

**Statement of H.E. Mr. Raimonds Vējonis, President of Latvia,
at the High-Level Plenary meeting of the General Assembly
on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants**

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Mr. President,

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Secretary General for convening this meeting.

I welcome the agreement reached on the “The New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants”.

Mr. President,

The global migration and displacement crisis has reached unprecedented levels and continues to grow. The scale of the problem is of the highest humanitarian concern. Addressing this phenomenon, as it manifests worldwide, is an enormous task.

Political will and resources will be required from all – therefore shared global responsibility must be regarded as the underlying principle of our commitments today.

Our immediate attention must be focused on reinforcing our efforts to protect refugees, to support those hosting them and to develop safe and sustainable reception capacities close to their home countries. Latvia is working with other European
I also encourage states to develop and implement a common EU policy on resettlement

