

Global Compact on Refugees – Formal Consultation V.  
Italy Contributions

Agenda Item I

Italy believes that the introductory part of the text has significantly improved compared to previous versions. In particular, we appreciate clarification about climate change and natural disasters not being causes of refugee movements, but only interacting with root causes, in line with the position for which the Global Compact should not create new categories of refugees .

It will also be possible to appreciate and ask for the continuation of the new references to the principle of sovereign equality of States and the importance of ownership and leadership of the host States in the implementation of supporting initiatives by the international community.

Agenda Item II

Italy aligns itself to the statement made by the EU and wishes to make some additional remarks in its national capacity.

We appreciate the formulation of par. 12 which adequately reflects the reality on the ground, the complex challenges that arise from large mixed flows and the importance of operational partnerships between all relevant actors, starting with IOM. We believe that comprehensive responses to large refugee situations can also build on these operational partnerships in order to narrow protection gaps and improve coordination between the Global Compact for Refugees and the Global Compact for Migrants.

We support the language of par. 13 in particular the reference to the ending of all forms of sexual and gender-based violence.

We welcome the new language proposed in par. 37. We believe it is important taking into account that at least 60% of the world's refugee population now reside in urban areas. It is crucial to maintain local national and global perspectives in the implementation, follow up and review of the GCR.

Agenda Item III

Italy aligns itself to the statement delivered by the EU on behalf of the EU and its Member States and would like to add a few remarks, in the same constructive spirit that has been called upon by the Assistant HC and by some delegations.

In the Job and Livelihoods section and also in the chapter dedicated to 'local integration', we encourage the addition of a reference to the need to provide refugees with access to labour market. This is crucial in order to strengthen refugees' resilience and socio-economic integration. Also, in the Job and Livelihoods section, we would welcome references to the need to attract private investment to support local entrepreneurship, with a clear acknowledgment of the principle that refugee empowerment can contribute to supporting local communities.

The new reference to sport and cultural activities in par. 44 could be included in other sections as well, such as 'Tolerance and peaceful coexistence' and 'Local Integration', sport being also a useful tool to reach these goals.

On the section "addressing specific needs", we encourage references to the need for tailored procedures aimed at minors, persons with disabilities in the fields of registration, asylum claims evaluation, access to proper assistance and services. Concerning minors, we would welcome a reference to the need for quick procedures for the appointment of a tutor for unaccompanied minors; to the principle that repatriation of

minors should occur only if it is in their best interest; to the commitment to avoid detention of minors. In this regard, we believe that the principle of the best interest of the child should be crucial.

As far as resettlements are concerned, we welcome the alignment of the efforts under the GCR to the existing multilateral resettlement schemes and we praise the call to broaden the base of resettlement countries. We would like the GCR to ensure that multiannual resettlement schemes be coordinated with existing multilateral and regional resettlement arrangements.

#### Agenda Item IV

Finally, in the section devoted to follow-up and review, which we much appreciate for its clarity and accuracy, we would suggest a reference to the participation of representatives of host communities besides that of refugees, in accordance with the principle stipulating that the implementation of the GCR should benefit not only refugees but also the communities hosting them.