

Written proposals from the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations as of 14 July 2016

It should be noted that the proposals included below are specific to the revised draft outcome document as circulated by the co-facilitators on 13 July 2016. We presented the rationale for these proposals during our various general statements from the floor.

Proposals:

Para 1.13: Its targets deal with issues of specific concern such as education, labour standards, **[ADD: the elimination of]** human trafficking **[ADD: and the]** exploitation of children, access to justice and the building of self-reliance and resilience.

Para 1.19: 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.

Para 2.2: We recognize, and will address, the special needs of people in vulnerable situations who are travelling within large movements of refugees and migrants, including women and children at risk; older persons; persons with disabilities; **[DELETE: LGBTI persons;]** and victims of exploitation and abuse in the context of trafficking and smuggling.

Para 2.4: We will take measures to prevent violations of the human rights of all persons in transit and after arrival. We will ensure that the immediate needs of persons who have been exposed to physical or psychological danger while in transit are addressed on their arrival, without discrimination and without regard to legal status or means of arrival. **[ADD: We will screen and identify those who are trafficked or at risk of human trafficking.]**

Para 2.6: 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 **[ADD: , protection]** and rescue

mechanisms. We will also work to improve the availability of accurate data on the whereabouts of people and vessels who are stranded at sea. And we will strengthen support for rescue efforts over land along dangerous or isolated routes.

Para 2.7: We recognize the particular vulnerabilities of women and children during the journey from country of origin to country of arrival. This includes their potential exposure to discrimination and sexual and physical abuse, violence and exploitation. **[ADD: We will also develop special protections for all children, women and girls in this regard.]**

Para 2.9: We will protect the human rights of migrant and refugee children, particularly unaccompanied children and those separated from their families; and we will provide **[ADD: access to health care, education, and create conditions that facilitate psychosocial development]** **[DELETE: for their health, education, psychosocial development]** and birth registration.

Para 2.10: Reaffirming that all individuals seeking to cross international borders are entitled to due process in the assessment of their legal status, entry and stay, we will **[ADD: prevent unnecessary immigration detention while considering]** **[DELETE: consider]** alternatives to detention. Furthermore, we commit never to detain children for this purpose.

Para 2.11: 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 the criminal networks involved, we will review our national legislation and criminal justice provisions to ensure conformity with international standards on **[DELETE: migrant]** smuggling, human trafficking, maritime safety and border management. We will establish or upgrade, as appropriate, national and regional anti-human trafficking policies. We note initiatives such as 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 combatting trafficking in persons and **[DELETE: the]** smuggling **[DELETE: of migrants]**.

Para 2.13: We will take steps to combat discrimination in our societies against refugees and migrants and to strengthen their inclusion in all spheres of life. National policies will be developed to this end in conjunction with civil society, **[ADD: including faith-based organizations,]** the private sector, employers' and workers' organizations and other stakeholders. We also note the obligation on refugees and migrants to observe the laws of their host countries.

Para 3.3: We will address the conditions that create, or exacerbate, large movements of migrants. We will analyse, and respond to, the factors which lead to, or contribute to, these movements. **[DELETE: We will respect and safeguard, in the first instance, the right of people to remain in safety in their homes.] [ADD: We will employ, in the first instance, every means to ensure that individuals and communities remain in their homelands and enjoy the fundamental right to live in peace and security.]** We will take measures, inter alia, to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, whose objectives include eradicating extreme poverty and inequality, promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, creating conditions for balanced economic growth and employment, combatting environmental degradation and ensuring effective responses to natural disasters and climate change. In the latter respect, we will support efforts by Member States at risk to mitigate, and adapt to, the effects of climate change.

****NB: We also suggest the possibility of moving this language to the section addressing commitments for both refugees and migrants rather than only migrants, since this right applies to all persons.**

Para 3.14: We will foster more opportunities for safe, orderly and regular migration, including employment creation, labour mobility at all skill levels, circular migration, family reunification and education-related opportunities. We will be sensitive to the needs of fragile states and countries and areas which are in

crisis. We will pay particular attention to issues such as the ethical recruitment of migrants, the [~~DELETE: reduction~~] [ADD; elimination] of recruitment and other migration-related costs, the facilitation and productive use of remittance flows, enhanced transfers of skills and knowledge and the creation of employment opportunities for young people.

Para 4.1: Recognizing that conflict and instability are among the factors which give rise to large refugee movements, we will work to prevent or resolve conflict. We will tackle the root causes of conflict situations. Early response to human rights violations and abuses is critical and we note in this respect the Secretary General's valuable "Human Rights Up Front" initiative. We will also promote [ADD: integral human development,] good governance and the rule of law at the international, regional and national levels. Recognizing that violations of international humanitarian law are a further contributory factor, we renew our commitment to uphold humanitarian principles and international humanitarian law. We confirm also our respect for the norms which safeguard civilians in conflict.

Para 4.13: 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 assist [ADD: and expedite] 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.