<u>Presentation of Panel's Report to Secretary-General Antonio Guterres,</u> <u>29 September 2021</u> <u>Transcript of Secretary-General's Remarks</u>

Part One: Opening Remarks

question of empowerment

Part Three: Upon Receiving the Report

I think this Panel managed to do a very adequate analysis of the drivers of displacement of the situation of displaced people and the ways to address their situation and to solve their problems. So, it is a comprehensive report that will help us in all areas. I think a key concept here is that internally displaced people are citizens and as citizens, they have rights, they have exactly the same rights as any other citizens of the country. The principle of national ownership which means that States have the responsibility to address their plight as citizens with rights and not as I would say, with a simple existential perspective. I mean, they need

Thank you so very much again, it is a fantastic work and this work will be our guiding instrument to make sure that we are able to change what needs to be changed, in order for the people to have their rights fully recognized and their integration in the political,