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Mr. President,  
Mr. High Commissioner,  
Excellenceis,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Allow me at the outset to express my sincere gratitude to His Excellency the President and the members of the Bureau, and congratulates their leadership of the work of the UNHCR Executive Committee.

We would like also to congratulate the High Commissioner, Mr. Filippo Grandi, for his re-election, which we believe came as a clear testimony and recognition for his restless efforts and invaluable dedication he has been showing to this organization throughout the last years.

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Sudan has been hosting refugees, mainly from the neighbor countries, since 1960s. The current reference number is 1.3 million refugees in total. The point to highlight here is that this number does not reflect the real populations of refugees currently reside in Sudan. This might be the case in several other countries. The issue is that, it is probable that, we, in this conference, are dealing with refugees



figures not reflective of the reality on ground. Thus the refugees' burden on the hosting countries, Sudan is one of them, is higher than the reported.

Sudan is currently making effort, and will continue, to rectify this situation in the very near future based on the level of resources availed. A comprehensive biometric registration is currently under implementation in close cooperation between the Sudan's Commissions of refugees and UNHCR. The next year plan is to booster it through adopting comprehensive campaigns approach.

Sudan has been committed and is committed to continue hosting refugees to the level of its own resources and the resources receives from the international community.

Though Sudan is implementing encampment approach for refugees' residence, the current situation displays a status of approximately 70% of refugees residing out of camps in urban and rural area, most of the in urban.

The refugees in Sudan are categorized into mainly three groups. Old-timer refugees, are those who choose to remain in Sudan under refugee status after their camps were closed. The second is the protracted case-load in camps or out-of camps in urban rural areas. The third are those who are new case-load since 2020.

Mr. President,

In pursuit of compliance with the principles enshrined in the global compact for refugees, Sudan's refugees' response approaches can be mainly grouped into two: Emergency service delivery to the new case-load refugees and needy families of their host communities;



and self-reliance development support to all refugees and their host communities. This is of course besides the caveat of ensuring provision of protection services to all refugees and their host communities.

It is worth to note that the policy guidance of the Sudan's programmatic response towards the durable solutions for is "economic and social inclusion" at community, local and national level with inclusion in systems and budgeting as the first mandatory step.

Failure to realize the above, the famous and very widely appreciated Sudan's hospitably towards refugees and its associated open door policy will be hard to be maintained at the current levels. This risk is anticipated at, first and most at the community level and expected to grow upwards to political groups, the media, the general public and finally the Government apparatus.

The main driving factor is the widely disseminated message that "the new internationally adopted paradigm in refugees' response" is burden sharing between refugees hosting country and the international community and that the response is both for the need of refugees and host community and focus on self-reliance to both refugees and their host communities.

Mr. President

With regard to the regional efforts aiming to address the protracted population movement issues, Sudan would like to reiterate its unwavering commitment and full readiness to fully support and implement the durable solutions initiatives for refugees, returnees,

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IDPs and host communities in Sudan and South Sudan, the National strategy has been concluded and is ready for endorsement by the competent authorities. It's worth mentioning that the strategy was drafted in a comprehensive and inclusive way that brought together all relevant stakeholders including representatives of IDPs, Returnees, Refugees and Host communities.

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In conclusion, we would like to express again our deep appreciation for UNHCR for the continuous and distinguished relationships with the Government of Sudan, and we wish all the success to the deliberations of this session.