

“Towards a global compact on refugees”

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Agenda item 2

Intervention by MONTENEGRO

Madame Chair,

On agenda item 2, I would also like to make a very brief comments:

- First of all, we welcome the new language in the chapeau of the Program of action, namely the new para 12 which now better clarifies “other context” of refugee situation mentioned in the last draft; as well as a stronger and comprehensive language on sexual and gender based violence in para 13. In that regard, we support the formulation of the chapeau as a whole.
- With regards to the Part A, we noted that the previous para 17 has been removed. However, we welcome the fact that several important elements have been kept in new para 16, such as: efforts to avoid duplication, to streamline the existing processes, and to go beyond “the business as usual”.
- Concerning “Global mechanism for international cooperation”, we are satisfied with the slightly revised text. We support the inclusion of the role of the UN Secretary General.
- On “national arrangements” we support text as is, without changes comparing to previous draft. We noted inclusion of voluntary repatriation in para 21, on the request of delegation of Kenya if I am not wrong, and we can support it.
- Similarly, we have no specific comments on “support platform” and “regional and sub-regional approaches”. However, we would not like more simplification of language on the role of regional and sub-regional mechanisms, which are from our point of view and from our own experience very important.
- We welcome the improved para 36 on the role of the UN system. While there is no doubt about a very important leading role of the UNHCR in this consultation process, the implementation of the GCR is a task and responsibility of the entire UN system, together with other stakeholders. Therefore, we support the inclusion of a clear role of the UN resident coordinators and the UN country teams through implementation of UNDAF.
- We welcome the inclusion of older persons in para 44.
- Finally, we would like to see a clear reference to the international human rights law and standards in terms of States’ and relevant stakeholders’ obligations to data protection, para 46.

I thank you.