



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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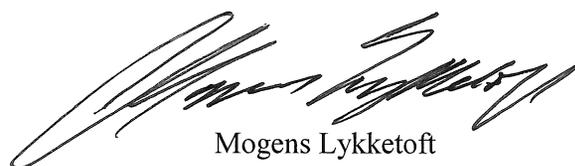
Excellency,

On 20 November 2015, the General Assembly considered, at its plenary meeting, agenda item 130 “Global awareness of the tragedies of irregular migrants in the Mediterranean basin with specific emphasis on Syrian asylum seekers”. This meeting was preceded by an informal meeting of the General Assembly on 19 November 2015, which discussed ways to advance a comprehensive response to the global humanitarian and refugee crisis. These meetings provided a unique opportunity to exchange views on the current global crisis relating to large movements of refugees and migrants.

During the 20 November meeting, the Secretary-General outlined a road-map to address this global crisis. As part of the road-map, it was proposed to hold a High-Level meeting of the Plenary of the General Assembly on large movements of refugees and migrants, on 19 September 2016, immediately prior to the general debate of the 71<sup>st</sup> session scheduled to begin on 20 September 2016.

In this regard, I have engaged with the Membership and consulted with the Chairs of the Regional Groups on ways to advance this initiative. Subsequently, and further to my consultations with Member States, I am pleased to share with you a draft decision on the organization of the High-Level meeting on 19 September 2016, which I intend to schedule for action by the General Assembly before 23 December 2015.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.



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Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
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**Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to  
the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and  
summits in the economic, social and related fields**

**Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit**

**Draft decision submitted by the President of the General Assembly**

**High-level Plenary meeting on addressing large movements of  
refugees and migrants**

*The General Assembly,*

1. *Decides* to convene a one-day High-Level meeting of the Plenary of the General Assembly, within existing resources, on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants, on 19 September 2016;
  2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to prepare a comprehensive report, to be submitted no later than May 2016, setting out recommendations on ways to address large movements of refugees and migrants;
  3. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to finalize the organizational arrangements, including on a possible outcome, for the high-level meeting, through open, transparent and inclusive consultations with Member States.
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