

Explanation of Position by Hungary

73rd session of the UNHCR Executive Committee

Item 13. Adoption of the report of the 73rd session of ExCom, including decisions

Decision [no.7]

Thank you Mr Chairperson/Mme Vice-Chairperson,

Hungary acknowledges the importance of conclusions that provide guidance for the work of UNHCR, therefore we actively engaged during the negotiations on the draft conclusion on mental health and psychosocial support, and stressed many times during the Informal Preparatory Consultations our consistent and firm position in a constructive manner.

We wish to emphasize that Hungary acknowledges with appreciation the contributions of host States in receiving and providing international protection to large numbers of refugees, including in protracted situations and with limited resources. Hungary takes its part, according to its national capacities, in easing the burden of host States as well as supporting refugees as demonstrated by our efforts to help those who are fleeing the war in Ukraine.

I would like to highlight that we are facing an extremely worrying humanitarian situation in Ukraine. In response to it, Hungary has launched one of its largest humanitarian relief operations providing Ukraine – including refugees, as well as internally displaced persons – with much-needed assistance.

However, we would like to make it clear, that Hungary has not adopted the GCR and does not participate in its implementation in any form, including the Global Refugee Forum. Therefore, we do not acknowledge the relevance of the GCR and we can not support any references to it in official documents. While we join consensus in adopting this year's conclusion, based on the previously mentioned firm position of Hungary regarding the GCR, Hungary disassociates from paragraphs containing a reference to it.

We respectfully ask you to include our comments in the official report of the 73rd session of ExCom.

Thank you Mr Chairperson/Mme Vice-Chairperson.