has also been accompanied with more illegal immigrants, human trafficking and other transnational crisis, challenging social security and stability.

migration issue is not an isolated issue. It is closely linked with a wide spectrum of economic and social issues, such as employment, education, medical care and public health. In handling the migration issue, the national governments should give comprehensive consideration to its country's political, economic, social and cultural factors, strengthen coordination among different departments, guide the migration flow in an orderly manner, and enable the immigrants to be integrated into local societies smoothly and make their due contribution to economic and social development.

We should also act in the fundamental interests and unique features of immigrants, genuinely guarantee their political rights and economic and social rights and interests, and fully respect their religious beliefs and cultural traditions. As for the interests adjustments and conflicts caused by migration among different social groups, countries should adopt appropriate measures to resolve them, and avoid politicizing the migration issue. They should try to reduce transaction fee of remittance, enhance the efficiency of remittance usage, create conditions to encourage immigrants to participate in investment trade and return to their own countries to develop, and enable the immigrants to fully play their role in promoting development.

4. Earnest efforts should be made to conduct international cooperation. Migration is a global issue. The international community and especially the countries of origin, transit and destination should strengthen dialogue and cooperation on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, and effectively manage the migration flow. The developed countries should offer necessary financial and technical assistance to the developing countries for their capacity building. The relevant international and regional organizations can play a greater role in this regard.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Chinese Government attaches great importance to the migration issue and the related opportunities and challenges. In recent years, the Chinese Government has kept pace with new development, adjusted its border management policy and raised the entry/exit efficiency to facilitate regular population flow. At the same time, we have acted resolutely and forcefully to oppose and combat illegal migration. We have formulated and improved relevant laws and regulations, intensified law enforcement, and reinforced public education. We have also incorporated into our national

development plan such elements as award foundation, tax reduction and exemption, and simplified entry/ exit procedures to encourage Chinese students aboard to come back to work and reduce the "brain drain". The Chinese side has also taken an active part in international and regional migration cooperation, exchanged experience and cooperated with relevant countries and international organizations on the basis of mutual respect and equal consultation. China has for two successive years worked as APC's coordinator and enhanced dialogue on refugees and migration among Asia-Pacific countries. We are ready to continue to work with others to further promote the normal flow of population at the global level.

Mme. President,

This dialogue marks the beginning of UN deliberations on migration and development. We hope that the international community will make good use of this opportunity to further strengthen dialogue and contribute to world common development.

Thank you, Mme. President.