



Sweden to work, and for Swedish companies to recruit labour from outside the

European Economic Area. On 12 June 1992, the Council adopted Decision 92/249/EEC

reinforced by the demographic changes in many other parts of the world, where life expectancy is increasing and the number of children per family is decreasing.

labour market, the Swedish government is also convinced that if properly managed, migration and mobility has the potential of contributing to development in the local communities and countries of origin as well.

Migration has been, and continues to be, a key driver of human progress and development. Migrants are crucial actors for development through the remittances they send home for promoting trade and investment between countries of

The demographic patterns of our world are rapidly changing, and so are the patterns of migration. One example is that women are increasingly migrating on their own or as head of households. The process of globalization, with reduced travel and communication costs and an increasingly globalized labour market, has made temporary and circular migration an attractive and common option for international migrants, not least for those women and men who for various reasons migrate without their families.

The traditional perception that migration involves moving from one place to another, where the migrant intends to stay permanently, has proven to be increasingly inadequate to describe the migration patterns of our time. At the same time, it has been apparent that many migrants want to remain active in the development of their countries of origin and that migrants can contribute with new skills and knowledge, increased trade flows and investments.

Therefore, national level frameworks that facilitate mobility are important and a

other recommendations. The proposals are currently being reviewed within the Government Offices and my plan is to present a government bill to the Parliament in the not so distant future.

It is my conviction, that by making it possible for men, women and young people to migrate and to move back-and-forth between countries of origin and destination, we will allow them to improve their possibilities and reach their

potential. We can provide individuals with opportunities to migrate when we