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accelerating national and global responses**

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Statement by

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Excellencies, distinguished delegates,

IOM commends the Director General on his report on “Antimicrobial resistance: accelerating national and global responses”, setting strategic and operational priorities to address drug-resistant bacterial infections in the human health sector. IOM welcomes the focus on a people-centred approach that prioritizes country-level actions. Through its migration health programming presence in over 130 countries, and its efforts to strengthen global health security, IOM can contribute to reaching the vulnerable populations that are hardest to reach in the fight against AMR.

A people-centred approach also ensures that migrants, displaced persons and other mobile populations are included in activities on health prevention and that they have equal access to the package of core interventions, including quality health services, timely and accurate diagnoses, and appropriate and quality-assured treatment. We must strive to ensure that antimicrobials are used appropriately and that the realities of persons on the move are duly considered in control plans for misuse and overuse.

AMR is a pressing global health security issue and requires multi-sectoral collaboration at different levels. A whole-of-government and a whole-of-society approach needs to be complemented by a whole-of-UN approach. Migrant-sensitive national regulations and policies as well as global guidelines are needed.

IOM welcomes that the current draft¹ of the Political Declaration of the UNGA High-level Meeting on AMR recognizes refugees, internally displaced persons and migrants as being in particularly vulnerable situations and that they must not be left behind.

As Member States commit action on AMR and develop or revise their national action plans, IOM looks to their leadership in integrating migrants, displaced persons and mobile populations, and stands ready to support.

Thank you.