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Chairperson, High Commissioner, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is a pleasure to address this 70th meeting of UNHCR's Executive Committee. The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) greatly values its partnership with UNHCR. Over the past year, we have made significant strides in advancing our strong and forward-looking partnership to support people in need.

Global displacement is at a record high. In 2018, WFP reached over 27.8 million forcibly displaced persons, of which roughly 14.7 million were refugees and the remaining 13.1 million were internally displaced persons (IDPs).

The gravity and scale of displacement and hunger today require us to adapt and to find new ways of working together towards durable solutions and enhancing self-reliance in food security and nutrition for refugees and affected host communities. As a result, we have sought to operationalize a package of innovative corporate agreements across a range of areas including data-sharing, targeting and cash-based transfers. Such new ways of working together will foster greater inter-operability and collaboration at country level, and this will drive impact.

WFP further wishes to extend its gratitude to the United States of America for funding the Joint Programme of Excellence and its Targeting Hub. Through this Hub, WFP and UNHCR will each bring their respective expertise in assessments, targeting and prioritization to design better joint programmes for the people we serve. The support for this Hub will allow WFP and UNHCR to more coherently roll out and achieve global commitments around the humanitarian-development and peace nexus at both country and corporate level.

As we collectively look towards the Global Refugee Forum, UNHCR can count on WFP's support to bring forward concrete commitments to assist refugees and other vulnerable communities to foster durable solutions.

High Commissioner,

WFP congratulates you for taking on the role of the Inter-Agency Standing Committee Champion on Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse and Sexual Harassment. You can rely on WFP's steadfast and continued support in pursuing this critically important issue in a collaborative and coordinated way.



In conclusion, WFP looks forward to continuing to strengthen our longstanding partnership with UNHCR. By working together and using the path charted by the SDGs as a compass, we will continue to save and change the lives of those furthest behind.

Thank you.