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Mr. Secretary-General,

Ladies and gentlemen,

The world is witnessing the worst ever crisis of forced population displacement in history, with all what this drama entails of sufferings, miseries, criminality, abuse of human rights and dignity, ~~in some, devastation of people's destinies~~

~~This poses serious problems for our stability, our security, our economy, and our public services~~

of our country and for our future generations.

Since the beginning of the crisis in 2011, over one hundred thousand Syrian babies were born in Lebanon, and over fifty per cent of them were born in the last eighteen months!! More Syrians are born in Lebanon today than are being resettled in other countries, feeding a perilously destabilizing trend of internal growth in numbers.

What the Lebanese have done by harbouring one million and a half Syrians for a population of four million is unprecedented.

What the Lebanese have done by spending close to fifteen billion dollars — they do not have in