

1st STATEMENT: ON THE GLOBAL COMPACT**.We would like to share some general comments on the global compact**

Thank you to the co-facilitators for this new version of the Global Compact and for today's proposal regarding the two annexes to the declaration.

We fully agree with the co-facilitators that both global compacts should be of equal status. We also agree that the urgency on the ground demands that we come up with a concrete outcome in September to address current challenges in regard to forced displacement. We would therefore like to express our support for the finalization of a framework for comprehensive refugee response by the 19th September. We also would like to underline our full commitment for the adoption of a global compact on migration within a clear timeframe.

General remarks:

- Protection needs are not dependent on the status of the persons. There are rights which are applicable to all (e.g Human Rights), whether they fall within the scope of the 51 Refugee Convention or whether they are specifically vulnerable or not. We therefore suggest that the global compact of refugees include a provision underlining the needs of all persons facing vulnerability for assistance and protection, even if they do not fall within the scope of the 51 Geneva Convention.
- Throughout the document, reference is made to humanitarian aid or humanitarian assistance. We would suggest instead to consistently make reference to "*humanitarian assistance and protection*"
- As previously said, more emphasis has to be given to gender specific vulnerabilities and protection needs. One area of particular attention should be on sexual and gender based violence but also ensuring access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights for displaced persons. Additionally we should also commit to ensuring women's and girls' leadership and full and equal participation. We would be ready to provide suggestions of language to the co-facilitators.

About the introductory remarks:

While we appreciate the efforts undertaken by the facilitators to streamline the document and to focus on the comprehensive refugee response framework, we believe that the introductory remarks should mention that more efforts have to be invested for the prevention of forced displacement in the first place.

About paragraph 6:

- We welcome the specific mentioning of partnerships with the private sector and other partners to ensure the necessary financing of the needs identified within the Comprehensive refugee response Framework. Closing the funding gaps remains a top priority, as discussed in Istanbul at the World Humanitarian Summit. In addition to the role of governments and the private sector, we would suggest including in this Global Compact the role of the International Financial Institutions.

2nd STATEMENT: on the OUTCOME STATEMENT - SECTION 1:

I will start with 3 general comments, which address issues related to various paragraphs, and afterwards address some specific paragraphs

1. On forced displacement

We would like to echo the comments made by other delegations: We are concerned that references to forced displacement are missing from the introductory part of the Outcome Statement. We believe that such references should be reinserted under the following paragraphs: 1.3; 1.6; 1.12; 1.14; 1.20

2. On Prevention:

We believe that the declaration should emphasize that we can prevent forced displacement better and that the international community is acknowledging this as a priority. The best solution to forced displacement is that it doesn't happen in the first place.

In our view, the protection and promotion of human rights should be increasingly integrated into conflict prevention activities: human rights violations are often an indicator of potential instability and an early warning for the escalation of violence and conflict. Also, as we have stated in previous meetings, it is very important for us to include a strong reference to the respect of international humanitarian law, and to the fact that violations of IHL can cause displacement.

As we already sent to the facilitators, we therefore we suggest to add a new paragraph (1.16 bis). And I read:

New § *We reaffirm our commitment to international humanitarian law, international refugee law and international human rights law, and recognize that these rules can prevent forced displacement and promote protection of civilians*

Reference could also be made to agreed language from PP14 A/RES/70/165

3. On Multi-stakeholder alliances

We all agree that the primary responsibility of addressing large movements of refugees and migrants lies with governments. The reality on the ground shows however that in addition to international organizations, civil society organizations, trade unions, migrants and refugee organizations and the diaspora, are doing phenomenal work for migrants, refugees and displaced persons on a daily basis and often in difficult circumstances.

We also have to acknowledge, that the private sector is increasingly playing an important role, beyond philanthropy. It creates jobs, fosters investment, contributes to the sharing of knowledge but also has a responsibility to uphold a principled approach to doing business.

Based on the above we would like to propose a new paragraph (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.

Last: Some comments on specific paragraphs: I will focus on a few key comments for Switzerland that we already transmitted to the facilitators

1.1:

- express support to the suggestion by the EU to add “human rights abuses” as a cause to displacement
- for the sake of precision, we recommend to refer to “armed conflict” rather than just “conflict”. This is also valid for ° 1.6
- ADD: “including adverse effects “of climate change

1.3:

when mentioning that refugees and migrants’ treatment is governed by separate legal frameworks, we would suggest that a mention is made to common legal frameworks as well, such as provisions under international human rights law.

1.4:

support EU in their suggestion to add the word “forcibly” concerning the 65 mio displaced persons

1.6: echoing other delegations: would welcome more positive language with a reference to responsibility-sharing. This is also valid for other paragraphs.

1.20 :

- Support the comment by EU and US to add a mention to IDPs in this paragraph.
- in this regard, we would encourage the co-facilitators to make a reference to the mainstreaming of human rights of internally displaced persons across the UN system.
- we would also welcome language that encourage regional mechanisms to consider the development of regional frameworks for the protection of IDPs.