

Ex Com Additional Points to Make:**Item 4: Consideration of reports on the work of the Standing committee:****a) International Protection****i. Note on International Protection**

- With unprecedented humanitarian needs and increasing levels of conflict, forced displacement and protracted crises, the centrality of protection for the most vulnerable has never been greater. We need durable, long-term solutions. We want to see safe, orderly and responsible migration that ensures protection for people on the move, and we call for greater compliance with International Humanitarian Law.
- The UK values UNHCR's unique mandate and role within the system. We look to you to ensure that you are prioritising the most vulnerable and using your voice to advocate, to the strongest degree, for the rights and needs of refugees and other displaced persons. The UK looks to you to enhance the efficacy of system-wide protection efforts
- Thank UNHCR for this update and for this report. The report rightly flags the role of conflict, violence and insecurity in driving displacement. Political will to end conflict remains the single most important action to reduce displacement and the protection needs of millions of people across the globe. The UK will continue to support all efforts in building stability globally.
- We commend UNHCR for its efforts in the last twelve months to promote the legal frameworks which underpin protection for refugees, IDPs and stateless people.
- We note that UNHCR has also worked to protect and assist people displaced by natural hazards, environmental degradation and the adverse effects of climate change. With the global numbers affected unknown this remains vitally important.
- The UK would like to touch on a few specific questions/ clarifications.
- First, we encourage UNHCR to continue its emphasis on the displaced in urban environments and to continue to involve the private sector in their efforts to prepare city authorities for influxes of displaced populations. This will be vital to strengthening public and private sector services for both host communities and new arrivals.
- Second, we would welcome more information on the proportion of refugees and IDPs UNHCR supports outside of camps as opposed to those in camps. Does the trend show greater encampment or not. If so, what are UNHCR's plans to address this?

- Third, we welcome the good progress in promoting integration of refugees into local systems of education, skills training and employment. We would like to stress the vital importance that we place on UNHCR continuing to work with states on freedom of movement for displaced people, to be able to engage in these opportunities
- Finally, the UK would like to emphasise the need to focus on longer term solutions. We can't continue with the short term approaches, meeting the immediate needs of refugees and displaced persons, and little more. In this regard, the Compact is of crucial importance.