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## **MINISTERIAL STATEMENT ON MIGRATION**

1. We, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the OSCE participating States, welcome the report prepared on the OSCE work in the area of migration since 2005 and express our appreciation and continued support for the work carried out on migration and integration issues in all three dimensions of the OSCE and affecting all countries, including those of origin, destination and transit.
2. Bearing in mind the relevance migration has acquired for international and national affairs, we reaffirm Ministerial Council Decision No. 2/05 on migration and request the Permanent Council and relevant OSCE structures, within their existing mandates, to continue to consider relevant migration and integration issues as part of its comprehensive approach to security.
3. The UN High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, *inter alia*, explored the relationship between these two complex phenomena, underscored that migration can be a positive force for the development in all countries, and confirmed the importance of ensuring co-ordination between the relevant international and regional organizations operating in these fields.
4. Owing to globalization and increasing mobility, dialogue and co-operation between governments at the bilateral, regional and international levels have become increasingly important for effectively addressing the opportunities and challenges of international migration within and between all countries, including those of origin, transit and destination.
5. As the phenomenon of migration has been growing, both in scope and in complexity, we encourage all relevant OSCE institutions and structures, within their existing mandates, to continue their work on migration and integration issues in all three dimensions, in particular on the potential contribution of migration to sustainable development and co-development; promoting integration with respect for cultural and religious diversity; addressing forced migration while respecting relevant international legal obligations, and combating illegal migration as well as trafficking in human beings and the exploitation, discrimination, abuse and manifestation of racism directed towards migrants, with special attention to women and children; and facilitating dialogue, partnership and co-operation between the OSCE participating States and the Partners for Co-operation on migration-related issues.

6. We acknowledge the good inter-organizational work done in producing the OSCE/IOM/ILO Handbook on Establishing Effective Labour Migration Policies in Countries of Origin and Destination and promoting improved migration management through a range of activities. The Handbook is an effective tool for capacity-building, which is a key element in preparing government institutions to put in place a system of migration management in order to oversee migration flows.