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new economic opportunities and horizons. Others move to escape armed conflict, persecution, terrorism, poverty, food insecurity, or human rights violations and abuses. Still others do so in response to the adverse effects of climate change natural disasters (some of which may be linked to climate change), or other environmental

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Paragraph 29 of the 2030 Agenda is the paramount political declaration regarding the benefits of migration to sustainable development. It does not mention "responsible" and language should conform to that paragraph.

1.5 Though their treatment is governed by separate legal frameworks, refugees and migrants have the same universal human rights and fundamental freedoms. They also face many common challenges and have similar vulnerabilities, including in the context of large movements. "Large movements" may be understood to reflect a number of considerations, including: the number of people arriving; the economic, social and geographical context; the capacity of a receiving State to respond; and the impact of a movement which is sudden or prolonged. The term would not, for example, cover regular flows of migrants from one country to another. "Large movements" may involve mixed flows of people, whether refugees or migrants, who move for different reasons but who may use similar routes.

OK as ammended. Support this text.

1.6 Large 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. Neighbouring or transit countries, mostly developing countries, are disproportionately

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Include "peaceful" in front of resolution of conflicts.

1.12 All human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. Everyone has the right to

1.13 We strongly condemn xenophobia and racism. Diversity enriches every society and contributes to social cohesion. Demonising refugees or migrants offends profoundly against the values of dignity and equality for every human being to which we have committed ourselves. Gathered today at the United Nations, the birthplace and custodian of these universal values, we declare all manifestations of xenophobia, racial discrimination and intolerance to be utterly unacceptable. We will take a range of steps to counter such attitudes and behaviour, in particular hate speech and racial violence. We support, and will implement, the global campaign proposed by the Secretary General to counter xenophobia, and we will do so in cooperation with the United Nations, the private sector and civil society. This campaign will emphasize, inter alia, direct personal contact between host communities and refugees and migrants and will highlight the positive contributions made by the latter as well as our common humanity.

Support paragraph.

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International human rights law should be fully respected at all times in the context of migrants and refugees in large movements. On the other hand, International refugee and humanitarian law may only be applicable in some contexts and the qualifier "as applicable" should be limited to these particular types of law under the principle of *lex specialis*.

Paragraph should be placed between paragraphs 1.4 and 1.5. It is our view that international human rights law cannot be qualified as "where applicable".

1.15 In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we pledged that "no one will be left behind". We declared that we wished to see the new goals and targets met for all nations and peoples and for all segments of society. We said also that we will endeavour to reach the furthest behind first. We reaffirm today our commitments which relate to the specific needs of migrants or refugees. The Agenda makes clear, inter alia, that we will "facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies". The needs of refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants are explicitly recognized.

OK with reservation regarding internally displaced persons