



*Morocco comments on Zero draft of the Declaration to be issued by the High-Level Meeting on addressing large movements of Refugees and Migrants*

1. We would like to note that it is important for Morocco that the issues of refugees and migration receive equal and balanced treatment throughout the text.
2. It would be more accurate to emphasize the need to address both issues in a global and comprehensive approach.
3. It's important to focus on the scope of the Summit, in other terms migration and refugees. Issues related to other categories of displaced persons should be deleted.
4. Paragraph #vi (section 4) dealing with the positive contribution of migrants to sustainable development should be strengthened.
5. In this context, we would like to propose adding a paragraph # vi bis as follows: “we acknowledge the important link between migration and development and recognize that migration brings both opportunities and challenges to countries of origin, transit and destination to migrants and to the global communities”.
6. Our delegation appreciates having a paragraph in the text emphasizing the right to development and the commitment of Member States in reducing economic inequality to address the root causes of large movements.
7. We also suggest to strengthen the paragraph # x (section 4) concerning the rights of all migrant workers and member of their families.
8. It would be useful to make a stronger the message on the need to respect fully international law in protecting the rights of refugees.
9. Our delegation in favor of the of inclusion language after paragraph # xiii (section 5) on the importance of using reliable census data and registration to address humanitarian needs of refugees.

10. Reference to the “**Human Rights Up front**” initiative should be deleted.
11. Instead “**Responsibility-sharing**” we suggest to use the term “**burden-sharing in respective capabilities**”.
12. We believe that it is not appropriate using the term “**welcome**” in referring to the processes on which there is no consensus among the Member states.
13. In this regard, our delegation prefers avoiding any references in the text to the commitments, expressed in the World Humanitarian Summit of Istanbul and that have not been subject of intergovernmental negotiations.
14. We are looking forward to the inclusion of a specific paragraph inviting Member States to promote the integration of migrants while respecting cultural and religious diversity.
15. Our delegation believes that it is also important to include a paragraph on promoting the fight against all forms of discrimination and racism against migrants.
16. We suggest including a paragraph to emphasize the importance to enhance the international cooperation aiming to strengthen the capacity of national criminal justice systems to combat human trafficking and migrants smuggling and to protect victims of such crimes among refugees and migrants.
17. In paragraph # **iv (Section 3)**, we suggest to add “and adapt to” after mitigate.
18. Finally, the delegation of Morocco would like to suggest adding the following paragraph: “We reaffirm the sovereignty of each country to implement the principles and commitments in addressing the large movements of refugees and migrants”.