are far too many desperate, courageous people losing their lives, a fact made tragically vivid in the Mediterranean in recent weeks.
 - ii. There is too much manipulation by those who gain by fostering fear;
 - iii. And there are the honest challenges of how to manage our economies and our societies in a world that is changing fast and that we often find difficult to understand.
- c. But all the expectations of gloom and doom I heard when I first undertook my responsibilities as Special Representative have not come to pass—and I trust that they will not.
- d. Since January, I have talked one-on-one with representatives of several dozen governments:
 - i. I have been truly heartened by how nearly every head of state, minister, and ambassador showed a keen interest in learning what other governments are doing.
 - ii. There was also a maturity to their thinking that belied the predictions of intransigence. They understood that:
 - The nature of migration is changing; that it is not a passing phenomenon, but a permanent part of the 21st century landscape; and that this is due in large part to the effects of globalization and to the extraordinary advances in technology and communications.
 - That countries do not have to be antagonists in facing the challenges of migration, that it is not a ;0 6..2 4l.02 8226.2 0.60001 refBT10.02 0 0 1JET386.0.0.2

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