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High Commissioner,

Thank you, Madam Chair. We aligned ourselves with the MIKTA statement.

The mid-year trends report by UNHCR simply tells us that the refugee population and people in need of international protection have increased from 59 million to 122.6 in the last ten years. Only 5 million could return to their ancestral lands with dignity. The funds available to UNHCR have dropped by roughly ¼ from 2018 to 2024 and as we understand prospects for further funds are rather dim.

Irregular migration routes, are lucratively exploited by criminal networks that benefit deficits and painstakingly slow resettlement processes.

Conflicts as the main source of forced displacement rampantly spread geographically and intensified violently.

The people all over the globe watch refugee camps and UN workers in Gaza being targeted in cold blood by the Israeli government, in betrayal of norms and values that they had believed the UN and UNHCR guarded.

They now know that duality is a norm in conflict resolution and that not all victims are equal. Global diplomacy is losing its credibility and yet the solutions, albeit limited, will still be possible only through diplomacy. Indeed, as High Commissioner Grandi said yesterday cynicism and isolation are not luxuries that neither refugees nor future generations can afford.

Türkiye, hosting 3.1 million people in need of protection, had been experiencing all possible challenges involved, including underfunded humanitarian assistance provided in Syria; escalation of war and rampant disregard of international law in its all aspects in the Middle East. Increased xenophobia, and Islamophobic discourse in countries where populist politicians put their narrow, short-term interests before the fundamental principles of rule-based world order that their own nations owe their wealth and comfort zones is a serious source of concern.

Being completely aware of this rather gloomy state of affairs, and also realizing that there is no alternative or more effective platforms for a collective effort to tackle these challenges, we support the work of the High Commissioner in delivering an inclusive, transparent, predictable and well-coordinated response.

As such, Türkiye remains committed to work together with partners with a view to addressing immense structural, political and systemic issues that is hampering

the credibility of our global capacity of providing protection to those in need. We look forward to making UNHCR great again.