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There are enormous gains to be made by lowering costs related to migrat on, such as the transfer costs of remit ances and fees paid to recruiters, especially by low-skilled migrant workers. In addit on, countries can strengthen the benef ts of migrat on by enhancing the portability of social security and other acquired rights, and by promot ng the mutual recognit on of diplomas, qualif cat ons and skills.

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Member States should commit to the eliminat on of all forms of exploitat on af ect ng migrants, especially traf cking in persons and other forms of modern-day slavery. Areas of act on include discouraging the demand that fosters human traf cking, ensuring the protect on of vict ms, prosecuting of enders and ensuring that companies eliminate forced labour from their global supply chains.

The plight of migrants unable to return to their country of origin as a result of humanitarian crises in their country of dest nat on or transit has of en been overlooked. Member States should strengthen their capacities to assist migrants and their families in crisis situat ons through bet er

preparedness, expanded consular assistance and assisted voluntary evacuat on, return and reinte-