Every refugee should have the opportunity to become self-reliant.

Dear fellow Business Leaders,

Today, we face the most significant refugee crisis since World War II. The statistics are distressing:

- Globally, more than 65 million individuals have been forced from their homes as a result of persecution, conflict, and violence;
- More than 21 million of these people have crossed international borders in search of safety and are registered as refugees; and
- Only 50% of refugee children are enrolled in primary school and adult refugees face widespread challenges to securing meaningful work.

These individuals face considerable obstacles to education and employment—affecting their ability to become self-reliant. They also often lack the basic resources that enable individuals to become fully integrated into society—from internet connectivity, to healthcare, to shelter.

Still, despite the myriad challenges that they have survived, refugees are a valuable, untapped resource. If given the opportunity, they can thrive and contribute to society.

In June, the White House issued a Call to Action asking U.S. companies to make new, measurable, and significant commitments that will have a durable impact on refugees in the United States and around the world. As global business leaders, innovators, and entrepreneurs, we plan to answer that call. We recognize the incentives for the private sector to empower refugees through education, employment opportunities, and other resources that will to enable them to become self-reliant. As such, we plan to leverage our core business capabilities and philanthropic efforts to respond to the Call to Action. We encourage you to join us in catalyzing global private sector efforts to solve the challenges that refugees face in the United States and abroad.
To learn more or to take action today, contact the Partnership for Refugees at www.partnershipforrefugees.org.

Together, we can unlock the potential of refugees worldwide.

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