

Address by the President of the Republic of Cyprus at the
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From the outset, I would like to express my appreciation to the Secretary General and

the former President of the General Assembly as well as the co-facilitators, Ireland and

In this respect, I wish to convey that Cyprus fully and unwaveringly endorses the outcome document which highlights our collective commitment to address large movements of refugees and migrants.

In parallel and in relation to the above, we should also jointly and in a comprehensive way direct our efforts against human traffickers and the enablers of terrorism.

The Republic of Cyprus is already taking action based on the principle of responsibility-sharing. Most recently, in our capacity as an EU member-state we have accepted the resettlement of refugees in our country and we have put forward measures for the

identification of victims of trafficking, the prosecution and conviction of