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WHO Statement Formal Consultations on the Global Compact on Refugees  
Geneva, February 14 2018

Thank you Assistant High Commissioner and Madame Co-chair ,  
WHO would like to express its full support for the application of the  
CRRF under the leadership of UNHCR.

WHO would like to reiterate our commitment to improving our  
capabilities at country level particularly making reference to point 1.1  
the preparedness element functions and different interventions to put  
in place in order to address refugee health needs and support Member  
States capacities.

We would like to see reflected in this Global Compact a more robust  
reference to health interventions and WHO's role better defined as a  
leading health coordinating UN agency.

We are ready to step up our contributions in both emergency setting as  
well as protracted situations reinforcing the concept of moving away  
from past practices of parallel services for refugees and encourage the



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expansion and national health system strengthening for both host communities and refugees.

As mentioned yesterday WHO will continue to strive to improve our coordination in emergency settings, health system strengthening and access to Universal Health Care for all, a Strategic priority in our Global Program of Work.

We will be providing more specific comments in writing in due course.

We look forward to our enhanced collaboration and engagement with your technical teams.

Thank you very much.