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Global Affairs Canada

We strongly welcome the focus on follow-up arrangements, and we look forward to contributing to the development of the overall monitoring framework for the Global Compact. We believe the connection to the SDGs should be well-defined in this framework.

We believe that the follow-up arrangements section could be strengthened by recognizing the importance of results frameworks being part of national and regional comprehensive refugee response processes. Given that we are all seeking to achieve more positive outcomes for refugees and increased support for host communities, we need to ensure the inclusion of indicators to measure outcomes and changes for these ultimate beneficiaries.

Additionally, given how pivotal contributions from a range of stakeholders will be to implementing this Compact, we believe that the follow-up arrangements should include a clearer opportunity for the wide range of stakeholders noted in the Programme of Action to declare their support for this Compact and announce their respective pledges and commitments.

Finally, recognizing that comprehensive refugee responses and the Global Compact itself are multi-stakeholder efforts and the importance of accountability to affected populations, we would recommend that this section include greater means by which the views of other stakeholders as well as refugees themselves may be heard relative to the application of the Compact.