

“Towards a global compact on refugees”

Formal consultation 2

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Agenda item 2

Intervention by MONTENEGRO

Mr. Chairman,

With regard to the Agenda item 2, in addition to our previous statement, Montenegro would like to point out to the following elements:

- We welcome progress in concretization and further elaboration of the program of action and its parts. The role and important contribution of host countries by their own is better reflected and we hope that this part of the text will enjoy broader support.
- We would like to see stronger language with regards to the fight against discrimination. Therefore, we would propose inclusion of broader and more comprehensive reference on ending discrimination that would include ‘prohibition on any ground’, in para 12. In addition, we would prefer using a term ‘older people’ instead of ‘older adults’.
- Montenegro very much welcomes the further elaboration of idea on global refugee summits. We share the opinion that such gatherings should be an opportunity for review of the implementation of the GCR as a whole.
- We welcome the emphasis on regional approaches and their contribution to the implementation of the GCR. Greater attention should be given to the cooperation with the countries of transit and of origin, through bilateral and multilateral regional mechanisms.
- Additional, we are glad to see additional focus on strengthening capacities of local authorities and actors in providing sustainable and durable solution to the refugee crisis.
- With respect to the financing and efficient use of resources, it is nevertheless important to intensify activities to establish a sustainable model of financing of future projects related to timely and adequate funding of national needs in order to respond promptly to the sudden inflow and address the needs arising from long-term residence of refugees in the country of asylum.
- Stronger emphasis must be placed at the implementation of the development projects in the country of origin that will contribute to the sustainable return and reintegration of refugees in the countries of origin, in order to eliminate the causes for displacement.

Thank you.