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Re: GFMD Side-event on “Migration and human mobility in the context of the post-2015 Development Agenda – Perspectives from the Global Forum on Migration and Development”, Conference Room 11 (CB), 1.15 – 2.30 pm.

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1. We’ve come a long way in 3 years. Incredible that it took so much work for the inclusion of a couple dozen words.
2. Now, we have to take those words and instil them with real, practical meaning for migrants and our communities.
3. How do we translate them into actions? What will those actions be? Who will be responsible for their implementation?
4. That’s the discussion we’re just starting to have.
5. Also, we need to be aware that the P2015 process was merciless—a lot of what we sought was or will be left out.
6. We need to gather all that was left on the cutting room floor and fashion it into our own P2015 migration and development agenda—and we need to consider how that will be implemented, too.
7. In all of this, the GFMD is an especially important body. So too is the IOM. Both were at the heart of our effort to get migration into P2015. Yet both are outside the UN system. We need to address this.
8. As we begin these deliberations, I think it’s also important to be vigilant about the broader context: crises of the season, in the Mediterranean, Andaman, and soon the Gulf of Aden.
9. These have brought such intense attention to our issues, which might seem positive for our common P2015 goals, but they come with a big caveat.
10. Zero draft example.
11. We’ve tried hard to frame migration as positive.
12. PAUSE

13. Over and over again, Peter has stressed that once the agenda is set, that's when the real work starts.
14. He is deeply committed to effective follow-up to the post-2015 development agenda.
15. Sutherland Report
16. Follow-up needs to be first and foremost about action.
17. About promoting safer migration by addressing protection gaps.
18. About generating new coalitions of actors to help open up legal channels—private sponsorship, labor matching.
19. About mobilizing new technologies to protect identity, ensure access to services, cut out the middlemen in remittances, recruitment.
20. And so much more.
21. The follow-up also is about exchanging experiences and reporting on progress.
22. A sound follow-up mechanism needs to address the migration specific targets, of course.
23. But it should also be able to focus on migration's contribution to other sustainable development goals and targets—as well as migrants' access to advances within these other development areas.
24. Together, this would make for a comprehensive migration and development agenda—one in which governments plan for and act upon the opportunities and challenges that migration brings for development.
25. In order to realize this, a dedicated thematic follow-up and review mechanism is needed for migration.
26. We need to gather all the relevant forces, inside and outside the UN. Key multilateral institutions on migration are outside the UN—GFMD, IOM. Private sector. Civil society.
27. We need to engage them on how best to form a follow-up mechanism that accommodates a comprehensive approach to migration and development.
28. Peter stands fully behind this effort, in the same collaborative spirit as he has since June 2012 when many of us in this room began in earnest to advocate for migration in P2015.
29. I would urge us to clearly define the next steps we will take, to determine a flexible but firm process by which we will deliberate on how implementation and monitoring will take place.
30. Thank You!