

MIKTA JOINT STATEMENT

For General Debate, Plenary Session of the 74th UNHCR Executive Committee

Madam/Mr. Chair

1. I have the honor to deliver this statement on behalf of MIKTA countries, Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Türkiye, and Australia.
2. Ten years ago, our five countries established a platform to foster cross-regional dialogue, identify avenues for cooperation and promote an inclusive and resilient world.
3. Today, MIKTA continues to coordinate to find pragmatic and creative solutions to regional and global challenges, and advocate for those in vulnerable situations.
4. MIKTA countries share deep concerns that multidimensional crises are endangering global stability, growth and prosperity.
5. We note with great concern the UNHCR 2022 Global Report particularly on the unprecedented number of forcibly displaced persons that has soared to more than 108 million people.
6. For the past few years, the rapid increase of new crises has forcibly displaced millions of people across the globe, stemming from, among others, war, conflict, persecution, extreme poverty, increasing inequality, climate change, rising food insecurity, and environmental degradation.
7. This proliferation of crises generates a heavier burden for host countries, of which 76% are comprised of low- and middle-income countries.
8. We, as MIKTA countries, assert the importance of providing durable solutions for refugees in light of the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) .

9. In particular, we note that more resettlement and complementary pathways are becoming more important to allow increasing numbers of refugees to enjoy safety, and a new environment in which to rebuild their lives and meet their full potential.
10. For host countries, resettlement and complementary pathways are an important and tangible demonstration of burden and responsibility sharing within the spirit of the Global Compact on Refugees.
11. Furthermore, we also recognise and value the contribution and diversity refugees bring to economies and societies for the resettlement countries.

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12. In addition to finding permanent and durable solutions, we also put emphasis on the importance of respecting and protecting the human rights of forcibly displaced persons en route, at international borders, and in transit.
13. We are concerned that sexual and gender-based violence continues to be a feature of many conflict and displacement crises globally, and we urge the international community to continue to support UNHCR's efforts to address these challenges.
14. UNHCR must continue to intensify its efforts to support those in the most vulnerable situations, with heightened protection risks, including women and girls, children, persons with disabilities and older persons. This is critical to making sure we leave no-one behind in humanitarian responses.
15. The international community must continue to protect refugees and other forcibly displaced persons from national and transnational organized crime, such as kidnapping, smuggling, human trafficking, child exploitation and abuse, contemporary forms of slavery and forced labor.
16. In the midst of facing these multi-dimensional and wide-ranging issues, unfortunately UNHCR still faces significant needs for refugees and other types of people of concerns (POC) as well as underfunding for many of its operations.

17. While we applaud the tremendous generosity of donors in providing the ever-increasing financial contributions, there is still need for donor base to be broadened and the efficient and effective use of financial resources is crucial within the predictable funding. We also emphasize that the funding should be more flexible to better respond to the needs.
18. We commend UNHCR's efforts in enhancing cooperation with other UN and beyond UN entities, such as development and international financial institutions, in order to better assess the needs on the ground, as well as to build stronger resilience of the affected people and their host communities.

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19. As the 2nd Global Refugee Forum is approaching, we call upon all states and other actors to intensify our collective effort in developing and matching pledges that enhance the burden- and responsibility-sharing, in support of the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR).
20. There is a crucial need for countries and other stakeholders to join hands in supporting the multi-stakeholder pledges that have been developed and will be created, as these pledges will guide future engagement in more comprehensive and strengthened responses.
21. We, as MIKTA countries stand ready to continue our support for UNHCR and its mandate, and also to continue our work as part of the international community in addressing the root causes of displacement and working on durable solutions.

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