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The International Organization for Migration, IOM, is dedicated to promoting humane and orderly migration for the benefit of all. With a presence in over 171 countries and nearly 20,000 staff around the world, including health programming in 130 countries, IOM, the UN Agency for Migration, provides support to migrants every day, while developing effective responses to the shifting dynamics of migration, providing advice on migration policy and practice.

IOM's new Strategic Plan is the foundation for our approach to migration health, which prioritizes saving lives and protecting people on the move by improving access to quality health care and provision of health services; strengthening health systems, anticipating and mitigating health-related risks surrounding displacement to support durable solutions; and promoting the health of migrants and mobile populations while strengthening migration health governance for regular migration pathways.

“All for Health, Health for All” for IOM means fully implementing the Global Action Plan for promoting the health of refugees and migrants, to ensure the equitable and non-discriminatory inclusion of migrants in universal health coverage, as well as in pandemic prevention, preparedness and response plans, to ensure equal access to quality health services. Your discussions here this week will also be important to ensure that the Summit of the Future can deliver on our shared promise of health and well-being for all, including migrants, driving progress towards the SDGs.

IOM looks forward to continuing to work closely with Member States, WHO and the UN system, our stakeholders in the public and private sectors, and migrants themselves, through whole of government and whole of society approaches for the dignity and health for all.