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I must say very briefly that just as you value the relationship with Canada, we really value the working relationship we have with IOM. As Prime Minister Justin Trudeau always says, we couldn't have done the Syrian refugee initiative without the assistance of IOM.

IOM was extremely crucial in Canada's ability to meet the target of 25000 Syrian refugees plus another 15,000 privately sponsored Syrian refugees; a total of 40,000 Syrian refugees between November 2015 and February 2016. That, in a very short time, and that is really because of IOM's – as you said – nimbleness and ability to rump up quickly and do the work.

We haven't stopped working together; we value you; I have a very close relationship with DG Swing and I look forward to meeting his successor.

IOM is a very key partner and now we are very happy you are part of the UN family. Now we've the two global compacts, one on refugees, the other on migrants; IOM continues to play a key a role. As the Global Compact is making its way towards finalization in December, we look forward to making sure that we implement all its recommendations, with the help of IOM.

Thank you for the work you are doing globally. And I can tell you that Canadian refugee resettlement would be much harder without the assistance of IOM. Thank you!