- Thank you for zero draft, good basis containing most of the important elements; many of our comments suggestions to reshuffle paragraphs to ensure that important elements are properly emphasized
- welcome in particular good balance on clearly **distinguishing** between migrants and refugees on one hand and acknowledging their **common challenges** on the other
- while declaration is not that long, we believe that we can further **shorten** text, make it more concise and less repetitive:
 - part 1 might not need to be so detailed, can be combined with what is now part 3 on principles to ensure safety and dignity for displaced persons
 - part 2 (table of contents) not really needed
 - if we keep part 2, titles need to be coherent
- also suggest to move paras reaffirming for example the 1951 GVA convention to the first part
- reaffirm that human rights and fundamental freedoms are applicable to all refugees and migrants
- first part should also underline primary responsibility of every state to protect the people living within its boundaries, to respect their rights and freedoms and to create enabling environments
- (which leads me to my next point) **root causes** need to be given much more attention > in first chapter, mention prominently early warning signs, namely human rights violations, **preventive measures** such as the SG's initiative "Human Rights Up Front", timely action by the Security Council and the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes
- also on root causes, establish stronger linkages with the **2030 Agenda**, and in particular SDG16
- have already said during the last round of informal consultations before the release of the zero draft that we strongly support steering the **narrative** in a **positive** direction, however, also need to recognize the effects large movements of migrants and refugees have on infrastructure of countries of destination both in terms of services and facilities as well as in the social infrastructure
- on **structure**, would suggest to move chapter on commitments for migrants <u>and</u> refugees before the one on migrants, so that we go from the more generally applicable principles to the more specific ones
- thank you for first draft on GC on responsibility sharing for refugees, will comment on that during next consultations as we have not yet had time to look at it