

High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection Challenges:

“Towards a global compact on refugees”

German Intervention (2 min.)

Ladies and gentlemen,

Germany aligns itself with the statement given by the EU on behalf of its member states.

We would like to thank the rapporteurs for their reports summarizing almost a year of intense and constructive discussions. We are particularly impressed by the wide diversity of actors that have come together in this year's Protection Dialogue, contributing their highly valuable knowledge and experiences to the GCR process.

Germany is committed to adopting a politically binding basis for a more comprehensive approach to large refugee situations and contributing to more equitable burden- and responsibility sharing. It should also address and contribute to the implementation of the objectives of Agenda 2030 Agenda and its principle of leaving no-one behind.

We also remain committed to supporting the further roll-out of the CRRF and to establishing as new standard in approaching large refugee situations. Our direct funding to the roll-out of the CRRF is a reflection of Germany's strong support for this approach and for UNHCR's role as “developer” and “initiator” of the CRRF.

While there is always room for more in depth discussions, we have come a long way towards the adoption of the Global Compact and would like to thank UNHCR for its leadership in this process. Now, we are looking forward to receiving the zero draft and the road map that will lead us to the adoption of a robust Global Compact on Refugees in 2018. We have heard the reminder of civil society, academia and refugees themselves to have a voice in the development of the compact and would like to encourage UNHCR and member states to ensure their important contributions are taken into consideration in the course of the consultations next year.

We stand ready to actively contribute in the formal consultations starting next year. After all, the GCR will only be as strong as our joint engagement in its preparation and implementation!

Thank you