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by

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Thank you, Secretary-General, for convening this important meeting. This is a timely event since we still have not been able to overcome one of the most serious challenges we are facing.

Dear Colleagues, what prevents us from finding the proper answers is that there is no consensus about the nature of the challenge. This is not a refugee crisis. This is a mass migratory movement composed of economic migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and also foreign fighters. This is an uncontrolled and unregulated process.

Excellencies, there is no consensus even on the dimension of this challenge. Various estimates exist, but according to our understanding, there is an unlimited source of supply of people. It is not a theory, but a fact, that at the Hungarian borders, they are coming from Syria, Iraq, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and most recently from the Sub-Saharan Region. Let me make it absolutely clear, Europe will not be able to carry this burden on her own. If there is no change in the current trends, Europe will be destabilized.

Based on these facts, I urge you, Secretary-General, to initiate negotiations on sharing this burden at a global level. All major stakeholders of international politics will have to take some of the migrants to their countries as part of a global quota system.

Excellencies, we have a heartfelt compassion for the people who decided to leave their homes. They are victims of the poor governance of their countries, which took away their human dignity. They are victims of failed international political decisions, which left war torn regions. They are victims of the failed policy of us in Europe, which raises expectations that are impossible to be fulfilled. And they are victims of human trafficking, which has become a robust business, an untold story. It is our moral responsibility to give back these people their homes and their country. It cannot be our objective to provide them with a new European life. We must assist them to regain their own life in their home. To achieve this, we have to create peace and the plan of economic development in their home countries.

Excellencies, I am coming from a Christian country, therefore I would like to emphasize that the Christian approach does not tolerate any anti-Muslim policy. The Muslim faith, which we honour and respect, is not responsible for the root causes of this mass migratory movement. I invite you all to join in our efforts to avoid the spread of anti-Muslim sentiments.

Finally, I refer back to the Sustainable Development Goals, built up last week, because I could not formulate it more properly. Migration must be orderly, safe, regulated and responsible.

Thank you for your kind attention.