

**United Nations Organization High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development
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**Dear Mr. Chairman,
Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Bulgaria welcomes the conduct of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development as a necessary and well-timed step. Our country took active part in all forums related to its preparation.

Bulgaria fully supports the position of the EU delegation expressed at this forum. We share the opinion that the migration can contribute to achieving higher extent of economic and social development. The effectively managed processes of migration can produce a substantial positive result for the sending and the receiving countries. To this end, it is necessary to apply an integrated and successive approach to migration and development and at the same time undertake measures for the integration of the immigrants while respecting their rights.

The Dialogue provides the opportunity to incorporate the migration issue into the agenda for development within the UNO framework. The Forum has the necessary support and capacity to focus the attention for including migration in the development strategies of the different countries.

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