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United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Towards a global compact on Refugees

Thematic Discussion Five

**Statement delivered by the Permanent Delegation of the Syrian  
Arab Republic**

**In the Panel titled "How can we address the root causes of large  
movements of refugees?"**

Geneva, on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

Mr. Co-chair,

My delegation reemphasizes the importance of the role of the OHCHR to pay more attention to the other important root causes of forced displacement specially terrorism which was mentioned in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and in General Assembly Resolutions on the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees which is one of the root causes of forced displacement. And still we didn't see the needed attention paid by the OHCHR to it despite the fact that it is a major reason for forced displacement especially in my region.

Also my delegation underlines other very important root causes of forced displacement mainly, violation of International Law and the UN Charter, particularly, the interference in the internal affairs of countries, foreign occupation, as well as imposing Unilateral Coercive

Measures. And addressing these root causes is a major step to answer the title of this panel.

My delegation request that the above-mentioned root causes to be reflected in the draft plan of action for the Global Compact for Refugees.

My delegation takes note of the concept paper and stresses that it is not inclusive and not representative of all situations, and the same position goes for the suggestions proposed for the plan action.

With regard to the side event titled "**Statelessness and forced displacement: Interlinkages and the importance of prevention and solutions**" My delegation stresses that the number of unregistered Internally Displaced Persons in some parts of Syria as mentioned by one of the panelists in the side event held this morning; my delegation wonders about the sources of the information and data derived from inside Syria.

My delegation strong reservation regarding these numbers since the sources of this information are unknown, unreliable and questionable if they were not carried out with the full cooperation of the Syrian Government.

**Thank you.**