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Addressing Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants**

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Your Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

The ICRC welcomes this Summit and its Declaration.

The Declaration commits States to treat every individual migrant and refugee with humanity. It also recalls the high standards of international law governing their protection and assistance.

This dual commitment to humanity and law is fundamental.

Every day, in different parts of the world, the ICRC sees first-hand the suffering that pushes people to flee their homes in search of safety, to meet their basic needs.

The majority of people who are forcibly displaced

