

# **GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES THIRD FORMAL CONSULTATION MEETING**

## **STATEMENT BY TURKEY 10-11 April, 2018**

### **Agenda item 3: Solutions (Part III.B.3)**

- In the section on solutions, we believe it is important to emphasize that the ultimate aim of the global compact is to achieve durable solutions.
- Countries of origin are one of the main actors in the area of solutions, specifically voluntary repatriation.
- In paragraph 74, we would like to see a clear wording pointing out that the most effective way for durable solutions is the elimination of root causes in the countries of origin.
- The inclusion of the reference to the 2030 Agenda in addition to the United Nations Secretary General's reform agenda in the areas of peace, security and development is appreciated.
- Resettlement is indeed a tangible form of burden and responsibility sharing. Given its significance in this regard, we reiterate our view that the resettlement title should also be mentioned under the first section on the principal modalities for burden- and responsibility-sharing and be attributed a stronger emphasis in terms of solutions.
- We welcome the mechanisms proposed in the text with the aim of enlarging the pool of resettlement countries. Given the fact that resettlement has traditionally been offered by a limited number of countries, we encourage a strong call to be made for every single country to take its share from global resettlement according to its economic indicators and self-reliance capacity.
- We should also identify the standards for refugee admission to the countries where the procedures of resettlement will be implemented and try to prevent restrictive practices specific to a country. Therefore, we suggest to include another kind of writing for the paragraph 82.
- So, instead of the expression about "...refugees from at least three priority situations identified by UNHCR", we may add "the refugees identified by national authorities taking into account of the refugees' special needs such as the need for treatment, victim of violence and torture, women/children under risks and individuals in need of protection.

- We believe that it is necessary to include the UN vulnerability criteria in the text as one of the main components of the resettlement procedures.
  
- In terms of local solutions, we should not forget that this is solution that is strictly based on the choice of the host country and cannot be seen as an obligation. We will propose our contribution for this text in written format, as well.
  
- Thank you.