

**Statement by Ambassador YUN Seong Deok of
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Thank you Chair.

My delegation fully aligns itself with the group statement on behalf of the MIKTA countries, namely Mexico, Indonesia, Korea, Turkiye and Australia. My country would like to add several points in our national capacity.

Let me first of all express my appreciation to your leadership and I assure you of my delegation's full support during the session. I am also grateful to High Commissioner Grandi and his team for their efforts and dedication in a very challenging moment.

Although there has been some progress throughout the year, we are still encountering challenges such as the increase in refugees, complex crises, and significant funding gap. As the same problems persist, it is obvious that they are

more structural problems to be addressed by beyond 'business-as-usual' approaches. In the context, my delegation would like to share a few thoughts with participants.

First, in relation to funding shortfalls, as underlined by many delegations, it is important to broaden the funding bases, and, at the same time, it is crucial to use the financial resources more efficiently and effectively within the predictable funding. We hope that prioritization efforts by UNHCR will be presented in the budget document in a clearer and more comprehensive manner.

Second, the enhanced performance and accountability of UNHCR will strengthen trust among donors and it will help to expand quality funding, including unearmarked contributions. IN this regard, we hope that UNHCR continues to strengthen its result management and the quality of report. We believe that quality reports can be produced while simplified reporting under the Grand Bargain is respected.

Third, my delegation takes note of the growing demand for

durable solutions. Unfavorable conditions in the countries of origin and funding issues can be constraining factors in expanding the investment in this area. However, we encourage UNHCR as the Refugee Agency to show a clear picture in addressing each refugee issue together with other relevant actors. For example, in light of the HDP nexus, we hope to hear the comprehensive blueprint, including the links among the humanitarian-development-peace actors, the projects they will carry out, and the expected outcomes in the future.

Fourth, my delegation hopes that internal reform and transformation will lead to concrete results. In particular, UNHCR's emphasis on diversity and inclusiveness should be translated into real progress. Regional balance in professional, and senior staff is also an area that requires special attention. We also take note of emphasis on decentralization and regionalization. However, they are not the end goals in themselves but rather a means to promote efficiency and effectiveness of the Agency. We'd like to encourage UNHCR to pay more attention to see if there are any unexpected problems or missing parts in the process.

Chair,

The upcoming 2nd GRF (Global Refugee Forum) will be a good opportunity to reinvigorate the global efforts to address refugee crises. Bearing the objectives of GCR (Global Compact on Refugees) in mind, member states, including my country, will seriously consider the possible ways to contribute to durable solutions for the refugee issues. During the course, the ways to cooperate among ourselves and strengthen the partnership with UNHCR also will be explored. In the same vein, UNHCR should bring a change in addressing the refugee issues by improving its organization and activities. Diverse opinions from member states and other stakeholders should be heeded in the course.

My delegation wishes that the current unprecedented crises would be met by unprecedented outcomes.

To this end, we hope that UNHCR could play a more central and active role as the Refugee Agency and my country will continue to cooperate with UNHCR.

I thank you.
