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At the High-Level Meeting to Address Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants

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Mr. Secretary-General, Mr. President, Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Politicians must take a responsible role and explain to their electorates the benefits of migrants and refugees as an indispensable resource for economic growth.

We call for development programs which must cover extended time periods, complemented by emergency aid for immediate suffering.

We call for adequate funding for the humanitarian and development fields. To respond to the