

Global Compact on Refugees
Agenda Item 3: Follow-up Arrangements
U.S. Statement

Consistent with the goals of the Global Compact on Refugees, the United States will continue to be the global leader in humanitarian assistance efforts, particularly in our own region. The U.S. Government is providing billions in assistance to Central America to address the underlying economic, security, and governance conditions driving illegal migration from the region. Our efforts also aim to allow people in need of protection to find refuge in first countries of asylum without having to undertake long and dangerous journeys.

Promoting a more effective and efficient refugee response is not only consistent with the U.S. National Security Strategy, but it is also consistent with the Global Compact on Refugees. In order to meet this goal, it will be important that we develop strong indicators to monitor and evaluate progress and outcomes, as well as a digital platform to share best practices.

UNHCR should also evaluate the detailed, practical application of the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework (CRRF). We note that such strategic monitoring of CRRF implementation can facilitate timely advice to States in an effort to support their specific responses.

As the draft of the Global Compact on Refugees notes, evidence and evaluation are critical to measuring success. We welcome more details regarding the ways in which UNHCR will monitor and evaluate progress, as well as on the mechanism UNHCR will use to report back to Member States and other stakeholders.

We support UNHCR's proposal to use the 2021 ministerial meeting on the anniversary of the 1951 and 1967 Conventions as the first opportunity to provide a comprehensive update. However, we also suggest that UNHCR provide information on progress through its regular governing board meetings.