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situation is even worse and more complex, with no comprehensive solution in sight. We are witnessing massive movements of refugees and migrants who often lose their lives. According to the Secretary-General's report approximately 50,000 of them have died in pursuit of better and safer living conditions elsewhere. Despite serious efforts to address these and other growing challenges, the international community has failed so far to adopt an adequate approach to the resolution of this problem. It is clear that we need to find a solution for the main root-causes of

the crisis and to put an end to wars and conflicts that have produced the largest number of refugees. The need for stopping the human catastrophe in Syria and for enabling humanitarian

Our empathy for refugees and migrants and essential understanding of their suffering and predicament stems from the fact that we have been faced with the problem of refugees and IDPs for more than two decades. Our country is even today home to a total of 250,000 refugees and

tremendous efforts to find durable, just solutions for refugees from the region and for IDPs on our territory who are in protracted displacement. The reduction in the number of refugees in the

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