

Statement by Denmark
Second draft of the Global Compact on Refugees
Agenda item 1:
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Chair,

- Denmark aligns itself with the statement delivered on behalf of the EU and its member states.
- We take note of many improvements in the 2nd draft, including the references to international treaty obligations. We note that the text seeks to address the requests for a better balance between part A and part B – but we are also concerned that the document is becoming very long.
- However, it appears that some valuable elements have been left out during the latest drafting process. In particular, we would like to underline the New York Declaration’s call for recommitting collectively to foster comprehensive responses and collective outcomes to the benefit of both refugees and host communities. We would also appreciate details on how this is to be monitored in a manner that promotes further improvements in burden- and responsibility-sharing and in the quality and effectiveness of responses.
- In line with this, we welcome the reference to the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework in para. 4 and suggest to clarify that the agreed CRRF in fact is fully incorporated within the GCR. Secondly, and linked to this, the key aspiration of the GCR should not only cover the international community. Instead, it should refer to all those comprehensive measures that are required to ensure an improved, coherent response to displacement situations, by all relevant stakeholders and to the benefit of both refugees and host communities as also detailed in para. 3 - and in the agreed CRRF.
- We welcome the rewording of the references to specific refugee protection instruments and the explicit reference to the humanitarian principles in para. 5. However, we also note that the New York Declaration and to some extent also the current draft contains a call for comprehensive measures that cut across the humanitarian-development nexus and includes the need for complementarity with broader UN measures in the area of *inter alia* prevention and peace building. This recognises that the GCR is all about a multilateral process focused on the rights of refugees and host communities. First and foremost, it requires improved cooperation between Member States, with the support of a broad range of other local and international actors. It therefore remains crucial that we manage to

engage all parts of the international community in refugee response so as to secure the necessary level of burden- and responsibility-sharing.

- Generally, we welcome the improved focus on age, gender and diversity and the attempts to mainstream gender-responsiveness throughout the text although some gaps still remain. We also welcome that the crucial element of refugee participation now seems to be better reflected as well.
- Finally, we welcome the inclusion of references to urban refugees but we do believe that this particular issue deserves to be further unpacked, reflecting realities in many displacement situations. Urban displacement is emerging as a key challenge, both in protracted displacement situations, and when the durability of voluntary repatriation is not ensured. Such situations are often characterized by secondary internal displacement and rapid urbanization
- Thank you.