

## **Explanation of Position by Hungary**

### **72nd session of the UNHCR Executive Committee**

#### **Item 13. Adoption of the report of the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of ExCom, including decisions**

##### **Decision no.7**

Thank you Mister/Madam Vice-Chair,

Hungary wishes to highlight the importance of conclusions that provide guidance for the work of UNHCR. Therefore it is important that the text focuses on the mandate and work of UNHCR and the specific impact of a public health emergency on persons falling under the mandate of UNHCR.

Hungary actively engaged during the negotiations on the draft conclusion on International protection and Durable Solutions in the Context of a Public Health Emergency, and stressed many times during the Informal Preparatory Consultations its consistent position.

We wish to emphasize that Hungary acknowledges with appreciation the contributions of host States in receiving and providing international protection to large numbers of refugees, including in protracted situations and with limited resources. However, it is important to point out that Hungary did not endorse the GCR and does not participate in its implementation in any form. Therefore, according to Hungary the Global Compact of Refugees has no relevance or any added value in addressing the issue. We are convinced that the recent developments fully justify our position.

Let me underline also that we do not share the view that resettlement of refugees is the adequate solution, however we respect the views of other States, which are willing to take part in this very risky endeavour.

We have elaborated our position along these lines and for the above reasons Hungary joins consensus but disassociates from paragraphs on the Global Compact on Refugees and on resettlement and considers these paragraphs not applicable for Hungary.

We respectfully ask you to include our comments in the official report of the 72<sup>nd</sup> session of ExCom.

Thank you Mister/Madam Vice-Chair.