



Madame President:

The Commonwealth of The Bahamas welcomes the holding of this High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, which brings international migration, with all its many facets to the table for discussion and dialogue between Member States. The Bahamas would also like to align itself with statement made by the Honourable Minister of South Africa on behalf of the G77 and China.

The Bahamas fully supports the establishment of a better way to match the

During our brief stay in New York, we will begin dialogue with relevant states with a view to coming up with workable solutions to these most vexing problems. We would like to again welcome this forum to allow member states to discuss matters that concern us all.

Madame President, fellow delegates, I thank you for your attention and it is my sincere hope that we can all work together to come up with workable solutions to ease the burden of illegal migration on receiving States.

Thank you.