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Statement for Uganda Summit

1. At the outset, I would like to thank His Excellency General ~~Yoweri Kagame Museveni~~, President of the Republic of Uganda for taking this initiative to organize the Solidarity Summit. I would also like to compliment the UNSG for his tireless efforts towards ensuring humanitarian assistance to people in need and giving them a voice.

~~His Excellency Yoweri Kagame Museveni~~

2. India recognizes the progressive steps taken by the Ugandan government in supporting the refugees from South Sudan and the immense challenges that it poses. As a friend of Uganda with close historical ties and people to people linkages, I would like to place on record India's unequivocal support for peace, security, stability and development of Uganda.

Hon'ble Chair,

3. India remains committed to extending all possible assistance to Uganda. In pursuance of our support and solidarity with the efforts of the Ugandan Government to host refugees, Government of India is pledging \$ 1 million for the cause.

Hon'ble Chair

4. ~~As a result of conflict and persecution, more than 60 million people are in need of protection worldwide. There are approximately 20 million refugees worldwide. An important fact here is that almost 90% of all refugees are hosted in developing nations and hence their concerns have to be addressed in proportion to the magnitude of the burden they carry.~~ India is of the view that refugees are the first charge on UNHCR's mandate, time and finite resources, and hence it should comprehensively address refugee concerns.]

5. The root causes of Refugee movements --- widespread and abject poverty and deprivation around the globe and the recent conflicts that are happening globally --- need to be addressed holistically.

6. The decision of the New York Summit on Migrants and refugees to develop a Global Compact on Refugees is a positive step towards handling the ongoing Refugee crisis worldwide. India will constructively contribute in making the "Global Compact on Refugees" a practical document.

7. In conclusion, I would like to wish the people of Uganda continued progress, peace and prosperity and reassure them of India's support.

Thank You.
