

“Towards a global compact on refugees”

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Country Statement

Republic of Korea

Thank you Mr. Chair,

The Republic of Korea commends the High Commissioner and his team for preparing the Draft 2 of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR). We all have had rich and fruitful discussions to this halfway point in the consultation process, and my delegation sees the results of all those cooperative works serving as solid building blocks for this latest text. Among others, we welcome:

- UNHCR’s endeavors to integrate comments and suggestions by all states to the new draft with a balanced view, including by stipulating efforts to avoid duplication and additional burdens on host countries;
- Emphasis on ownership and active role of host countries in operating responsibility-sharing mechanisms and in ensuring sustainable response to the refugee crisis;
- Strengthened multi-stakeholder and partnership approach together with more concretized roles of relevant stakeholders and expansion of partnership to include national parliamentarians and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement; and
- Improved coherence and organization of the new draft reinforcing linkages among different sections, particularly between III.A (mechanisms for burden-and responsibility-sharing) and III.B (areas in need of support).

In terms of specific sectors, we recognize that the **Introduction** more clearly demonstrates the legal and normative grounds of the global compact. It creates guiding principles that elucidates fundamental principles on which the GCR draws, while reaffirming humanitarian principles such as humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence, as well as the cardinal principle of non-refoulement.

We also note with appreciation that the draft enhances our understanding on how the **responsibility-sharing mechanisms** work, particularly with regard to the Support Platform.

Regarding **areas in need of support**, we welcome that assistance to countries of origin is also included, which we expect will enhance linkage between humanitarian assistance and enabling conditions for voluntary repatriation. The draft also broadens mobilization basis by more engaging the private sector and presenting a range of concrete contributions that the private partners can provide. Creating children and social cohesion part is also notable, as it makes the response measures more concrete and comprehensive.

We also welcome that UNHCR's three-year-strategy covers complementary pathways for admission. As one of the new countries joining global efforts for resettlement and other pathways of admission, we look forward to the support from and cooperation with the UNHCR and other relevant stakeholders.

Finally, we believe that **follow-up and review** mechanisms part needs more development to secure our clear understanding on them. In this regard, we endorse the UNHCR's sharing information with relevant stakeholders, especially on the indicators to assess progress and outcome of the global compact. We will closely cooperate with the UNHCR on this issue, and expect further discussion including on how qualitative factors such as socio-economic contexts of host countries can be properly reflected in measuring those figures.

Thank you. /END/