

**Statement by Denmark**  
**Second draft of the Global Compact on Refugees**

**Agenda item 3**

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Thank you, Chair,

- Denmark aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the EU and its member states.
- We welcome the reference in para 50 to the experience gained so far through the roll-out of the CRRF and we look forward to continued assessment and analysis of this as the process moves ahead.
- We recall that), the CRRF (in para 7c) confirms the need to “encourage and empower refugees at the outset of an emergency phase, to establish supportive systems and networks that involve refugees and host communities and are age- and gender sensitive, with a particular emphasis on the protection and empowerment of women and children and other persons with specific needs. This should be reflected in the opening sections of part III.B of the GCR as well, possibly linked to para 51.
- Para 51 opens with a welcome reference to the need for inclusive approaches – but then it goes on to focus solely on vulnerabilities. It would seem appropriate to balance this with a strong message about the need to build upon the skills, capacities, participation and leadership of the refugees themselves in support of self-reliance, resilience and dignity. This is the place to recognise that refugees can support local social and economic development in host communities if given the right opportunities.
- In line with this, we would also recommend that para 52 is modified to reflect that the success of the measures outlined in part III.B depend on more than just the allocation of required resources by the international community. While additional funding is crucial, it is also about other forms of support from all UN member states and from international organisations – as well as the necessary support for inclusive approaches by national stakeholders.
- Finally, we would recommend that the text call for a solid analysis of the impact of forced displacement on local communities already from the early stages of a refugee crisis – to ensure that the required framework for planning of a well-targeted and efficient response is in place. This would be of great potential value to all involved stakeholders

- Thank you.