

**GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES FIFTH FORMAL
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STATEMENT BY TURKEY**

Agenda Item 1: Introduction: background; guiding principles; objectives; and prevention and addressing root causes (Part I)

- We thank the UNHCR team for their efforts in bringing about the revised and improved draft.
- We preserve our optimism that we will move in the right direction in establishing the practical application of a system, abiding by our commitment in the New York Declaration to achieve a more equitable sharing of burden and responsibility.
- The mention of protracted situations as well as the growing gap between needs and humanitarian funding present a better and realistic picture in the first paragraph.
- The second paragraph is empowered with the inclusion of the principle of sovereign equality of States with regard to international cooperation. This constitutes an important component of the Compact.
- Similarly, we welcome the new sentence focusing on national ownership and leadership for the successful application of the GCR.
- Under the “background” section, we believe it would be useful to refer to the New York Declaration that also underlines the centrality of international cooperation to the refugee protection regime.
- As we proposed in the last round, another dimension of the guiding principles could be the focus on the complementarity with the Global Compact on Migration.
- In this context, we can incorporate the following sentence from the current draft of the GCM:

“The two Global Compacts, together, present international cooperation frameworks that fulfil their respective mandates as laid out in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants.”

- We support the proposal by a delegation for the re-inclusion of the notion of the mobilization of “political will” as foreseen in para 8 of the previous draft into para 4 of the current text.

- We also support that equal focus should be accorded to the four objectives in para 7 as proposed by the delegation of Ethiopia.

- We further support the comments made by the delegation of Denmark on the need for stronger emphasis on a comprehensive approach to include wider engagement of development actors and funds and organizations as the World Bank.

- As for the calls to include the principle of the right to request asylum, we believe that this notion is significantly dealt with in the 1951 convention and the 1967 protocol both of which are mentioned in the text.

Thank you.