

Agenda item 3: Programme of action: Areas in need of support – reception and admission (Part III.B.1)

- Under areas in need of support, we are pleased to see that our previous comments have been taken on board and support measures will be mobilized on request of the host country, building on national arrangements.

- We also appreciate that this section has been carefully rephrased with the inclusion of a chapeau paragraph highlighting the intention and the need for support to ease pressures on host countries in their challenging task.

- As a country facing mixed and large movements, we see preparedness, contingency planning and early warning systems as key elements in comprehensive and inclusive response to refugee situations as they help better predict and respond more effectively to refugee crises.

- Under safety and security sub-title, we suggest including “the application of timely security checks and health screening in parallel to the registration process”.

- We believe this is important not only in terms of responding to the security consideration of the host country but also for determining those at risk and with specific needs.

- Lastly, in terms of identifying international protection needs, it is also crucial that utmost sensitivity and vigilance is shown against terrorists or criminal networks to prevent misuse of the international protection system, bearing in mind the exception clauses of the 1951 Convention. In this regard, some referenced should be made in this line in the draft.

- Thank you.