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Letter dated 29 August 2013 from the Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Government of the Republic of Belarus, in its capacity as Chair of the Commonwealth of Independent States for 2013, I have the honour to transmit the regional position of the member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States on migration issues for the high-level dialogue on international migration and development to be held during the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly on 3 and 4 October 2013 (see annex).

I would be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the sixty-eighth session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 21 (e).

(Signed) Andrei Dapkiunas



**Annex to the letter dated 29 August 2013 from the
Permanent Representative of Belarus to the United Nations
addressed to the Secretary-General**

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**Regional position of the member States of the Commonwealth
of Independent States on migration issues for the 2013 high-level
dialogue on international migration and development of the
General Assembly of the United Nations**

**Conference on Labour Migration as a Factor of Development
in the space of the Commonwealth of Independent States**

Joint statement

We, the senior officials and representatives of migration agencies of the member States of the Commonwealth of Independent States: the Republic of Armenia; the Republic of Belarus; the Republic of Kazakhstan; the Kyrgyz Republic; the Republic of Moldova; the Russian Federation; the Republic of Tajikistan; Turkmenistan and the Republic of Uzbekistan, as well as the representatives of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth,

Reaffirming the significant influence of the United Nations, as a global international platform, on the shaping of the principles underlying the national migration policies of the States of the Commonwealth,

Appreciating the growing role of the high-level dialogue on international migration and development of the General Assembly in constructive discussions on the multidimensional nature of international migration,

Noting the transnational nature of migration today and the importance of regulating migration processes, including regulation at the inter-State, regional and global levels,

Recognizing the important influence of migration processes on development of the socioeconomic and demographic situation in the Commonwealth region,

Reaffirming the commitment to universally recognized principles and norms of international law and the obligations of Commonwealth member States under international treaties regarding migration,

Expressing the intention to pursue a coherent migration policy within the Commonwealth,

Adopt the following joint statement of our intent:

1. *To continue developing* common approaches to regulating migration in order to realize to the fullest the potential of migration in the interests of development in the Commonwealth;

2. *To continue undertaking* joint activities aimed at regulating migration for education purposes, seasonal migration and short-term and long-term migration, as well as developing and strengthening mechanisms for the organized recruitment of migrant workers to ensure stable social and economic development in the region;

3. *To continue working* to promote the adaptation and integration of migrant workers in the host countries of the region, as well as to provide information to migrants in their countries of origin, with the aim of creating favourable conditions for labour mobility and improved cooperation between States in the area of migration management;

4. *To continue working* to improve cooperation to harmonize methodologies for statistical data collection on foreign nationals; to exchange the resulting information, and to enhance the legislative and normative frameworks of the States of the Commonwealth for the development of information technologies;

5. *To continue working* to strengthen cooperation within the existing international platforms to counter irregular migration, while respecting existing humanitarian obligations and principles, based on crisis management experience in other regions and taking into account the growing challenges of our time.
