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UNDP Statement

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At the outset, allow me to congratulate Mr. Vitorino for assuming the leadership of the IOM at this crucial time for migration and development. You can count on UNDP as a key partner.

Migration is a global reality that, in addition to national responses, requires global solutions and shared responsibilities to bring lasting results.

We need all hands on deck [from Member States, the UN agencies, Civil Society Organisations and migrant communities] to achieve safe, orderly and regular migration by 2030, as agreed in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and further spelled out in the commitments of the Global Compact for Migration.

The launch of the UN Migration Network comes at an opportune time.

UNDP fully supports IOM as the coordinator and the secretariat of this Network and is honoured to be one of its executive members bringing development approaches to migration.

We do this at the request of many of the countries where we work by addressing root causes and reducing poverty; as well as by supporting migration governance, conflict prevention, recovery, and resilience building.

In partnership with IOM and other agencies and bringing in whole of government, including local governance approaches, UNDP concretely focuses on the implementation of the following objectives in the Global Compact for Migration:

- 1 - Addressing the drivers and structural factors that force people to move;
- 19 - Contribution of migration to sustainable development; and,
- 21 - Sustainable reintegration of migrants.

Let me also say that our joint work with IOM on Mainstreaming Migration into National Development Plans in Bangladesh, Ecuador, Jamaica, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Morocco, Serbia and Tunisia has resulted in improved coordination and strengthened capacity and development of migration policies.

UNDP will continue to deepen its collaboration with IOM leveraging capacities to achieve Agenda 2030 for the sustainable development of migrants, internally displaced persons, returnees and host communities.

Thank you.