

School of Law and Human Rights Centre, University of Essex statement at High Level Dialogue on Protection Capacity

Protection capacity must always have solutions in mind if a comprehensive response is to be achieved that brings together humanitarian and development actors. Protection is not just about *non-refoulement*, but includes human rights and the rule of law throughout the whole of displacement, civil and political rights alongside economic, social and cultural rights for all refugees, as well as mechanisms by which rights and the rule of law can be upheld. That grants refugees autonomy, leading to refugee-led solutions that will be sustainable and durable. Parallel thereto, one needs to ensure the operationalisation of interoperability by all humanitarian actors, national and local governments, civil society, with displaced and host communities; UNHCR's unique mandate to provide international protection ensures that refugees are not left behind by the international community as a whole, that is, states along with the rest of the United Nations and other humanitarian actors.

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