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WHO Statement Formal Consultations on the Global Compact on Refugees
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Global Compact on Refugees: Programme of action: Mechanisms for burden and responsibility sharing

Thank you Mr. Chairman,

As mentioned yesterday, WHO welcomes this revised draft addressing in a more detailed manner mechanisms to more equitable and predictable burden and responsibility sharing. We also applaud the more robust reference to health interventions in the document and the intention of better defining the contributions of each stakeholder in order to avoid confusion and potential duplication of efforts.

While we fully embrace the modalities of UNHCR convening global refugee summits and the activation of country or regional support Platforms we would welcome further details and clarity on these points.



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We remain focused on improving a multi/stakeholder approach, better data and evidence which will include the mapping of the cost and impact of hosting refugees in host countries.

In this regard, Chair, under National arrangements established by host countries, WHO sees its role working with concert with UNHCR, other partners and MS in different capacities. One of the outcomes of the reinvigorated MoU currently under revision between our agencies, is increased joint preparatory assessments in the face of massive influx, and identification of gaps vis a vis refugee oriented health services.

This mechanism will help predict the needs and will involve the community participation enhancing the voice and role of the refugees and locals.

WHO stands ready to assist countries to deliver refugee sensitive services also where MS are too fragile to provide services without strong support by the WHO AND OTHER PARTNERS.

Finally, WHO will continue to work in post/emergency environments, increasing health systems capacities and reinforcing the concept of



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moving away from past practices of parallel services for refugees and encourage the expansion and national health system strengthening for both host communities and refugees in order to ensure equity while expanding access.

We look forward to be an active partner in these formal consultations in the coming months, as the world health assembly requested our DG to ensure that this compact includes the health dimension and addresses refugees' health needs based on the one UN concept.

Thank you.