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Mr. President

My delegation associates itself with the statements delivered by the distinguished representative of Angola on behalf of the African Group.

At the outset, let me join others who have spoken before me to express gratitude to the Secretary General for organizing this High Level Meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants. I am hopeful that this

Summit, the first of its kind, will indeed provide a unique opportunity for the global community to identify conditions that have exacerbated large

movements of refugees and migrants in order to strengthen our collective

Mr. President,

Zambia has been a longstanding home to refugees from neighbouring

gaining independence, in 1966, the first refugee settlement was established in the Western part of the country, followed by another in North-Western Province in 1971. At the peak of conflicts in Southern Africa, Zambia hosted

Zambia has continued to welcome newly arrived refugees from eastern DRC, Burundi and Somalia who reside both in the camps and urban areas. Out of the total population of 52,419 refugees and former refugees currently in the country, 20,406 reside outside the settlements. This is despite Zambia

Furthermore, Zambia welcomes the agreement between the United Nations
and IOM which is aimed at forging a closer legal and working relationship

As I conclude, I wish to re-affirm Zambia's commitment to her international

obligations stemming from the 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol
relating to the status of refugees on the foundation for the international