

Formal Consultations on the global compact on refugees

Agenda item 2: Support for the application of the CRRF: reception and admission, meeting needs and supporting communities, and solutions

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Mme Co-Chair,

- First of all, I would like to thank Assistant High Commissioner Volker Türk and his team for developing zero draft for the global compact on refugees encapsulating new innovative approaches for the operationalization of the comprehensive refugee response framework, hopefully, leading to an active, predictable and sustained support for refugees and host communities.
- Myanmar supports the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants and also believes that the GCR can become an important guidance to address refugee challenges on an equitable burden and responsibility sharing basis.
- We welcome the zero draft as a good basic for further discussions.
- Moving on to CRRF, particularly to Program of Action, we already see the merit on some of the elements as useful and pragmatic.
- For example, in the programme of action, organizing **solidarity conferences** to facilitate burden- and responsibility-sharing for a specific situation constitute a useful exercise to mobilize support and to work out follow-up mechanism.
- Likewise, **regional organizations** and other relevant regional arrangements on refugees also play an important role as refugee and human trafficking issues are closely intertwined. In this context and as we have briefly discuss, the Association of Southeast Asian Nations-ASEAN and the the Bali Process on People Smuggling, Trafficking in Persons and Related Transnational Crime- Bali Process are useful mechanisms. As such, *we would like to see more emphasis in the text on the role of regional organizations.*

Mme Co-Chair,

- I would like to draw your attention to the second bullet of paragraph 47 on “the establishment or strengthening of statelessness determination procedures.”
- We would like to see **more clarifications or general guidelines in the text** on the following questions:-
 - What kind of international legal framework should be taken into consideration in establishing or strengthening such procedures?
 - What kind of established practices should be taken into consideration in establishing or strengthening such procedures?
 - What kind of safeguards should be taken into consideration to strike a proper balance between state sovereignty, policy, security and domestic legislation on one hand and international standards and obligations on the other, for such procedures?
 - Whether a general guideline in response to the above-mentioned questions should be included in the text in considering possible statelessness determination procedures?
- In closing I would like to express our readiness to work together with all in materializing an effective GCR.
