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Migration could be evolution. Safe, orderly, and regular migration paves the way for economic, cultural and political development.

The economic impact of migrants is both controversial and misunderstood. In fact, migrants have the potential to increase wellbeing of both host and sending countries. In the former, migrants help address labor market imbalances, and lead to the “creative destruction” of old professions in favor of the new. They stimulate demand and enhance human capital, contributing to long term inclusive economic growth. Migration works towards ensuring public welfare, especially in countries with declining fertility rates where they aid dependency ratio and address unbalanced transfers of pensions. They boost international trade, by providing new connections and ways of working, thus facilitating business and economic integration. In sending countries, remittances alleviate poverty and improve living standards. When human capital flows back, it brings with it skills, know-how and state of the art innovations, which foster sustainable development.

Migration can culturally improve our societies. The influx of young people into ageing populations makes them more active, creative and dynamic. However, as they embark upon their journey, they leave severe imbalances behind. Migrants bring enriching perspectives generating valuable knowledge in the process. This should be shared so that their transformative potential can be realized both at home and abroad. They force nations into moral introspection, challenging domestic fears and prejudices, and galvanizing the importance of human rights. Migration reshapes identities and create an international culture. Yet this should not come at the expense of the local, which constitutes people’s individuality. Sincere integration is imperative towards building a global community that can tackle common problems.

Embracing migrants, and addressing the root causes behind their journey, builds a safer, stronger and fairer international community. The fight against climate change, terror or poverty benefits us all, sending and host countries alike. Joint action and genuine leadership on the side of governments will result in ever-stronger and more committed societies.

Let us work together so that everywhere can be a beautiful place to live in.

they also bring with them new ways of thinking

-richness of youth – active, transformative

-educational capital – bringing back

- international conflicts, or climate change. We

, it forces nations into cultural and moral introspection. Through common identity-building, it opens mindsets and ends fears and prejudices. Diversity leads towards a more engaging, innovative and thriving society. Education spaces, in particular, benefit from increasing international dialogue. Indeed, mutual understanding is fundamental in a global, interdependent world. Common vision is the only way forward to tackling the many challenges we face together, from environmental threats to ensuring that Human Rights are enforced around the globe. Migration requires more than mere inclusion. It is about sharing our lifestyles, and can only breed prosperity.