

## Language suggestions made on 26 July by Switzerland

Suggested additions are made in underlined black and suggested deletions are ~~strikethrough~~.

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1.4 In adopting a year ago the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we recognized clearly the positive contribution made by migrants for inclusive growth and sustainable development. Our world is a better place for that contribution. The benefits and opportunities of safe, orderly, regular and responsible migration are considerable and are often underestimated. Forced displacement and irregular migration, on the other hand, present first and foremost complex challenges.

1.10 We acknowledge a shared global responsibility to manage large movements of refugees and migrants in a humane, sensitive and compassionate manner, while acknowledging that there are varying capacities to respond to these movements. International cooperation, and in particular cooperation among countries of origin or nationality, transit and destination, has never been more important; win-win cooperation in this area has profound benefits for humanity. Refugees and migrants involved in large movements must have the comprehensive policy support, ~~practical~~ assistance and ~~legal~~ protection consistent with States' obligations under international law. We also recall our obligation to respect and protect their human rights and fundamental freedoms fully, and we stress their critical need to live their lives in safety and dignity. We pledge this support to those affected today as well as to those who will be part of future large movements.

1.11 We will address the root causes of involuntary forced displacement of people, including through increased efforts for the prevention and resolution of armed conflict, as well as through greater coordination and a comprehensive approach of humanitarian, development and peacebuilding efforts, as well as through the promotion of the rule of law and the protection and promotion of human rights.

1.14 We reaffirm the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter. We reaffirm also the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the core international human rights treaties. We reaffirm, and will fully respect and protect the human rights of all refugees and migrants, regardless of status; all are rights holders. Our response will demonstrate full respect for the international law, to which we adhere to, in particular ~~and where applicable~~, international human rights law, international refugee law and international humanitarian law.

**1.14 bis: In recognition of the critical role and continuous engagement by the private sector, the civil society, migrants and refugee organizations as well as the diaspora, we invite them to join our common efforts in solidarity and in the spirit of cooperation, partnership and shared responsibility fostering multi-stakeholder alliances to implement the commitments we have taken here today.**

1.19: We recognize the very large number of ~~people who are displaced within national borders~~ internally displaced persons, and the potential for such persons to seek protection and assistance in other countries as refugees or migrants. Noting the need for effective strategies to prevent forced displacement and to ensure adequate protection and assistance for internally displaced persons, we invite the Secretary General to commission a review, of the support currently available, building on the existing work done within the UN system on this subject. **We note that the 1998 Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement provide a useful normative framework in this regard; we note also the value of the Kampala Convention as an important regional instrument**

2.1 Underlining the importance of a comprehensive approach to the issues involved, we will ensure a humane, sensitive, dignified, gender-responsive and prompt reception for all persons arriving in our countries, and particularly those in large movements, regardless of their migratory status. We will also ensure full respect and protection for their human rights.

2.10 We will ensure that our responses to large movements of refugees and migrants promote gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and fully respect and protect the human rights of women and girls. We will combat sexual and gender-based violence in every way possible. We will provide access to sexual and reproductive healthcare. We will tackle the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination to which refugee and migrant women and girls are subject. And at the same time, recognizing the significant contribution and leadership of women in refugee and migrant communities, we will work to ensure their full, equal and meaningful participation in the development of local solutions and opportunities. We will take into consideration the different needs, vulnerabilities and capacities of women, girls, boys, and men.

2.16 We commit to combatting discrimination in our societies against refugees and migrants and ~~will undertake efforts aimed at~~ commit to improve their integration and inclusion **notably with regard to access to language training, legal information, education, health care and justice.** Relevant national policies will be developed to these ends in conjunction with civil society (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 and regulations of their host countries.

3.4 We also recognise that international migration is a multidimensional reality of major relevance for the **sustainable** development of countries of origin, transit and destination which requires coherent and comprehensive responses. Migrants make positive and profound contributions to economic and social development in their host societies and to global wealth creation. They can help to respond to demographic trends, labour shortages and other challenges in host societies, and they add fresh skills and dynamism to the latter's economies. We recognize the development benefits of migration to countries of origin, including through the involvement of diasporas in economic development and reconstruction. We will promote faster and cheaper transfer of remittances and the facilitation of interaction between diasporas and their countries of origin. We would like these contributions to be more widely recognized and, indeed, strengthened in the context of implementation of the 2030 Agenda.

3.8 We will **protect and** assist migrants in countries which are experiencing conflicts or natural disasters, working as applicable with the relevant national authorities. We note in this regard the "Migrants in Countries in Crisis" initiative and the Agenda for the Protection of Cross-Border Displaced Persons in the Context of Disasters and Climate Change, **emanating from the Nansen Initiative, and encourage support for the platform on disaster displacement.**

4.1 Recognizing that armed conflict, other situations of violence, instability and human rights violations are among the factors which give rise to large refugee movements, we will work to prevent or resolve conflict by peaceful means. We will tackle the root causes of **armed** conflicts and work in every way possible for the achievement of the political solutions required. Early response to human rights violations and abuses is critical and we note in this respect the Secretary General's "Human Rights Up Front" initiative. We will also promote good governance, **including** the rule of law **and building of effective, accountable and transparent institutions,** and sustainable development at the international, regional, national and levels. Recognizing that **forced** displacement could be reduced if international humanitarian law were respected by all parties to armed conflict, we renew our commitment ~~to uphold humanitarian principles and~~ ensure respect for international humanitarian law. **This includes respect and protection for principled humanitarian action.** ~~We confirm also our respect for the norms which safeguard civilians in conflict.~~

**4.3 bis: We underline the need to address gender-specific drivers of displacement and to pursuing the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and their human rights in all our actions to address large movements of refugees**

4.16 We will provide humanitarian **protection and** assistance to refugees so as to ensure essential support in key life-saving sectors, e.g. shelter, food, water and sanitation. We will support host countries and communities in this regard.

4.19 We will ensure that the basic health needs of refugee communities are met, and that women and girls have access to essential healthcare services, **including comprehensive sexual and reproductive health care services as well as prevention and protection services to address sexual and gender-based violence.** We will also develop national strategies for the protection of refugees within the framework of national social safety nets.

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