

**Statement by His Excellency, Mr. Shinzo Abe
Prime Minister of Japan**

**At the United Nations Summit for Refugees and Migrants
United Nations Trusteeship Council Chamber in New York
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Excellencies,

Today the world faces an unprecedented level of refugee and migrant movements, which amounts to serious ongoing humanitarian crises. Against such a backdrop, the first United Nations Summit for Refugees and Migrants, which we hold today, is most welcome and timely. I wish to convey my heartfelt appreciation to all the Member States who have gathered to participate in this historic summit.

As the humanitarian crises we are witnessing today are so enormous, close cooperation among all the relevant states and organizations is essential. For that very reason, Japan consolidated the G7 Ise-Shima Leaders' Declaration, which highlighted the importance of mid- and long-term efforts to address refugee and migrant issues.

I support the United Nations to take the lead in tackling this issue. I expect all the United Nations organizations to come together and unite their efforts as "One UN" under the "New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants" adopted today. I welcome the agreement to include the International Organization for Migration, which makes great contributions to this field, as a related or8C20 0w8mpETB1 0 0 1 72.02432.9 Tm#2.10gB1ETB1 0 0 1 121.22 23222322232223e

One of the characteristics of Japan's assistance is that we provide development cooperation to promote self-reliance among the refugees and