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18 September—19 September 2016 marks a pivotal day for the way migration is discussed at the highest levels of international governance as States gather for the first ever high-level summit on addressing large movements of migrants and refugees being held in New York before the UN General Assembly.

In conjunction with the meeting of the General Assembly, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) will join the United Nations system as a related organization.

2016 is a historic year for IOM which marks its 65th anniversary. Becoming a related organization of the United Nations will solidify the relationship between IOM and the UN in a way that reflects the global importance of migration and the need to better link human mobility with related policy agendas, including in the humanitarian, development, human rights, climate change and peace and security domains.

It will enhance the ability of the UN system to support Member States in addressing migration issues and protect migrants.

Being part of the UN system as a related organization means that IOM has agreed to work with the UN and the other organizations of the UN system in harmony with the purposes and principles contained in Articles 1 and 2 of the Charter of the United Nations of 1945 (UN Charter). Related organizations, such as International Atomic Energy Agency, World Trade Organization, the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) and now IOM, are brought into relationship with the UN on the terms and conditions contained in a relationship agreement specific to each organization.

The formal signing of the agreement between the UN and IOM will take place at the opening of the first ever [United Nations Summit for Refugees and Migrants](#). This high level meeting will address the movements of refugees and migrants, with the aim of bringing countries together behind a more humane and coordinated approach.

To support the summit and the development of a Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, as envisaged in the draft outcome document, IOM has put forward new thinking on addressing international migration, including through the [Migration](#)

[Governance Framework](#), the [Migration Crisis Operational Framework](#), and through its contribution to the [Migrants in Countries in Crisis Initiative Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disasters](#).

These documents and the outcome document from the Summit, taken together with the [2030 Sustainable Development Agenda](#) and [Addis Ababa Action Agenda](#), the [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction](#), the [Paris Agreement](#) on climate change, the EU's [Migration Compact](#) should serve as the foundation for the Global Compact on migration.

To improve the governance of migration and enhance outcomes for migrants and societies, IOM makes the following recommendations:

- Expand avenues for safe, orderly and regular migration
- Improve public perceptions of migrants and refugees including through migrant integration and social cohesion
- Factor migration into development planning, at national, regional and global levels, including through the implementations of the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development
- Protect the human rights of all migrants
- Manage migration in crisis situations
- Enhance the evidence and knowledge base
- Promote policy coherence and international cooperation

IOM welcomes both the decision of both IOM and UN Member States to approve the relationship agreement bringing IOM into the UN system as a UN related organization, and the initiative being shown by the international community to bring migration to the forefront of high level discussion.

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