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Proposed amendments by the Permanent Observer Mission of the State of Palestine

Zero draft of the Outcome Document for the 19 September 2016 High-Level Meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants

1. **Introduction, Para 1.17:** Large movements of refugees and migrants have political, economic, **social**, developmental and humanitarian ramifications which cross all borders.
2. **Section 3, Para vii:** ... They envisaged providing host countries and communities with increased financial and other support and helping to strengthen their resilience. **They envisaged providing more predictable, sustained funding to relevant United Nations agencies and other humanitarian organizations and implementing partners.** They also envisaged collective efforts...
3. **Section 3, Para ix:**... We recognize the importance of responding early to human rights violations, in order to lessen the likelihood of conflict, **and stress in this regard the importance of horizon-scanning and early warning systems and effective follow-up efforts;** and we welcome in this respect the “Human Rights Up Front” initiative...
4. **Section 4, Para v:**... Fulfilling the Agenda will remove or reduce the need for vulnerable ~~migrants~~ **persons** to leave their homes **and migrate** in the first place...
5. **Section 5, Para v:**... We will also work to improve the availability of accurate data on the whereabouts of **refugees and** migrants and vessels stranded at sea...
6. **Section 5, Para xi:**... We will ensure, on the basis of bilateral, regional and international cooperation, that adequate, sustainable and predictable financing is made available to enable host countries **and relevant, partnering humanitarian and development agencies and organizations** to respond to the immediate humanitarian and developmental needs of the large numbers of refugees and migrants arrive in their territories.
7. **Section 6, Para x:** We recognize that refugee camps should be the exception and, to the extent possible, a temporary measure in response to an emergency. Further, we will actively promote durable solutions, particularly in protracted refugee situations, with a focus on sustainable and timely return ~~where appropriate~~ **as possible.**

Draft Global Compact on Responsibility Sharing for Refugees

1. **Normative framework, Para 4:** We reaffirm respect for all applicable instruments, laws and practices at regional and national **levels** which provide protection to refugees.
2. **Responsibility-sharing, Para 9:**... We commit also to taking rapid action to prevent situations from becoming protracted, **including by working towards solutions from the outset of a refugee situation, and to also shoulder our responsibilities to resolve protracted refugees situations in conformity with international law.**

3. **Responsibility-sharing, Para 10:** Delete. Propose to combine with para 9.
4. **Solutions, Sub-title:** Delete the word “Voluntary”. It should read: **Repatriation**.
5. **Solutions, New paragraph proposal (before Para 18):**

Fostering the necessary conditions to facilitate the return of refugees in safety and dignity to their homes/places of origin must remain a priority goal. In this regard, we stress the need to resolve conflicts and achieve comprehensive and just political solutions and to provide assistance to also support reintegration efforts.

6. **Solutions, Repatriation, Para 19, Point 2:** Support efforts to foster reconciliation and dialogue, particularly with refugee communities, and with the participation of women, and to ensure respect for the rule of law at the **international and** national level;
7. **Solutions, Para 19, Point 4:** Where conditions allow, plan for and support measures to ~~encourage~~ **facilitate** ~~voluntary~~ repatriation, reintegration and reconciliation;