

## TOWARDS A GLOBAL COMPACT ON REFUGEES

Sixth formal consultation, 3 - 4 July 2018

### Statement of the Republic of Slovenia

- SI aligns with the EU statement;
- SI is indeed satisfied with the last draft of the Global compact on refugees (GCR) issued on 26 June, presenting convergence in a spirit of compromise;
- The text is the result of our common work, but special thanks go to UNHCR, *spiritus movens* of the whole drafting process and in particular to Volker Türk, Assistant High Commissioner;
- It is a big challenge to create a document for the protection of refugees which should meet expectations and concerns of all UN Member States;
- SI actively participated in the process also with presenting Slovenian national practice and experiences;
- We made a comparison of the Slovenian goals to be achieved, prepared six months ago, before consultations started. We are happy to tell you that most of our goals were achieved in a satisfactory manner, namely:
  - ❖ GCR enhances international cooperation in cases of large scale movements;
  - ❖ GCR builds on the idea of a comprehensive response to protection and creates new measures and arrangements for responsibility sharing and solidarity;
  - ❖ GCR is referencing to the international human rights law, to instruments against discrimination and trafficking and smuggling of human beings, especially to the Convention of the Status of Refugees with the principle of *non refoulement*;
  - ❖ GCR is supportive of the references to tackle the root causes of large refugee situations;

- ❖ GCR mentions the importance of regional approaches which can complement national activities. We have continuous excellent cooperation with all the countries along the Western Balkan route;
  - ❖ GCR also underlines the need for monitoring and improvement of standards for care and accommodation of refugees. Special attention should be given to vulnerable groups and to increase of the self-reliance of refugees living in host countries.
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- Our next common goal should be to define indicators for the efficient implementation of the GCR. We need to follow the progress toward the achievement of 4 objectives defined in para 7. With this idea in mind we need to work on efficiency and effectiveness of the Global Refugee Forum (to be next year) and high level officials' meetings proposed in the Follow-up section of the GCR;
  - SI stands ready for the active participation also in the future.