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**Item 2: General debate on the oral update by the High Commissioner**

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Mr. President,

As widely reported, migration is a global and relentless process.

The world has recently seen a dramatic increase in the flow of migrants, leaving their countries of origin pushed by, inter alia, war, economic distress, and climate change.

The negative impact of all such factors on food security, in turn, further contributes to forcing millions of people to migrate.

Conflicts cause the disruption of agricultural production and livelihoods, accentuating the vulnerability of countries (A/HRC/43/44). On the other hand, climate change impacts the availability of food resources, and the entirety of the food supply chains. The Special Rapporteur on the human rights of migrants states that “climate change could force 216 million people to move within their countries by 2050” (A/77/189).

Therefore, the direct link between food security and migration is now more evident than ever.

Migration is a phenomenon that cannot be ignored or downplayed by simply blaming the poor and vulnerable people on the move. Citing the words of Pope Francis, “the remote causes should be attacked, not the poor people who pay the consequences and are even used for political propaganda”.

When not faced with an internationally coordinated response, it often forces people into a vicious and never-ending loop of human rights violations. Migration, climate change, and food insecurities are global crises that require a worldwide response, not being the sum of national or nationalistic responses but better decisions taken jointly for the good of the whole humanity.

The time to act is now!

Thank you!