

**5th round of formal consultations on Draft 3 of the Global Compact  
on Refugees**

**Agenda item 3: Programme of action: Areas in need of support (Part  
III.B)**

**Palais des Nations, Geneva  
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**German Intervention**

Madame Chair,

Germany aligns itself with the EU Statement.

Let me make the following main points:

- We request a direct reference to the UN Trafficking Protocol and suggest to add in Para 60, that processes and procedures should be (quote) "in line with the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing UNTOC" (unquote).
- We would welcome the amendment in Para 65 that the impact of a large refugee situation on a host country is taken into account (not only) in development programmes (but also in development policies).
- The meaningful involvement of development actors should be highlighted as a "key aspect of the GCR" rather than "a positive change". We strongly agree with the empowerment of (refugee) youth and youth participation in decision making processes. The term "youth" however should by no means lead to a blurring of the legal definition of "children" and the particular rights and protection

needs associated with it. Application of the term “youth” should therefore carefully be reviewed throughout the text.

- Maternal and infant health are integral parts of measures to meet the *health needs of refugees and their host communities*; sexual and reproductive health need to be taken into account as well, where applicable.
- In para 84, we recommend the heading “social cohesion and peaceful coexistence” rather than “tolerance”. We need to reduce inequality among different population groups to foster social cohesion and prevent radicalization, discrimination and racism and should explicitly mention this.
- Similarly, combatting and not only responding to all forms of violence will be required and should be used as term throughout the text.
- We welcome the more coherent language on *resettlement* and suggest the following addition in Para 92 which reads: „ensuring that resettlement is used strategically – and then add (quote) “improving the protection environment and contributing to a comprehensive approach to refugee situations” (unquote).
- Places should be allocated for the resettlement of refugees from emergency situations. We do not deem it useful, however, again in para 92, to predetermine the number of these emergency situations.
- In addition, the next Draft should clarify that facilitations in the area of family reunification are aimed at enhanced and more effective procedures.
- Lastly, for sustainable returns, support to returnees along their entire “road of return” and building upon existing development

activities by opening up existing programs for returnees will be crucial. This should be considered in the next Draft.

Thank you.