

**GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES SECOND FORMAL
CONSULTATION MEETING
STATEMENT BY TURKEY
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Agenda Item 2: Programme of Action - Mechanisms for burden- and responsibility-sharing (Part III A)

- Equitable burden sharing and the increase of contributions in support of host states should be the backbone of GCR as hosts bear the brunt of the displacement phenomenon. Therefore, we support the highlight of this issue in the text from a broader angle.
- We welcome the suggestions under the mechanisms for burden and responsibility sharing, notably the convening Global Refugee Summits on a regular basis.
- For such a mechanism to bring about stronger commitments and to catch greater attention in the global agenda it is important to keep the level high. Therefore, we suggest these summits to be convened at Heads of State and Government level, possibly within the margins of the UN General Assembly.
- If this be deemed unfeasible, we suggest the title to be changed to **“Global Ministerial Conference on Refugees”** with a view to ensure Ministers’ participation to the extent possible.
- We believe that the Global Compact should give a clear picture to states as to how they could contribute to the global refugee response. We therefore welcome that concrete pledges and contributions of states are more broadly defined in the revised draft.
- On the other hand, we thank UNHCR for the flow chart distributed today. It is useful, but in terms of concrete and practical actions for states in concern, as we have suggested during the first formal consultation, we would like to reiterate our proposal about the inclusion of **a template or road map or flow chart** just for technically guiding or assisting states as to what to do during the outbreak of a crisis. Maybe, this could be included to the Compact as an annex.
- Some important functions such as development of a country or region-specific compact are foreseen in the text for the suggested **“Global Support Platform”**.
- Indeed, we would like to support and welcome this idea, but some additional words or sentences that take into account sovereignty of host states are definitely

needed for this section. For example, this platform should only be activated and its composition should only be determined after close consultation and by taking the explicit consent of affected host states.

- Solidarity conferences could be essential in channeling financial assistance to the most vulnerable people in a swift manner. Nevertheless, engagement of development actors, civil society, local communities and the private sector in the solidarity conferences should clearly be called upon.

- We believe that in line with his overarching role, the High Commissioner for Refugees might host solidarity conferences.

- We agree that the success of the Global Compact also requires a multi-stakeholder approach. However, we should not rule out the national laws and regulations of states and the need for both consultation and coordination with relevant state institutions of host countries in this regard.

- Similarly, national laws and regulations of states should not be disregarded in terms of accessing data and evidence and the protection of personal data should always be taken into account.

- Also concerning the part on data and evidences, we also deem that the determination of gaps in international cooperation is necessary for a more equitable burden sharing. In this context, UNHCR should also consult governments in measuring the cost and impact of hosting, protecting and assisting refugees.

- Finally, as suggested by several delegates during the first formal consultations, we strongly suggest that **resettlement and other complementary pathways** are also included as a sub-title in the section of key tools for burden and responsibility-sharing.

- It is obvious that burden and responsibility sharing is not only about financial contribution and as long as regular pathways are not established long-term solutions can not be reached.

- Thank you.