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**Statement at the Global Refugee Forum**  
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Chairperson, High Commissioner, Excellencies, Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,

On behalf of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP), we wish to extend our congratulations to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and to the Government of Switzerland for organizing the first Global Refugee Forum. This Forum is an important step towards the achievement of the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees and a landmark in our collective endeavour of strengthening responses to the needs of refugees and host communities.

As we embark on this ambitious journey, WFP wishes to extend its gratitude to the United States of America for funding the Joint Programme of Excellence and its Targeting Hub. Through this Hub, WFP and UNHCR will each bring their respective expertise in assessments, targeting and prioritisation to design better joint programmes, to better meet basic needs and promote self-reliance.

As a co-sponsor of the Jobs and Livelihoods as well as Energy and Infrastructure areas, WFP is ready to act as an advocate to take this important work forward and lead by example. Through our resilience-building activities, climate change adaptation and disaster risk reduction activities, WFP can effectively contribute to the outcomes of this Forum.

WFP is committed to continue delivering assistance to refugees and host communities in a joint, coherent and people-centered approach that maximises resources and capacities and contributes to a more effective and timely response to the needs of refugees and host communities. WFP is also pleased to be joining the 'Clean Energy Challenge' that aims to give access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy to 90 percent of refugee settlements and nearby host communities by 2030. WFP's strong focus on food systems sees access to energy for food production, processing and preservation as critical to ensuring food security.

In closing, WFP looks forward to the numerous opportunities that the Global Refugee Forum presents for deepening our collective engagement in support of refugees and host communities.

Thank you.