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*DESA COORDINATION MEETING*

**Opening Remarks by Ms. Izumi Nakamitsu**  
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**Refugees and Migrants**  
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Mr. Chairman,

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In May, the first of six informal thematic sessions is to take place in Geneva. Two more sessions will also take place in Geneva, followed by one in Vienna, and two more in New York – all between April and November of this year.

In parallel, the regional economic commissions, in collaboration with other relevant entities of the United Nations system, particularly IOM, are requested to organize discussions to provide their perspectives to the preparatory process of the global compact;

All of those consultations will provide inputs for a preparatory “stock taking” meeting to be hosted in Mexico in late November 2017. The results of that meeting will form the basis of the zero draft of the global compact.

Next, by February 2018, the Secretary-General is requested to present a report that includes recommendations for their consideration in devising the global compact on safe orderly and regular migration. Next,

To rise to these challenges, we have to, as the Secretary-General said, work more closely than ever before. At times, this will mean stepping up to enormous responsibilities and workloads. At other times, it will mean stepping back from the high-profile issues and contributing to the less glamorous work of making sure all gaps are covered.

Above all, we have to understand that success can only be achieved together and commit ourselves to developing something that will improve the lives of millions of people.