

Madam President,
Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me to join others before me in expressing my satisfaction to participate at this High-Level-Dialogue on International Migration and Development as it allows us an excellent opportunity for an exchange of views on this complex issue, providing new insights into a global phenomenon of migration.

As Croatia has already aligned itself with the statement of the European Union, I will limit my statement to the national policies of Croatia.

Let me reiterate at the very beginning one of the messages from the Report of the

Secretary General on International Migration and Development, namely that each of us holds a piece of migration puzzle, but none has the whole picture. It is time to start

workers, employ foreigners. This shows that Croatia might face a growing demand for skilled and highly skilled workers in the nearer future. In addition, if negative demographic trends continue, a necessity to develop a forward-looking policy seems imminent.

Recognizing the important role of scientists in development, the Government of Croatia and a group of prominent scientists have launched a return migration program.

