

Remarks of the Mission of Iraq regarding the Zero Draft of outcome document for 19 September 2016 High-Level meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants.

We thank the co-facilitators for all efforts exerted to succeed the high-level meeting and the Declaration.

We are hereby listing our remarks not on the basis of importance, but according to the preceding of items in the zero draft.

- Para (1.3) is a preparatory and gives general idea about the coming paras, but it doesn't refer to displaced, So we think it is important to incorporate displaced in line number two after migrants, thus, it will be "refugees, migrants and displaced face many common challenges".
- Item (3): **Principles to ensure safety and dignity for displaced persons.**
 - In (i): we think that comprehensive strategy is not sufficient for the handling of forced displacement and migration, unless enhanced by global compact. So we suggest to add after the word strategy "and global compact are required for ... etc."
 - In (vii): we believe that refugees and displaced are closely connected, so equitable responsibility-sharing and burden-sharing should include both refugees and displaced. We propose to add "displaced" after refugees in the last line.
 - In (xiv): also, we think that strategies alone cannot be enough to ensure adequate protection and assistance for IDPs without global cooperation. We propose to add "and global cooperation" after strategies in the third line.

- Item (6): **commitments for refugees.**

- In (i): the importance of this para comes from the concept of dealing with the causes of refugee movements, doing more to prevent crisis situation from deteriorating further. And highlights **conflict** and **instability** among the factors which give rise to large refugee movements, but the para neglects one of the main reasons of large refugee movements which is **terrorism**. Today, millions of innocent people are refugees due to terrorism. We request to focus on terrorism in this para.
- In (vi): it refers to a comprehensive response involving a whole-of-society, for instance, civil society partners, private sector and media, but clerics are not mentioned, while they have great influence on their communities.
- In (xii): since it refers to the conferences supporting host countries, we propose to add this sentence” building on the outcomes of Washington conference of donor countries to support Iraq in collaboration with Canada, Germany and Japan on July 20, we commit to sharing in an equitable manner the enormous burden these countries have been carrying.

We thank you

Mission of the Republic of Iraq to the United Nations

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