

**Mr. Chairman,
High Commissioner Grandi
Distinguished Delegates,
Excellencies,**

Dear colleagues,

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, I extend our sincere appreciation to High Commissioner Filippo Grandi for his compelling and reflective statement.

High Commissioner, your reflections on the past decade resonate deeply with Jordan's own experience.

We have shouldered this responsibility with pride, guided by our humanitarian traditions and the moral imperative you so eloquently described: the timeless obligation to provide refuge to those in peril.

Yet, as you noted, the challenges have multiplied.

Displacement is at record levels,
humanitarian workers are being targeted,
and core principles are under threat.

The global backlash against refugees, mixed population flows, and the erosion of multilateralism have strained our systems.

In Jordan, we did act.

We have witnessed firsthand the human cost of protracted displacement, exacerbated by regional instability.

The atrocities you described, committed with impunity, not only drive displacement but also undermine the norms that protect civilians.

We echo your call for moral clarity and reaffirmation of international humanitarian law.

No conflict should numb our conscience or render us powerless.

Jordan fully aligns with your defense of regional instruments. These are not relics but vital tools of sovereignty and shared responsibility.

In our context, we have taken the right choices, and we implemented innovative measures, such as access for refugees into our labor market and education system.

These efforts, supported by UNHCR and partners, demonstrate that cooperation is essential for proper response.

However, High Commissioner, the funding crisis you outlined threatens to unravel these gains.

Jordan's economy, already burdened by hosting refugees for over decades, faces immense pressure from reduced international funding. Our public services—health, education, water, and infrastructure—have been stretched to their limits.

The 25% drop in UNHCR funding this year has forced painful cuts: reduced cash assistance, limited healthcare access, and curtailed livelihoods programs. These are not abstract numbers; they affect real lives—families (kids, boys and girls dreams) struggling to survive in camps like Zaatari and Azraq, or urban refugees facing poverty.

Mr. Chair,

We also express our solidarity with UNHCR staff affected by the current financial crisis.

Again, this is more than a budget issue—it is a moment to rethink the system.

Jordan supports a broader reform, aligned with the Humanitarian Reset led by Tom Fletcher and the UN80

initiative of the UN Secretary-General. UNHCR has a key role to play in this transformation.

And we are working with group of like-minded countries on supporting the SG's initiative.

Burden-sharing must be more than rhetoric; it requires equitable support for host countries like Jordan, which bear the brunt while wealthier nations host far fewer.

On solutions, we share your optimism about Syrian returns. The milestone of one million returns is encouraging almost one seventh of them returned from Jordan, but sustainability is key. Jordan has facilitated voluntary returns and stands ready to support more, provided conditions in Syria improve with international backing. We call for bolder investments in reconstruction, as you urged, to prevent renewed displacement. Similarly, in protracted situations, we advocate for tackling root causes for solutions.

Mr Chair,

As we look ahead to the Global Refugee Forum Progress Review in December, Jordan stresses the importance of this moment to take stock of progress on pledges, assess challenges, and identify what more is needed to advance the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees.

Finally, this is the last ExCom for High Commissioner Filippo Grandi. Jordan expresses deep appreciation for his principled leadership, tireless advocacy, and unwavering commitment to refugees and host countries. His decade of service leaves a strong legacy at a time of unprecedented global humanitarian need.

Thank you.