

## Written proposals from the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations as of 7 July 2016

It should be noted that the proposals included below are specific to the draft outcome document for the 19 of September. We presented the rationale for these proposals during our various general statements from the floor.

### Proposals:

**Section 3, para xiii:** We welcome regional initiatives and practices, such as the Bali Process [~~DELETE: and the Brazil Plan of Action~~], which seek solutions to the challenges posed by large movements of refugees and migrants.

**Section 4, xiv:** We will develop guidelines, in accordance with the existing rules of international law, on the treatment of vulnerable migrants who have not qualified for refugee status and who may need protection and assistance. [**ADD: We will also develop special protections for unaccompanied children and children separated from their family.**] These could be developed using a process similar to that employed by the Nansen Initiative and the MICIC guidelines.

**Section 4, xviii:** We will develop more opportunities for safe, orderly and regular migration, including labour mobility at all skill levels, family reunification and education-related opportunities. In developing such opportunities, we will pay special attention to the needs of fragile states and countries and areas which are in crisis. In line with our commitments in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, we will pay particular attention to the ethical recruitment of migrants, the [~~DELETE: reduction~~] [**ADD: elimination**] of recruitment and other migration-related costs, the facilitation of remittance flows and enhanced transfers of skills and knowledge.

**Section 5, ii:** We will implement border management procedures, including disembarkation procedures, which are in conformity with international human rights standards and, as applicable, international refugee law. [**ADD: We will screen and identify those who are trafficked or at risk of human trafficking.**] These procedures will be sensitive to the needs of women, children, persons with disabilities, the elderly and others who may be at risk. We will ensure that public

officials who work in border areas are trained to behave with respect towards all persons crossing, or seeking to cross, international borders

**Section 5, iv:** We are determined to counter irregular, unsafe and unplanned migration, as well as the exploitation, abuse and discrimination suffered by many migrants as a result **[ADD: , while at the same time preventing any unnecessary detention.]**

**Section 5, v:** We express our profound concern at the large number of people who have lost their lives at sea trying to reach safety. We will intensify international cooperation on the strengthening of search and rescue mechanisms. We will also work to improve the availability of accurate data on the whereabouts of migrants and vessels stranded at sea. And we will strengthen support for **[ADD: protection and]** rescue efforts over land along dangerous or isolated routes.

**Section 5, viii:** We will protect the human rights of migrant and refugee children, particularly unaccompanied and **[DELETE: separated]** children **[ADD: separated from their families];** and we will **[DELETE: provide for their health, education and psychosocial development.]** **[ADD: provide access to health care, education, and create conditions that facilitate psychosocial development.]**

**Section 5, ix:** Reaffirming that all persons seeking to cross international borders are entitled to due process in the assessment of their legal status, entry and stay, we will consider alternatives to detention while these assessments are underway. Furthermore, we commit never to detain children for this purpose **[ADD: and to prevent unnecessary immigration detention].**

**ADD new Section 5, ix (bis):** We will implement fully all provisions of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development related to ending human trafficking and exploitation in all of its forms.

**Section 5, x:** We will, with full respect for the rules of international law, vigorously combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling, including through targeted measures **[DELETE: to]** **[ADD: such as strengthened screening protocols and increased training for border patrols designed to better]** identify

victims of trafficking within large movements of refugees and migrants and to provide temporary and longer-term protection to victims of such crimes. With a view to disrupting **[ADD: and prosecuting]** the criminal networks involved, we will review our national legislation and criminal justice provisions to ensure that these are in line with international standards on migrant smuggling, human trafficking, maritime safety and border management. We will establish or upgrade, as appropriate, national and regional anti-human trafficking policies. We welcome initiatives such as the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Route Initiative (Khartoum Process) and the African Union Horn of Africa Initiative on Human Trafficking and Smuggling of Migrants. Reaffirming the importance of the UN Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the two relevant Protocols thereto, we encourage ratification of, accession to and implementation of relevant international instruments on preventing and combating trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants.

**Section 6, i:** Recognizing that conflict and instability are among the factors which give rise to large refugee movements, we will work to prevent or resolve conflict, with an emphasis on early warning mechanisms, and to promote **[ADD: integral human development,]** good governance and the rule of law at the international, regional and national levels. We will do more to prevent crisis situations from deteriorating further and to tackle the root causes of conflict. We will build on a range of legal obligations and on policy agreements already reached on these issues, including in the 2030 Agenda.

**Section 6, ii:** We renew our commitment to uphold **[ADD: and implement]** humanitarian principles and international humanitarian law. We confirm also our respect for the norms that safeguard civilians in conflict.

**Section 6, vi:** We believe that a comprehensive response should be developed, under UNHCR leadership, for all situations involving large movements of refugees. This should involve a whole-of-society approach spanning the United Nations, other international organizations, national and local authorities, civil society partners, **[ADD: religious -leaders and religious inspired organizations,]** academia, the private sector and the media. Elements for such a comprehensive

response are included in the Global Compact on Responsibility-Sharing for Refugees which we are adopting today (annexed to this Declaration).

**ADD new section 6 xiv (bis):** We also recognize that support is particularly needed for local authorities that are the first receivers of refugees, both on a temporary and a long-term basis. We therefore encourage investment in the capacity of local host communities to receive and integrate refugees. (This is language related to the recognized “durable solutions” which include return, resettlement and integration)

**Section 6, xv:** We will pursue this target through measures such as the expansion of existing humanitarian admission programmes; possible temporary evacuation programmes (including evacuation for medical reasons); flexible arrangements to **[ADD: expedite and]** assist family reunification; private sponsorship for individual refugees; and opportunities for refugees with particular skill sets, for labour mobility (including through private-sector involvement) and for education (e.g. scholarships and student visas). We will increase substantially the opportunities for skills training and vocational education for refugees.