

“Towards a global compact on refugees”

Formal consultation 4

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Agenda item 2

Intervention by MONTENEGRO

Mr. Chairman,

With regards to the Agenda item 2, we are pleased to note that many comments/suggestions made so far have been reflected.

Montenegro supports additions in terms of broaden partnerships, clear inclusion of principle of participation, including refugees and host communities themselves, and a strong language on antidiscrimination which further guarantee the people centered approach throughout the text.

We have no specific suggestions for change at this stage, apart from our previous comments that, as we've noted, have been already included.

We like very much this new language in paragraph 17 that speaks on necessity of avoiding duplication, making new mechanisms complementary to already existing processes to much possible extent; and which emphasizes that despite a non legally binding nature of the GCR, its implementation depends above all on our willingness to participate and share burdens and responsibility. Although we primarily seek to identify new partnerships, effective mechanisms or modalities on how to improve a traditional way of doing, at the end, as it is so well reflected in the draft, “good faith and common trust” will be crucial for success and tangible results on the ground. Let's hope that constructiveness and mutual understanding shown so far will represent a good basis to build on.

In general terms, Part A is well structured, action oriented, with concrete proposed mechanisms that could ensure that there is predictability in terms of support, engagement and better and sustained interlink between humanitarian response and development actions.

The text rightly highlights many of concerns expressed so far. Therefore, we believe it is a good basis for further consultations that will reach consensus, namely between the main host countries and donor community.

Thank you.