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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Towards a global compact on Refugees

Thematic Discussion Four

**Statement delivered by the Permanent Delegation of the Syrian  
Arab Republic**

**In the Panel titled "How can we support voluntary and  
sustainable return?"**

Geneva, on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Mr. Co-chair,

Thank you, my delegation thanks the panelists, it is clear that there is a high cost to enable the voluntary return of Refugees to their country of origin and to sustain this return. We ask the panelist how can the efforts of the state of origin be supported in this regard?, when unilateral coercive measures are imposed on the country which in turn constitute a real hindrance to the efforts of the affected state of origin in this regard. Isn't it essential to lift these unilateral coercive measures so that what we are talking about regarding supporting the state of origin to enable the voluntary return of Refugees to their home country is more realistic?

My delegation takes note of the proposals made in the concept paper, and stresses the fact that they are not inclusive.

**Thank you.**