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Promoting the health of refugees and migrants

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Statement by
International Organization for Migration (IOM)
IOM reiterates its unwavering commitment to continue enhancing the health of all migrants including those forced to move, those moving out of free will, migrating within their own country or moving across borders, while bridging needs of communities and countries of origin, transit, destination and return.

As requested by Member States and in line with the two WHA Resolutions on ‘promoting the health of migrants and refugees’ (2008 -61.17 and 2017-70.15), IOM has been collaborating closely with WHO throughout the Global Action Plan process. Moreover, the recent renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding between IOM and WHO commits to a strengthened collaboration towards our common goals in promoting the health of migrants and host communities, including towards achieving the Sustainable Development Goals on both health and migration.

Continued policy coherence in global migration and health actions will be imperative as we look towards the implementation of this Global Action Plan. As the UN Migration Agency, and in its role as the Secretariat and Coordinator of the UN Network on Migration, following the adoption of the Global Compact for Migration, IOM commits to continue working closely with Member States and all stakeholders, in this regard.