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UNDP would first of all like to Welcome the International Organization for Migration as a member of the UN family. This is very timely given the current migration and displacement trends and how they have been prioritized in the 2030 Agenda.

Indeed, the 2030 Agenda provides an excellent framework for the UNDP and IOM to closely collaborate, particularly as we endeavor to include migration and displacement in the localization of SDG’s.

We would like to thank IOM for the excellent cooperation with UNDP in the context of the Global Migration Group, the Joint project on Mainstreaming Migration into National Strategies, the joint Migration and Development Initiative (JMDI) and most recently the Statement of Intent between IOM and UNDP signed in the margins of the UN Summit on Refugees and Migrants, between Director General Swing and UNDP Administrator Ms. Helen Clark. The Statement constitutes an important step towards a closer cooperation between our two organizations based on our respective roles and responsibilities.

UNDP intends to continue working on human mobility issues, alongside member States, IOM and our UN sister agencies in two concrete ways:

1. Firstly, as the lead development agency, contributing to the development and implementation of the Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration in its dimensions related to the drivers of migration and development impacts, and,
2. Secondly, implementing UNDP’s main commitments at the World Humanitarian Summit in May 2016 including, inter alia:

i) Integration of migrants, IDPs, refugees and the needs of host communities into national development plans, strategies and UNDAFs;

ii) Building capacity of the UN system to better support national and local administrations on conflict prevention and resolution situations;

iii) as well as facilitating the main shifts necessary to transcend the humanitarian-development divide in addressing protracted displacement; In this context, continue to co-lead with the Government of Denmark, on behalf of the UN System, on the Grand Bargain discussions.

Thank you.