

**GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES SECOND FORMAL
CONSULTATION MEETING
STATEMENT BY TURKEY
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Agenda Item 1: Introduction: background, goals of the global compact on refugees, and prevention and addressing root causes (Part I)

- We are glad to see that some suggestions expressed during the first formal consultation meeting are reflected in the text.
- We are also pleased to witness that the “introduction” part through its overarching architecture now encompasses a wide range of refugee-related issues.
- The root causes paving the way for refugee movements are depicted at the outset with a clear language, ranging from persecution, conflict, violence, human rights violations to environmental degradation and natural disasters.
- We believe it is important to stick to the existing language of the New York Declaration. In this context, we suggest to include **terrorism** among the reasons forcing people to seek refuge in other countries.
- Reference made to the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol is key, as these are the main legal frameworks for the protection of refugees.
- Regarding the goals of the GCR, we agree that the success of the Compact depends on the progress made in areas mentioned in the text.
- However, we should not miss the most important target especially for hosting states that is about how much progress attained **in easing the pressures on host states**.
- Therefore, this perspective should more openly be added to the goals of the Compact section, as we believe that significant progress is possible only through global solidarity and a broadened base of support to host countries by relevant stakeholders.
- As Turkey, now hosting around 4 million refugees, we always emphasized that resolving large movements of refugees should be a serious concern to the international community as a whole. Therefore, we are happy that the need to focusing more on **addressing root causes** is now strengthened in the introduction.

- Hence, we support the call to States and relevant stakeholders to engage and cooperate in this endeavor.
- As regards prevention and addressing root causes, the humanitarian nature of the GCR should be the driving force of our endeavors. The complementarity with the development dimension is also crucial and therefore should be more strengthened in the text.
- To this end, it would be essential to include **the New Way of Working (NWOW)** initiative that seeks to identify the mechanisms that ensure the sound combination of humanitarian and development spheres to help those in need.
- You will recall that one of the key achievements of the **World Humanitarian Summit**, held in May 2016 in Istanbul was the recognition that the old debates on humanitarian and development divide should be transcended through a new perspective.
- Therefore, we deem useful to refer in the GCR to the New Way of Working as a strong indication of paradigm shift in our efforts to address protracted crises.
- Thank you.