

## **UNHCR's position on international agreements for the transfer of asylum seekers**

This year marks the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1951 Convention – a living instrument that has saved millions of refugees fleeing war, violence and human rights violations. Throughout the year, UNHCR [will mark this vital milestone](#) with States, international organizations, refugees, NGOs and other stakeholders in regions and countries around the world.

The principles set in the Refugee Convention remain essential as States seek responses to the contemporary challenges facing asylum systems. At the core of the Refugee Convention lies the principle of responsibility-sharing, which stresses that effective protection and solutions for refugees require international cooperation and partnership between States. Such cooperation may involve international agreements for the transfer of asylum-seekers with appropriate guarantees, in a manner that extends their access to protection and solutions and enables the sharing of responsibilities for the global refugee response.

As the UN Agency entrusted with the mandate to supervise the application of the 1951 Convention and other international refugee law instruments, UNHCR calls on all States and stakeholders to ensure that [measures adopted for the transfer of refugees are consistent with key standards](#).

UNHCR is available to advise and support States to ensure appropriate responses that uphold the rights of refugees and enable their access to protection and solutions, while supporting effective border management.