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The Minister of Administration and Interior, Vasile Blaga, will participate in New York, in the “**High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development**” - an important international meeting which will be held in the context of the 61st Session of the General Reunion of the United Nations (14-15 September).

This event of worldwide interest will be attended by heads of states and governments, as well as by over 60 ministers representing countries from all over the world.

The purpose of this high-level dialogue is to discuss the multidimensional aspects of international migration and development, for identifying **the most important means of maximizing the positive effects and those of minimizing the negative impact of this phenomenon.**

In addition, the dialogue will be focused on the achieving of the development goals set at international level, including the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs, a list with eight important goals which have to be achieved by 2015, established by the United Nations Organization).

According to a report of the United Nations Organization, in 2005, out of the 191 million persons living outside the borders of their origin countries, 115 million persons lived in developed countries and 75 million persons – in developing countries.

“The states exchange citizens by migration, but neglect the exchange of knowledge regarding the management of these persons’ movement”, stated the Secretary General of the United Nations Organization, Kofi Annan, underlining the importance of the international co-operation in this area.

Migration is a matter of great interest to Romania, considering the fact that, after our country joins the European Union, it will soon turn from a transit country into a destination country for the illegal migrants, the same way that happens with those states which joined the EU in 2004.

At the same time, Romania is concerned about this issue as it is situated on that illegal migration route which is frequently used by the Afro-Asian nationals.

“The high-level dialogue in international migration and development” represents the follow-up of the Euro-African Ministerial Conference on Migration and Development, held in Rabat (Morocco) in July of this year, which gathered 30 European states and 27 African states, as well as the European Commission and other 10 regional and international organizations.

The visit in New York also includes the participation of Minister Vasile Blaga in a series of bilateral meetings with high responsible officials of the United Nations Organization.