

“Towards a global compact on refugees”

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Intervention by MONTENEGRO

Madame Chair,

At the beginning let me thank Assistant High Commissioner Turk for his presentation and express our appreciation to his team for a very good job done so far.

Montenegro shares the views that this specific part on meeting needs and supporting communities should be at the heart of the GCR. Supporting host countries, in particular humanitarian and development actors, is essential. We are very pleased to see the improved draft which has reflected in balanced manner a large part of comments raised during the first round of consultation on the same issue.

The Global Compact presents an opportunity for member states to provide appropriate and integrated protection care and services for all refugees. The access to rights and all services on equal basis like others is fundamental.

Montenegro very strongly supports a new and improved language on gender. We do believe that the GCR needs to clearly reflect the vulnerability of women and girls, in particular the issue of large scale of gender based violence and sexual exploitation. To that end, we welcome the interlink with 2030 Agenda in this new text when it comes to policies and programs gender-mainstreaming, as well as a specific obligations to strengthen the security and safety of women and girls.

Also, we welcome the strong focus on education and strengthening of paras related to jobs and livelihoods. The GCR should ensure the better support and possibilities for, at the same time, quality and inclusive education.

Regulation of legal status, education, social welfare and health protection, housing, culture and access to information - these are all areas where the assistance to host countries by international community is extremely important. In that regard, cross-border cooperation and regional partnership should be strengthened.

Finally, we support the improved language on importance of birth registration and prevention of statelessness as a separate subsection. In this regard, we would like to encourage a more proactive approach by host governments in terms of simplifying the procedure for birth registration of individuals born outside health care institution and improving information sharing with a focus on persons in need.

Thank you.