

Australian Intervention – 1 July

Thanks to co-facilitators for excellent efforts to, this text provides a good basis for reaching consensus.

We are grateful for opportunity to provide comment on the zero draft and look forward to working quickly and effectively towards consensus on these documents.

There is much in the zero draft outcome documents that Australia supports. Noting the length and detail of the zero-draft, Australia will continue to work on more detailed proposals, nonetheless here are some general comments.

- We welcome the **positive narrative around contribution of migrants and actions to combat xenophobia** and discrimination against migrants and refugees.
- We also support specific references to the needs of **marginalised groups in vulnerable situations** and the proposal for additional guidance for the protection of women and children in transit regardless of status.
- We appreciate the reference to **Sendai, regional initiatives including the Bali Process** and their value in addressing critical elements of the crises.
- We note that we consider the **World Humanitarian Summit** and the **London conference** important fora and are pleased to see their inclusion
- We note the important of the inclusion of the references to **statelessness and IDPs**.
- We support the calls for strengthening efforts to **promote and ensure safe, orderly and regular migration**.
 - In this regard we note the a key facilitator of this is the ability of states to manage their border effectively.
 - We would like to see future drafts reflect the right and responsibility of states to manage their borders.
- We concur with the recognition of the extraordinarily generous contribution made to date by countries hosting large refugee populations, agree the critical need to ensure **provision of primary and secondary education as a priority in supporting refugee children**, and consider there would be value in giving greater emphasis to the role of other stakeholders including NGOs and the private sector and the significant potential of their contributions.

We are not in a position to provide comment on the global compact on refugees at this time

We stand ready to work constructively towards a timely and productive negotiation conclusion.