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Mr. Chair,

UNDP is honored to contribute to this General Debate, and, at the outset, allow me to also extend a warm welcome to Mr. Grandi on behalf of our Organization.

As stated by the UN Secretary-General and the High Commissioner for Refugees, Mr. Filippo Grandi, these are times of historic dimensions. Cumulative protracted displacement situations with simultaneous diminishing prospects for durable solutions, challenge the resolve of the international community under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development “to leave no one behind” and are eroding hardly won development gains.

For UNDP, the adoption of the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants was the missing link to the 2030 Agenda and the World Humanitarian Summit outcomes, outlining actions whose

implementation is key for effectively addressing the unprecedented levels of displacement and migration seen around the world.

Its implementation will require strong and broad partnerships encompassing national and local governments, civil society and the private sector as well as the UN system and international financial institutions.

It will also require predictable funding.

We look forward to constructively contribute to UNHCR's led Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework.

UNDP has heard with great interest and welcomes the strategic directions outlined by High Commissioner Grandi. Its commitment to seek and leverage solutions; secure engagement of development actors; or more systematically address the plight of all forcibly displaced, resonates with UNDP's corporate priority to do its part by

supporting national governments in solving displacement and better managing the reality of migration. And to do so in very close collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees and with other relevant partners in coherent and complementary ways, as we are doing under the joint Syria Crisis Response Regional Refugee and Resistance Plan (3RPs) or the Solution Alliance Initiative.

More concretely, UNDP commits to the following practical actions on the way forward:

1. To work closely with member States and sister agencies in ensuring that migration and displacement issues are clearly included in the localization of SDGs in countries and/or regions where UNDP is supporting Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development.
2. To strengthen support to governments and United Nations Country Teams on the integration of migrants, Internally

Displaced Populations (IDPs), refugees and the needs of host communities into national development plans, strategies and UNDAFs.

3. To support at least 30 countries in effectively analysing and addressing the drivers and the root causes of migration and forced displacement, including violent conflicts, climate change and environmental degradation, poverty and weak governance.
4. To build capacity of the UN system to increase the number and strengthen the skills-base of experts on conflict prevention and resolution to better support national and local administrations to analyse and address root causes of displacement and drivers of forced migration.
5. To advocate with partners for shifts needed, and to facilitate the necessary interagency coordination, so as to transcend the

humanitarian-development divide in addressing protracted displacement;

6. To double UNDP's investment in strengthening national and local systems and capacities for undertaking resilient recovery, as part of our agency contribution to address large movements of refugees and migration.

Mr. Chair,

We are in the process of setting up internal mechanisms to ensure effective implementation, close monitoring and reporting of the above commitments, which we look forward to implement in close cooperation with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees and relevant UN agencies and partners.

I thank you Mr. Chair.