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*UN MGCY Statement on Follow-up and Review
Meeting with the co-facilitators for the
High-Level Meeting on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants
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I am speaking on behalf of the UN Major Group for Children and Youth, the General Assembly-mandated space for children and youth in a number of processes, including those related to the 2030 Agenda, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the World Humanitarian Summit, the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment, and the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development. In all of these processes, children and youth have clearly stated that the situation for displaced populations needs to be urgently addressed and improved. We welcome the High-Level Meeting on Large Movements of Refugees and Migrants, and thank you for the opportunity to share our views on the zero draft.

The zero draft for this declaration clearly asks for a systematic review and follow-up of the commitments made. We welcome this dedication to ensure that such commitments become reality, and support the use of the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development as an appropriate platform for reporting on the progress made.

We would like to bring attention to the many relevant frameworks, apart from the 2030 Agenda, that are referenced throughout the document and ask that implementation of the outcome document of this meeting and its corresponding Global Compact would be undertaken in alignment with these frameworks as well. Such frameworks include the Sendai Framework on Disaster Risk Reduction, the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change.

Considering the great humanitarian challenges faced today and the resulting large number of displaced people, we believe that it is safe to say that another High-Level Meeting will be needed to ensure that these commitments are realised and that new issues can be tackled. We therefore ask for the declaration to clearly call for such a meeting.

The magnitude of the issue at hand requires annual meetings with inter governmentally agreed conclusions and recommendations that are then fed into the HLPF and possibly the ECOSOC Humanitarian Affairs Segment.

In addition, we would like Major Groups and other Stakeholders, which as per GA Resolution 67/290 includes migrants and families, to be given the opportunity to participate in the follow-up and review of the declaration, and would suggest for their inclusion in line with established modalities from the HLPF. We especially see the need for the inclusion of refugees, stateless people and migrants and families to be included in the follow-up and review.

The process of writing the Secretary General's report should include modalities and avenues to engage these critical groups.

Thank you for this opportunity to share our views and look forward to continued engagement.