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Secretary General, High Commissioner, excellences, ladies and Gentlemen

We are here, united in our support for the Global Compact on Refugees. It is a unique opportunity to improve the response to large displacement situations.

The fundamental challenges in global displacement remain unsolved. Host countries are overburdened. Funding is much too limited. And refugees face severe risks when searching for safety. Thousands have died trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea. It is unacceptable.

We all have to think outside the box to find better solutions. To address root causes better. To develop better durable solutions. To help more refugees better in their regions of origin. And be willing to consider alternative solutions such as reception centres and asylum capacity along the routes. Denmark commits to do just that.

We must develop a more fair and humane approach to asylum within the framework of international law. This is a top priority for my government and we will continue to work for this in the years ahead.

Today, we pledge substantial initiatives in support of better solutions. For vulnerable refugees, for women and girls. And for the young generation that are agents of change for a better future.

We do so together with our civil society partners and the private sector in the Danish GCR-Coalition.

Denmark pledges to provide multiannual development funding to education and health. To better infrastructure and energy supply. To voluntary return and reintegration. And we pledge to strengthen asylum capacity along migratory routes and in regions of origin.

Our pledges come on top of a record-high Danish humanitarian budget in 2020, including the highest ever contribution to UNHCR.

Finally, we pledge to resume resettlement with immediate effect as an important legal pathway to protection in Denmark.

I thank you.