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Brazil's closing statement

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Mr. Chair,

Brazil aligns itself with the statement read by Tunisia on behalf of a cross-regional group of countries. In national capacity, and in addition what has been said, we would like to make the following remarks.

We deeply regret that consensus has not been reached for the adoption of the draft resolution on the special theme of this Commission. We understand that human mobility, sustainable cities and international migration are all issues at the heart of population and development dynamics. Therefore, it is very unfortunate that we have been prevented from adopting a text that is firmly based on previously agreed language and that reflects a delicate balance among the different views and priorities of all the countries in this Commission. This final turn of events, in our view, seriously jeopardize the work of the CPD.

Allow me thank the facilitator, Ms Zandi Bhengu, for the excellent and tireless work done. Your kindness and sensibility will all delegations, together with your relentless impetus to guide us towards consensus, will not be forgotten.

I would also like to thank the delegation of Singapore, especially Ms Yasmin Ali, for their constructive, diligent and loyal work by our side on the migration package. We truly believe that the result of our work is testimony to the fact that it is possible to reach consensus on issues related to migration.

Mr. Chair,

In what regards migration, Brazil reaffirms the New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants. We will always advocate that we cannot go below the aspirations and standards that we set therein. Rather, we should strive to build upon them, in order to make a difference in the lives of millions of migrants and their families around the world.

We believe that States have the obligation to respect the human rights of all migrants, regardless of their migration status. We should strive to further build a positive narrative about international migration, where “Migration works for all”. In addition, we strongly believe that States should develop policies in order for all migrants to be able to access basic social services, regardless of their migration status, since, for instance, the promotion of good health and well-being, inclusive and quality education and access to justice for all, are an integral and essential part of the goals that all Member States have agreed upon in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Finally, we would like to affirm, loud and clear, that Brazil remains absolutely committed to the ongoing intergovernmental negotiations on the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, and that we are of the view that the failure to adopt the draft resolution in this Commission will not affect the outcomes of the GCM in any way. We will tirelessly work for this goal, and we call upon all Members of this Commission to join us in this effort.

I thank you.