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Thank you, chair. Denmark aligns with the statement delivered on behalf of the EU and its member states.

Let me start by expressing Denmark's sincere appreciation for the work of UNHCR and our gratitude that you, High Commissioner, will continue to steer the organization for the coming years.

This year the world has passed a sad milestone of more than 100 million people forcibly displaced globally. Denmark is deeply worried about the growing crisis of forced displacement, driven by multiple factors. A crisis that has only been fuelled by Russia's senseless and unlawful war in Ukraine. A war where we yesterday saw new Russian attacks claiming civilian lives and targeting civilian infrastructure, against international humanitarian law. The consequences of this war are felt globally. Not least among those already in vulnerable situations.

In a world where new challenges adds on to existing ones, no crisis must be forgotten. Chair, Denmark has for years been among UNHCR's top donors, enabling UNHCR to respond quickly and to prioritize the funds where the needs are greatest. We commend UNHCR for the incredible progress on mobilizing private partnerships and funding, and we encourage UNHCR to continue expanding these efforts. We would also like to encourage other donors – private as well as public - to provide quality funding.

As current chair of the Call to Action against Gender Based Violence, we welcome UNHCR's steadfast commitment to prevent, mitigate and respond to sexual and gender-based violence, as well the application of an age, gender and diversity approach across UNHCR's interventions. Further, we commend UNHCR's increased

strategic focus on climate action and adaptation – both when it comes to greening the response and enhancing resilience.

Finally, the integrity accountability of UNHCR is of utmost importance. For us as a donor and not least for the beneficiaries of UNHCR's work. We welcome UNHCR's efforts to combat any forms of sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment and encourage UNCHR to continue to strengthen the victim centred approach in this regard.

Chair, let me end by expressing our gratitude to all UNHCR staff for their tireless efforts in providing protection and solutions for the world's forcibly displaced.

Thank you.