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The Contribution of Empowered Migrant Women to Development

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human rights based approach to protection of migrants and in particular women and the deregulated Globalized exploitation of labour. Governments have the tools, but are often lacking the political will to ensure that migration and in particular labour migration is governed by human rights rather than only economic factors.

One last recommendation, which I thought might be of interest to you was *that governments were asked to develop practical means effectively implement an inter-ministerial cooperation on migration, gender and development within their own ranks.* – The lack of coherence in migration policies is one of the greatest challenges faced for us today. In most governments a number of ministries deal with one aspect or another of migration – ministries of labour, foreign affairs, justice, home affairs, development, to name only a few, are usually involved. This cooperation is crucial to finally enable policy coherence within governments.

As IOM, we remain committed to work for the implementation of these recommendations into the development cooperation agendas, as well as the mainstreaming of migration into national development strategies, including Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers.

The gender dimension of international migration constitutes an important topic to be discussed at the General Assembly's High Level Dialogue on International Migration and -e u.ati1 TD () Tj 0 -121