

5th round of formal consultations on Draft 3 of the Global Compact on Refugees

Agenda item 2: Programme of action: Mechanisms for burden- and responsibility-sharing (Part III.A)

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German Intervention

Ladies and gentlemen,

Germany aligns itself with the EU Statement.

We appreciate the strengthened language in Part A of the Programme of Action, in particular the more explicit linkages between the various mechanisms for burden- and responsibility-sharing. We welcome that UNHCR would ensure regular reporting on the work of the Support Platforms to both the UN General Assembly and ExCom as well as the Global Refugee Forums.

Let me share our main suggestions with you:

- In the introductory paragraphs, we appreciate the reference to mixed movements and cooperation between UNHCR and IOM. However, we regret that there is no direct reference to the GCM. Mixed movements present indeed a wide-ranging challenge and are often a reality that should particularly be taken into account in areas such as reception and admission.
- Also, we would like to see references to “trafficking in persons” mentioned coherently throughout the text. For example, para 13 should refer to “ending all forms of sexual and gender-based violence, trafficking in persons, sexual exploitation and abuse and harmful practices”.
- As regards the *Global Refugee Forum*, we welcome the fact that the Forums are to be co-convened by States, with an invitation to the UN Secretary-General. We also appreciate the clarification that Global Refugee Forums are to enable contributions from all Member States, and will facilitate exchange among regional and subregional bodies. We would like to see this language kept in the final draft of the GCR.

- With regard to the *Support Platform*, we reiterate our suggestion for UNHCR to prepare a draft road map for activating and deactivating such context-specific “Support Platforms” in protracted and emergency situations, as well as a task description in the two different scenarios as a basis for further process. The drafts should explicitly take into account best practice from past and current refugee situations and lessons learnt from CRRF implementation. The roadmap should be available before the first Global Refugee Forum so Member States can express their interest to become part of a Platform if called upon by UNHCR.
- As regards *data and evidence*, we would like to recommend including references to SDG monitoring in order to capture inequalities and the inclusion of refugees in national systems, as relevant. We therefore suggest referring to “reliable, comparable, and timely disaggregated data”.

Thank you.