

ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

DRAFT OF OUTCOME DOCUMENT FOR 19 SEPTEMBER 2016 HIGH-LEVEL MEETING TO ADDRESS LARGE MOVEMENTS OF REFUGEES AND MIGRANTS

1.15 In the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, we pledged that “no one will be left behind”. We declared that we wished to see the new goals and targets met for all nations and peoples and for all segments of society. We said also that we will endeavour to reach the furthest behind first. We reaffirm today our commitments which relate to the specific needs of migrants or refugees. The Agenda makes clear, inter alia, that we will “facilitate orderly, safe, regular and responsible migration and mobility of people, including through the implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies”. The needs of refugees, **internally displaced persons** and migrants are explicitly recognized.

out of mandate

~~1.19 — We recognize the very large number of people who are displaced within national borders, and the potential for such persons to seek protection and assistance in other countries as refugees or migrants. Noting the need for effective strategies to ensure adequate protection and assistance for internally displaced persons, we invite the Secretary General to commission a review of the support currently available, building on the existing work done within the UN system on this subject.~~

(out of mandate and propose new mandate for SG that is not acceptable)

2.2 We recognize, and will address in accordance with our obligations under international **and national** law, the special needs of all people in vulnerable situations who are travelling within large movements of refugees and migrants, including women at risk; children (especially those who are unaccompanied or separated from their families); members of ethnic minorities; victims of violence; older persons; persons with disabilities; persons who are discriminated against on **the any** basis of

~~their sexual orientation or gender identity~~; indigenous persons; and victims of exploitation and abuse in the context of human trafficking and migrant smuggling. (Discrimination should be addressed in general terms otherwise we do not favour a selective approach while there are many groups of populations that may be discriminated for differed reasons like HIV, albinism, autism and many more)

- 2.11 We will protect the human rights and fundamental freedoms of refugee and migrant children, regardless of their status, and in accordance with the best interests of the child. This will apply particularly to unaccompanied children and those separated from their families; we will refer their care to the relevant national child protection authorities as a matter of course. ~~We will comply with our obligations under the Convention on the Rights of the Child.~~ We will provide for health, education, and psychosocial development and for their birth registration. We are determined to ensure that all children are in education within a few months of arrival, and we will prioritize budgetary provision to facilitate this. We will strive to provide refugee and migrant children with a nurturing environment for the full realization of their rights and capabilities. (out of context of the meeting)
- 2.12 Reaffirming that all individuals seeking to cross international borders are entitled to due process in the assessment of their legal status, entry and stay, we will consider alternatives to detention while these assessments are underway. ~~We will review policies that criminalize cross-border movements.~~ [Furthermore, recognizing that detention is never in the interests of children, we commit to working toward the earliest possible ending of this practice. **move to the end of paragraph 2.11 which related to children**] (It is within the jurisdiction of the member states)
- 2.16 We commit to combatting discrimination in our societies against refugees and migrants and will, **as appropriate**, undertake efforts aimed at their integration and inclusion. Relevant national policies will be developed to

these ends in conjunction with civil society (including faith-based organizations), the private sector, employers' and workers' organizations and other stakeholders. We also note the obligation on refugees and migrants to observe the laws and regulations of their host countries.

3. Commitments for migrants

- 3.2 We reaffirm our responsibility to protect the interests of and assist our migrant communities abroad, including through consular protection, assistance and cooperation, in accordance with relevant international law. We reaffirm that anyone has the right to leave any country, including his or her own, and to return **voluntarily** to his or her country. ~~We recall also that States must readmit their returning nationals who have no legal right to stay in other countries and ensure that they are duly received without undue delay, following identification of their nationalities.~~ **we call upon states to immediately close down all the camps established off their territorial jurisdiction and to address the human rights situation of the migrants and asylum seekers in such camps.** Migrants should be informed about the various processes relating to their arrival and stay in countries of transit, destination and return.

4. Commitments for refugees

- 4.5 We underline the centrality of responsibility-sharing and burden-sharing within international refugee protection. Echoed in the emphasis on international cooperation in the preamble to the 1951 Convention, this has been reaffirmed in successive General Assembly resolutions. We commit to an equitable sharing of responsibility for hosting and supporting the world's refugees, while taking account of the differing capacities and resources among Member States for shouldering the burdens involved. **In this regard We commit to the target of funding at least 90% of the**

resources required by developing countries that host large number of refugees to meet the objectives contained in the paragraphs 4.16 to 4.20 of the present outcome document.

- 4.9 We recognize that statelessness can be a root cause of forced displacement; in turn, forced displacement can lead to statelessness. We take note of UNHCR's campaign to end statelessness within a decade and we encourage States to consider actions they could take to reduce the incidence of statelessness. We encourage those States who have not yet acceded to the two conventions for the prevention and reduction of statelessness to consider doing so. ~~We further call upon all States to adopt and implement nationality legislation consistent with their obligations under international law, including with respect to elimination of all forms of discrimination against women and girls in nationality-related matters.~~ **it is out of the scope and mandate of the high-level meeting;**
- 4.11 Welcoming the extraordinarily generous contribution made to date by countries which host large refugee populations, and the global public good which this constitutes, we will work to increase the support for these countries and we call for pledges made at **recent** relevant conferences to be disbursed promptly. We commit to sharing in an equitable manner the enormous burden these countries have been carrying.
- 4.16 We will provide humanitarian assistance to refugees so as to ensure essential support in key life-saving sectors, e.g. shelter, food, water and sanitation. We ~~will~~ **commit to** support host countries and communities in this regard.
- 4.17 We commit to providing **safe ?** quality primary and secondary education for all refugee children and to do so within a few months of the initial displacement. We ~~will~~ **commit to** provide host countries with the support they need in this regard. Access to education gives fundamental

protection to children and youth in displacement contexts, particularly in situations of conflict and crisis.

- 4.18 We will support early childhood education for refugee children. We will also promote also the role of tertiary education, skills training and vocational education. In crisis situations, higher education protects a critical group of young men and women, helps to build self-reliance, fosters inclusion and non-discrimination and provides a foundation for the rebuilding of war-torn societies. **We commit to support host countries and communities in this regard.**
- 4.19 We will ensure that the basic health needs of refugee communities are met, and that women and girls have access to essential healthcare services. We will also develop national strategies for the protection of refugees within the framework of national social safety nets. **We commit to support host countries and communities in this regard.**
- 4.20 Welcoming the positive steps taken by individual Member States, we encourage host governments, where possible, to open their labour markets to refugees. We will work to strengthen host **countries' and communities'** resilience, assisting them, for example, with employment creation and income generation schemes. In this regard, we recognize the potential of young people and will work to create conditions for growth, employment and education which allow them to be the drivers of development.