

&r' Secretar\$() eneral, E*cellencies,

Ladies and) entlemen,

+ am ver\$ grateful to the Secretar\$() eneral for convening toda\$,s meeting'

- fe da\$s ago e adopted the 2030 -genda for Sustainable .evelopment, hich calls for "orderl\$, safe, regular and responsible migration!' /he current refugee and migration crisis sho s that e have a long a\$ to go to achieve this goal'

-s \$ou #no , the European Onion and man\$ other countries are facing an e*traordinar\$ challenge caused b\$ the sudden and enormous increase of refugees and migrants coming via the 1al#ans and the Southern &editerranean 2oute' /he maiorit\$ is fleeing the ar in S\$ria and the atrocities committed b\$ +S+S in the region' Since the beginning of this \$ear hundreds of thousands of people have made their a\$ to Europe'

- number of European countries are particularl\$ affected b\$ this dramatic situation'

-s for -ustria, ith a population of 4 million, let me give \$ou a fe numbers5

+n 2016 24'000 refugees applied for as\$lum in -ustria,

7or 2015, e are e*pecting 40'000 or more' /his is the second highest per capita rate among the 24 E0 member states 8 and similar to)erman\$,s'

/housands of persons have been crossing the border into -ustria on a dail\$ basis, sometimes up to 20'000' &ost of them ant to go to)erman\$, but more and more are sta\$ing in -ustria'

1ehind these numbers stand the individual and often traumatic fates of children, omen and men, of families torn apart, of survivors of terrible circumstances and dangerous flight routes'

/here are several challenges for us5

1' 7irst of all, receiving and treating these refugees in a humane manner'

+ thin# -ustria has done that in an e*emplar\$ a\$' -ustria has been providing food, ater, shelter, medical support and other basic supplies to the arriving refugees for man\$ ee#s'

+n this conte*t, + ant to highlight the immediate and enormous contribution b\$ civil societ\$ to our professional support structures' 9ithout their sustained support -ustria ould not be able to cope ith this sudden influ* of people in the dignified a\$ it is' + have visited reception centres and train stations 8 and as deepl\$ impressed b\$ the untiring or# both of our professional support structures, as ell as the man\$ volunteers ho coordinate resources (often via social media (to optimise the organisation of support to the arriving refugees'

1 ut the current situation is not tenable'

2' 9 e have to manage these refugee flo s in a common a