

**MIKTA Joint Statement
General Debate of the 75th plenary session
of the Executive Committee**

Thank you, Madame Chair,

I am honored to deliver this statement on behalf of MIKTA: comprising Mexico, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Türkiye, and Australia. As members of a cross-regional platform, we reaffirm our **common resolution** to contribute to efforts aimed at **protecting and finding solutions** for forcibly displaced and stateless persons.

We are deeply concerned about the **increasing trend of people being forced to flee their homes and countries**, due to conflict, persecution, and violence, now totaling over 120 million persons¹.

We recognize that **host countries**, 75% being low- and middle-income economies², continue to provide support despite facing complex challenges at both national and regional levels. We commend their efforts and **solidarity**, which allow displaced persons to find safety until conditions in countries of origin become adequate for voluntary, **safe, and dignified** return.

The members of MIKTA also acknowledge the contributions of **donor countries** that actively engage on addressing crisis situations under the principle of **burden and responsibility sharing**. Nevertheless, as the Office of High Commissioner has noted, the needs continue to grow, and **resources remain insufficient**. In this regard, **sustained financial commitments, broadening the donor base** and increasing **funding flexibility** are necessary to ensure the provision of assistance and protection to forcibly displaced and stateless persons, while also supporting host communities.

The **work of the Office of the High Commissioner remains vital**. Its efforts to deliver inclusive, transparent, predictable, and well-coordinated responses to refugees, internally displaced, and stateless persons, have proven essential and effective.

¹ <https://www.unhcr.org/sites/default/files/2024-09/Item-1-Opening-statement-DHC.pdf>

² <https://www.unhcr.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/global-trends-report-2023.pdf>

We commend the Office's efforts in addressing a significant number of new emergencies and supporting countries facing multiple crises simultaneously. We also offer our condolences for the UNHCR staff that have lost their lives due to conflict and violence and call for compliance with international humanitarian law as critical to protecting civilians, including humanitarian personnel.

MIKTA countries are firmly committed to collaborating in the global endeavor to protect those seeking international protection. In this regard, we will continue to promote **robust and accessible protection mechanisms**. This includes strengthening asylum procedures and **enhancing support systems**, in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner.

In seeking solutions, we consider it important to address the **specific needs of persons in vulnerable situations**, and observe our obligations to **respect, protect and fulfill the human rights** of forcibly displaced and stateless persons.

Our countries are conscious of the challenges faced by displaced persons, including discrimination and limited access to basic services. With this in mind, we encourage States to support the Office of the High Commissioner in fostering greater cooperation with host countries and other relevant partners, with the aim of developing inclusive policies and enhancing the self-reliance of displaced persons.

In our pursuit of sustainable solutions, we advocate for **the expansion of resettlement and complementary pathways**. Alongside resettlement, it is essential to expand access to alternatives such as labor mobility, education opportunities, community sponsorship, and family reunification.

The international community must also take **further steps to end statelessness**. Approximately **4.4 million people**³ worldwide are stateless, facing severe restrictions on protection and the enjoyment of human rights. Stateless persons often lack access to education, healthcare, and employment opportunities, which cause cycles of poverty and marginalization.

MIKTA countries recognize the **progress made during the last decade as a result of the #Ibelong Campaign and welcome the celebration of the High-level segment** on statelessness. We will continue collaborating with States and relevant actors, sharing good

³ <https://www.unhcr.org/sites/default/files/2024-06/global-trends-report-2023.pdf>

practices and learning from other's experiences on avenues to strengthen policies and laws related to registration, and the right to identity and nationality, with the goal of preventing and ending statelessness.

Madame Chair,

MIKTA countries are committed to fostering collaboration and partnerships that enhance our collective capacity to respond effectively to displacement and statelessness.

We **stress** the importance of involving local communities, the private sector, civil society organizations and refugee-led organization in these efforts. They are often on the front lines, providing essential support and services to displaced populations.

MIKTA countries stand united in our commitment to addressing challenges and root causes of forced displacement and statelessness. We will continue to strengthen our efforts to effectively implement the pledges made during and after **the 2nd Global Refugee Forum**—and in close collaboration with UNHCR.

Thank you.