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**ON**

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lost human capital. After all, it is less developed countries that develop human capital to just be used by those most developed.

In addition to this, it is important to emphasise the universal quality of educational programmes worldwide and strengthen the capacities of those dedicated for building human capital. Changes in the world are fast and many. Countries in development struggle to find the right formula to develop educational systems that will be modern and aligned with the needs of the private sector. And where we manage to do this, with emigration of those skilled, return on investment in education significantly decreases. We will not be able to bring on board those left furthest behind despite our spirited efforts. I wish to therefore call on all member states to work on achieving universal education and health care, with special focus on life-long learning as basic preconditions of