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Intervention made by Ambassador de Alba, Permanent Representative of Delegation of Mexico during the Second Committee debate on Globalization and Interdependence.

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Mr. President,

My Delegation would like to thank the Secretary General for the preparation of the reports that sustain our discussions today.

Mr. President.

For Mexico, as a country of transit, origin and destination, the issue of migration is at the forefront of our agenda.

Migrants constitute an important factor in the development of societies of both origin and destination. Their contributions are not only in economic terms but also in demographic, social and cultural. In host countries migrants are powerful economic agents and the resources that many of them send back to their countries of origin are a means for poverty alleviation. Hence, there is an increasingly importance on the link between migration and development, as well as on the need to strengthening our institutional framework to address the issue.

However, the link between migration and development must be complimented by efforts to promote and protect the human rights of migrants, as well as other pertinent considerations in order to address the issue in all of its dimensions.

In this context, it is worrisome that the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families has only been ratified by

46 States, and that our organization does not have a space in which to address the issue in an integrated manner.

Mr. President,

The current period of sessions will be crucial for the development of the migration agenda, as we will be preparing for the High Level Dialogue in 2013. The fact that six years has passed since the General Assembly addressed the issue at this level, calls us to not only undertake an evaluation, but we also hope that it constitutes an opportunity to continue advancing on the bases of the agreements previously reached in various resolutions and forums. This would surely allows us to find an agreement on a negotiated document that would provide the foundation for the mainstreaming of the issue into the effort aimed at building an integrated development agenda.

To address the linkage between migration and development the coordination between the Second and Third Committee will be a key element in the preparatory process of the dialogue. In this sense I would like to propose a joint analysis in order to benefit from the experience that delegates from both committees have acquired on issues of development and migration.

Undoubtedly the active participation of civil society organizations that have contributed so much to the promotion of the rights of migrants is crucial, so we appeal to facilitate their participation during the preparation process and in the dialogue itself .

Mr. President,

I would not fail to mention that this comprehensive approach to migration requires the active participation of civil society organizations, which have contributed so much to the promotion of the rights of migrants.

Mr. President,

My Delegation wishes to renew our commitment towards making every effort necessary in order facilitate that the potential of millions of migrants worldwide can contribute to the development of our societies.

In conclusion, I would like to welcome the recommendations made by the Secretary General on the need to strengthen the United Nations system, in particular the Economic and Social Council, in order to achieve greater coherence in the global multilateral system, with the aim of addressing the problems of the complex economies and societies of the XXI.

Thank you.