Global Migration Trends

- The number of countries offering resettlement programs has grown significantly in recent years, from 14 resettlement countries in 2005 to 37 resettlement countries worldwide in 2016. Source: UNHCR.org, "Information on UNHCR Resettlement"

- Almost 6 million refugees originated from Syria, which remained the largest source country of refugees at mid-2017 and accounted for almost one-third of the world’s total refugee population. Most have been staying in the immediate region – Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt. Germany granted asylum to 72,600 Syrians during the first six months of the year (January to June 2017). Source: UNHCR Mid-Year Trends 2017, "Refugees", page 6-7

- By far, the largest net increase in the refugee population was those originating from South Sudan, which grew by 37 per cent, adding 520,900 new displacements to the total number of South Sudanese refugees. Many of them sought refugees in Uganda, bringing the total number of registered South Sudanese refugees in Uganda, alone, to 981,200. Source: UNHCR Mid-Year Trends 2017, "Refugees", page 7

- Turkey continued to shelter the most refugees, with a registered refugee population increasing by 12 per cent, from 2.9 million at end-2016 to 3.2 million at mid-2017. Pakistan continued to be the second largest host country, with 1.4 million refugees primarily from Afghanistan, a 4 per cent increase from end-2016 to mid-2017. Germany’s refugee population grew by 29%, reaching a total of 864,700 people, and making them the sixth largest refugee-hosting country as of mid-2017. This was due to a high number of new positive decisions granting protection to individuals who had already arrived in the country as asylum-seekers in previous years. Source: UNHCR Mid-Year Trends 2017, "Refugees", page 7-8