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DRAFT OF OUTCOME DOCUMENT FOR 19 SEPTEMBER 2016 HIGH-LEVEL MEETING TO ADDRESS LARGE MOVEMENTS OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

We, the Heads of State or Government, representing the 193 member States of the United Nations, met in New York on 19 September 2016 to discuss the global challenges posed by large movements of refugees and migrants. In 2015 their number surpassed 244 million, growing at a rate faster than the world's population.

Most of these move without issue. There are roughly 65 million displaced persons, including 25 million refugees and asylum-seekers and 40 million internally displaced persons.

1.5 The benefits and opportunities of safe, orderly, regular and respectful migration in adopting a year ago the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we recognized migrants as agents of change and as enablers for development in countries of origin, transit and destination.

1.6 Large movements of refugees and migrants present a range of complex challenges and are at the heart of our deliberations today. Such movements of refugees and migrants have political, economic, social, developmental, humanitarian and human rights ramifications which cross all borders. These are global phenomena which call for global approaches and global solutions. No one State can manage such movements on its own. It is the responsibility of all countries, particularly developed countries, to ensure that migration is orderly, safe, and regular, and that it contributes to the economic and social development of all countries.

- 1.7 We declare our profound solidarity with, and support for, the millions of people in different parts of the world who, for reasons beyond their control, are forced to uproot themselves and their families from their homes and to seek refuge and safety elsewhere.
- 1.8 Refugees and migrants in large movements often face a desperate ordeal. Many take great risks to reach safety, embarking on perilous journeys – frequently by sea – which they may not survive. Many fall prey to criminal groups. Even if they reach their destination, they face an uncertain reception and a precarious future.
- 1.9 The challenge to world leaders is moral and humanitarian. We are determined, first and foremost, to save

concern such as education, labour standards, human trafficking, exploitation of children, access to justice and the building of self-reliance and resilience.



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