

**Statement in response to the presentation of the report by Ambassador Oike Atsuyuki**  
**on his field mission to Ethiopia**

Thank you, Your Excellency Ms. Nahida Sobhan, Chairperson. I would like to begin by extending my sincere best wishes for every success in your new role and by assuring you of my full support as we work together in the Bureau.

At the outset, allow me to express appreciation to the outgoing Chairperson of the Executive Committee, Ambassador Oike Atsuyuki, for his comprehensive report and for his recent visit to Ethiopia. We are grateful for the time dedicated to engaging directly with refugees, host communities, government counterparts, and development partners.

Ethiopia appreciates the recognition reflected in the outgoing Chairperson's observations regarding its longstanding commitment to refugee protection. For decades, Ethiopia has upheld a tradition of hospitality and solidarity with those forced to flee conflict and persecution. Despite significant economic constraints, regional instability, and increasing climate-related pressures, Ethiopia continues to provide protection and assistance to a large refugee population.

We are particularly encouraged by the outgoing Chairperson's acknowledgement of Ethiopia's efforts to advance refugee inclusion and self-reliance through the Makatet Roadmap. Our approach remains focused on moving beyond traditional care-and-maintenance models towards expanded access for refugees to education, livelihoods, financial services, and national systems, in ways that also benefit host communities. In this context, the ongoing implementation of the Fayda National ID serves as a key enabler for inclusive and efficient access to national systems, including education, financial services, and social protection.

We also appreciate the outgoing Chairperson's recognition that refugees should be viewed not merely as recipients of assistance, but as active contributors to local economies and community development. Ethiopia remains committed to creating opportunities that enable refugees to realize their potential while supporting the prosperity and resilience of host communities.

We also welcome the emphasis placed during the visit on investments that strengthen social cohesion and shared resilience between refugees and host communities. Ethiopia firmly believes that sustainable refugee responses require integrated humanitarian, development, and peacebuilding approaches.

At the same time, the scale and complexity of forced displacement in our region continues to place significant pressure on national systems. We therefore fully associate ourselves with the call for strengthened international solidarity and more equitable responsibility-sharing.

In this regard, we urge the international community to provide predictable and sustained financial support, to expand opportunities for resettlement and complementary pathways, and to increase development investments in refugee-hosting areas. Additional support is also urgently needed to address the growing impacts of climate change on vulnerable communities hosting refugees.

**Chairperson,**

Ethiopia remains firmly committed to working with UNHCR, Member States, development partners, and all stakeholders in advancing durable solutions and strengthening the implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees.

Once again, we thank the outgoing Chairperson for his visit and report, and we look forward to continued engagement with all delegations in our collective efforts in supporting the work of UNHCR,

**I thank you**