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*Mme. President, Ladies and Gentlemen,*

Hungary would like to express its pleasure in seeing the present High-Level Dialogue taking place as a result of the thorough preparatory work of UN Member States. We believe it is both desirable and useful to launch a multi-faceted international coordination process in the wake of this event of high symbolic importance. As a part of this process, we support every constructive joint elaboration of ideas and approaches on the bilateral, regional and where appropriate, international community level.

We believe it is a major task of this follow-up process to boost the efficiency of the cooperation among international organisations working with migration. Hungary therefore welcomes the creation of the Global Migration Group as an initiative integrating migration and development organisations.

International migration is a remarkably diversified and dynamically changing phenomenon. Hence, also Hungary's role in migration flows has been changing in the past one and a half decades (since its transition from a communist country to parliamentary democracy). During this period, from a country producing migrants (and during the middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, also refugees) Hungary has become more and more a transit and receiving country. Today, out of the four main migration routes leading to the EU, Hungary is at the crossroads of two: the East and the South-East migration routes. Hungary has very positive experiences regarding regional initiatives and intergovernmental forms of cooperation dealing with migration. For the support of a multi-faceted international coordination process, we support the elaboration of an international consultative forum based on the cooperation of governments.

We are happy to work closely with all UN Member States in a form of a cooperation as suggested by the idea of the Global Migration Forum. We believe that an international structure involving interested UN Member States can build on the extremely important experiences of regional consultative processes. However Hungary cannot support the creation of another agency or organisation, instead, we encourage further cooperation of already existing international organisations and regional initiatives.

**It was our pleasure to host the GCIM Regional Hearing for Europe in November 2004.** I would like to take this opportunity to thank the great work of the members of the Global Commission and the staff of the GCIM secretariat, performed during the elaboration of the GCIM report and thereafter.

Migration issues are related to several policy areas of outstanding importance. These include among others, poverty alleviation, state sovereignty, individual fundamental rights, global economy and employment, environment issues, health and security.

It is of course hardly possible to cover all the connections to these areas in a high level discussion as the present one.

*Mme President, Ladies and Gentlemen,*

The present High-Level Dialogue has to deal with both horizontal and more technical issues. However, it is of great importance to **primarily focus on the practical aspects of the positive connection between migration and development**. Hence we believe it is essential to cover enhancement of the development impact of a migrant remittances, sharing best practices of circular migration schemes, and *the coordination of the follow-up to the present event*.

The first discussion of migration issues under the auspices of the UN definitely has to present all relevant approaches and aspects, in order to show the colourful picture of the international migration landscape.

Although we are all familiar with the fact that this landscape also includes numerous alarming points, I hope that by mutual extension of each others' viewpoints, delegations will find ways to use migration and development issues for their common benefit, and produce concrete results as soon as possible.

Thank you Mme Chair.