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## **General comments on Draft 2**

At the outset we would like to thank the UNHCR staff for preparing the Draft 2 of the Global Compact on Refugees as well as for providing the delegations with the Summary of the main changes.

Since this is the first time we take the floor during this consultation, please allow me to make some general comments for the agenda items covered yesterday.

We are glad to share the view of many other delegations that the latest draft has made further improvements to strengthen the mechanism for burden-sharing with the countries that are confronted with large movement of refugees or protracted situations. This approach is consistent with the commitments from New York and with the humanitarian nature of the Global Compact.

### **Programme of Action: Mechanisms for burden and responsibility sharing**

We have heard yesterday Assistant High Commissioner's introduction of the Draft 2, we are sensitive to the need to attain balance and we agree that the Compact should be read in its totality.

We would have appreciated however, if the **reference to mixed situations involving refugees and migrants had not been removed from the definition of the scope** of the programme of action, since mixed movements of refugees and migrants indeed pose particular challenges to states that might necessitate international support and coordinated response; as the Assistant High Commissioner explained this morning, this is **operational reality**.

Notwithstanding this issue, we express our support for the mechanism as set out in Section III A of the Compact, as it defines better the modalities for burden-sharing and defines precisely the way in which the international community will mobilise itself to provide support to the affected countries.

We welcome the proposal for convening **Global refugee forum** where countries will announce concrete pledges in support for the achievement of the goals of the Compact, as well as take stock and review the implementation of the previous pledges. We commend the ministerial-level approach, and the 4-year cycle; we believe it will ensure sustained support for the implementation of the Global Compact.

Further, we commend the approach to contextualize the **Support Platform** to the specific refugee situation. We welcome the clarifications in the text regarding the situations that could trigger activation of the Support Platform as well as regarding the proposals for its composition.

We reiterate our support for the development of tool for **measuring the impact of hosting, protecting and assisting refugees**, as this will contribute greatly not only to transparency, but will also help to promote more equitable burden sharing, and follow progress of the implementation of this Compact. We agree with the proposed inclusive approach for discussions on the appropriate methodology for this tool.

### **Programme of Action: Areas in need of support**

We welcome the suggestions under the Section III B, as well as the aim of the Compact to define the areas of need in support with a view to mobilize stronger international support for more predictable humanitarian responses from the onset of emergencies.

Focusing on reception and admission, we commend the **preparedness and contingency planning** approach and we particularly welcome the envisaged support for managing arrivals and responding to immediate reception needs.

As our experience with the refugee crisis in 2015-16 had shown, indeed, all countries that are situated on the routes of refugees and migrants could benefit greatly from contingency planning, coordinated regional approaches and improvement of information sharing among countries.

For those reasons, and without any prejudice to the primary purpose of this Compact which is to assist the host countries, we, as well as other delegations, have asked that the Compact in the section dedicated to Reception and admission, envisages possibility to support, if needed, **not just host, but transit countries alike**, especially when it comes to **large movements of refugees, as well as mixed situations** of refugees and migrants. This support is particularly needed for initial registration and identification of specific needs, provision of essential services, as well as for security screening of new arrivals. UNHCR action on development of national capacities in the area of **registration and documentation** is highly welcomed.

We hope to see this reflected further on.

### **Follow-up and review**

Regarding **follow-up arrangements**, we support the proposal that the goals of the Global Compact should be measured against key indicators, starting from the first Global Refugee Forum in 2019. We support the inclusion of information on the progress made in the application of the Compact in the annual report of the High Commissioner to the General Assembly and the ExCom.

Similarly, we welcome the suggestion for the application of the Global Compact, including the implementation and impact of pledges, to be assessed periodically at the Global Refugee Forums. We believe that this will keep the attention of the international community focused on the need for global action in response to refugees and will contribute significantly to

ensure progress in the implementation of the Comact in conditions of legally non-binding instrument.

I thank you,