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DEVELOPMENT

AGENDA ITEM 3: GENERAL DEBATE

- (a) Actions for the further implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development at the global, regional and national levels;
- (b) Special theme of the fiftieth session of the Commission based on the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the key actions to accelerate its further implementation

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Madame Chair, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentleman,

IOM welcomes the Secretary-General's report (E/CN.9/2017/2) on the impact of migration on population age distribution and its reference to the policies that facilitate safe, regular and orderly migration to complement fiscal policies for the long-term sustainability of social security systems.

IOM also welcomes the references made in the Secretary-General's report (E/CN.9/2017/3) to urbanization and population mobility, HABITAT III and the high-level plenary meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants as well as the centrality of population dynamics to Sustainable Development.



Madame Chair,

This year IOM is pleased to hear enormous support from Member States to strengthening the language on migration in the ongoing negotiations on the resolution on the Special Theme.

We are encouraged to see a lot of proposals made on migration and the New York Declaration, urbanization and the New Urban Agenda, climate change, the Paris Agreement and disaster risk reduction.

We are also heartened by the strong support extended to the protection of human rights of migrants, and integration of young people, particularly young migrants.

We also welcome the draft decision on the special theme for the fifty-first session of CPD in 2018: “Sustainable cities, human mobility and international migration” .

In this regard, there are two key resources I would like to draw your attention to your consideration:

First, IOM hosted a Conference on Migrants and Cities in October 2015 as part of the International Dialogue on Migration, IDM: IOM’s main migration policy dialogue forum. The Conference discussed the importance of preparing local authorities to accommodate the world’s increasing urban population, measures at the local level to respond to potential benefits and challenges, strong need for adequate infrastructure, and the critical importance on the integration of migrants, partnerships and collaboration for good governance of human mobility.



Second, IOM dedicated its 2015 “World Migration Report” to the theme of “Migrants and Cities: New Partnerships to Manage Urban Mobility” . The