

**Global compact on refugees:  
from draft 3 (4 June) to final draft (26 June)**

**Explanatory memorandum on main changes**

1. In line with the iterative approach, specific amendments requested by delegations at the June formal consultations or through written submissions have been taken into account to the extent possible, and with a view to achieving consensus. Most of the changes in the final draft constitute a “fine-tuning” of the text.
2. The sections on Global Refugee Forums (paras 17-19) and “follow up and review” (paras 101-107) have been revised to balance the views of delegations. It is suggested for Global Refugee Forums to take place every four years, with the first Forum being held in 2019 (para 17). Forums would be complemented by high-level officials’ meetings held every two years between Forums to provide “mid-term review” – the first of these will take place in 2021 (paras 19 and 104). Annual reporting will also be undertaken by the High Commissioner for Refugees in his/her regular report to the General Assembly (para 105).
3. “Success” under the global compact will be assessed in terms of progress towards the achievement of its four objectives. Taking into account the views of delegations, it is proposed that indicators be developed for each objective ahead of the first Global Refugee Forum in 2019 (para 102). Reference is made to the non-paper prepared by UNHCR and presented at the informal exchange on 29 May 2018 in this regard. It is clarified that Forums will also be informed by the results of the process coordinated by UNHCR to measure the impact arising from hosting, protecting and assisting refugees (paras 48, 103).

**In addition:**

4. Some footnotes have been deleted or streamlined. The data and evidence section (paras 45-48) has been streamlined to ensure consistency of format with other sections.
  5. At the request of some delegations, the “mechanisms for burden- and responsibility-sharing” (draft 3) are retitled “arrangements for burden- and responsibility-sharing” along the lines of the zero draft (which referred to “modalities”). Their architecture and content have not otherwise changed.
  6. Para 7 (objectives) has been further simplified: it is noted that the four objectives of the global compact are interlinked and interdependent; an emphasis is also placed on broadening the base of support. The need to better protect and assist refugees and support host countries and communities (contained in para 7 of draft 3) is now contained in para 5 (guiding principles).
  7. It is emphasized that Part III.B is not intended to be prescriptive, exhaustive or to create additional impositions or burdens on host countries (paras 50, 67).
  8. The section entitled “Gender” in draft 3 has been renamed to “Women and girls” (section 2.4); the section on “Children and youth” renamed “Children, adolescents and youth” (section 2.5); and the section on “Tolerance and peaceful coexistence” renamed “Fostering good relations and peaceful coexistence” (section 2.10).
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