

**Written contribution from Sweden: General views on the Global Compact on
Refugees**

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- We are convinced that developing a Global Compact for Refugees represents a tremendous opportunity to guide us through comprehensive responses to large scale and protracted refugee situations. We all committed to developing such a compact through the New York declaration, and we must all ensure that we deliver.
- The compact must be ambitious - yet realistic - concrete and action oriented. It must include and cater for a diverse set of perspectives, not least those of refugees themselves, of local host communities, of women and of children.
- Sweden would like to see a Global Compact for Refugees with a programme of action that recognizes the great responsibility assumed by host countries and it should present a set of concrete tools to support them. This includes increased resettlement as an expression of solidarity with refugees and host countries and communities. And it means increased humanitarian and development funding for long term and sustainable responses.
- We also want a Global Compact for Refugees that builds on a whole of government response and a comprehensive solutions approach which can provide avenues to more closely link humanitarian work with that of development actors and other relevant stakeholders.
- We would furthermore like to see that the discussion about the burdens associated with hosting refugees is complemented by a more positive narrative of development, self-reliance and opportunities, with important benefits for both refugees and the communities that host them.
- We would like to take this opportunity to highlight a few elements that we believe should be included in the Compact to achieve these objectives.
- First, the Compact should include, reiterate and confirm international refugee and human rights law and principles. It should establish a clear right based approach and include the importance of gender-equality and child protection. It should be made clear that burden- and responsibility sharing, and a whole of society approach, is at the heart of the compact.

- Second, the compact should include the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework, *as it is formulated in Annex 1 of the New York Declaration*.
- Third, the Programme of Action should include operational commitments and ways to follow up on those commitments, to be worked out during the formal consultations.