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ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND CHILDREN

High-Level meeting of the General Assembly
on addressing large movement of refugees and migrants

**“Addressing vulnerabilities of refugees and migrants on their
journeys from their countries of origin to their countries of
arrival”**

Round Table 6

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Chairs, Distinguished Representatives, Delegates and Observers,

I would like to thank the General Assembly for this opportunity to take part in this ~~Round table on Addressing vulnerabilities of refugees and migrants on their journey from~~

countries of origin to their countries of arrival. At the outset of my mandate which I assumed in August 2014, I have identified the link between mixed migration flows and human trafficking as an area warranting further international focus – I am happy to note that today's High Level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, and particularly this round table addresses trafficking in persons as a possible vulnerability faced by refugees and migrants.

~~Increasingly restrictive and exclusionary immigration policies, including criminalization and~~

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- More emphasis should be put on prevention; therefore not only indications of trafficking should be identified, but also indications of risk of trafficking.
- On the basis of existing national anti-trafficking legislation and policy, every trafficked person is entitled to a number of protective measures, including legal counselling to enable them to access justice and remedies. Moreover, a trafficked person must have the option to remain in the country and be helped to find a gainful job. Such measures should never be made conditional on the capacity or willingness

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Cooperation between law and immigration officials, as well as humanitarian personnel, CSOs
and government is needed for speedy and accurate detection of cases of trafficking of

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- Preventative measures should be taken in refugee camps especially targeting women and girls, such as prevention of early and forced marriages. Moreover, birth and marriage registration must always be ensured.
- In all places where large influx of migrants and refugees arrive, gender-sensitive protective procedures should be established, which take into account the specific need of women and girls who have been subjected to rape and sexual exploitation.

amounting to severe traumatisation.

I thank you for your kind attention and I look forward to a fruitful discussion.