**FIRST FORMAL CONSULTATION ON THE GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES
STATEMENT BY TURKEY UNDER AGENDA ITEM 1 (The programme of action
and the principal modalities for burden- and responsibility-sharing)
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- We thank the UNHCR staff for drafting the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). Turkey positions herself as a friend of the development of GCR.

- I am glad to express that our assessment about the zero-draft is generally positive, as it is built on valuable suggestions, best practices and the lessons learnt which were put forwarded during the thematic discussions.

- However, we believe that there are some parts which need to be emphasized and strengthened.

- On the modalities for burden and responsibility sharing: It is important to reiterate that support to be provided to host countries which are contributing to the collective good from their own limited natural and financial resources should be tangible and countable.

- We welcome the suggestions offered to host states to establish **national arrangements** for the coordination and facilitation of efforts. Indeed, Turkey has already created a "Migration Policy Board" with the high level participation from all government institutions. Based on our experience, we also share the call of zero-draft in this regard.

- Nonetheless, regarding the call about the **"steering group"** which will provide policy direction at the national level, we would like to underline that composition and working methods of this group should be determined by hosting states. This should be consultative in nature.

- We believe that a **"global platform"** to be convened by UNHCR, as needed and with the consent of host states, would be useful in assisting host countries in their response. As stated in the text, host countries need concrete support in order to conduct an effective response. That is why, it is important to highlight that the platform's purpose is to ensure that a wide range of relevant stakeholders would be brought to provide material, technical, stand-by or political support and commitment.

- Suggestion for organizing **solidarity conferences** to facilitate burden and responsibility sharing for a specific situation is also positive. Engagement of development actors, civil society, local communities and the private sector will also be important for these solidarity conferences to bring about concrete results. Therefore we believe that these actors should be clearly mentioned as those expected to engage in the solidarity conferences.

- The successful implementation of the global compact surely relies on the mobilization of **additional funding.** We welcome the suggestions for states and mainly the development actors for mobilizing additional resources. Having said this, we should underline that **adequate financing** should be mobilized not only for the emergency response but also for **social cohesion projects**.

- Establishment of a "**global academic alliance"** by the UNHCR is also welcomed. We believe that this alliance could also be active in providing educational opportunities such as scholarships.

- Under "**data and evidence"** sub-title: We also agree that reliable, comparable, and timely data is critical for evidence-based measures. However, all relevant data can not be accessible by all relevant stakeholders, as states have to take into account their national laws and regulations too, regarding the protection of personal datas.

- Mr. Türk during his opening remarks underlined the need to concretize our actions to be practical. We agree. That is why we would like to propose the **inclusion of a template or road map or flow chart** if you like to guide especially host countries as to what to do step by step during the outbreak of a crisis as well as to how the international community should mobilize.

- Lastly, while we acknowledge the difference and the necessity to keep the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact on Migration (GCM) separate from one another, we should underline that two Compacts can also become mutually reinforcing. Therefore, addition of some **GCM references** to this text might be useful.