

Swedish Statement on International Protection, UNHCR ExCom 1-5 October 2018

Madame Chair,

We wish to thank the Assistant High Commissioner for the presentation, and UNHCR for the note on international protection.

The note reflects the important work undertaken by UNHCR and its partners. 2018 has been a year of continuing challenges in the area of forced displacement around the world but it has also been a year of positive development in the context of refugee protection and global responsibility sharing.

We are proud that we, after many months of hard work, have a proposed **Global compact for refugees**. Expressing our appreciation to UNHCR for leading us through the process. We are pleased that the compact consultations have allowed us to recommit collectively to improved burden- and responsibility sharing in a spirit of consensus and collaboration. We are certain that we will continue in the same spirit towards the endorsement of the compact.

Going forward, a few things will be crucial for the success of our efforts. First, comprehensive responses must include strong support for quality **education** for both refugee and host community children; we must promote job creation and decent work for host communities and refugees; and we need robust strategies to expand **resettlement** of persons in need of protection and to plan for solutions from the outset of a refugee situation. SGBV must be streamlined throughout all areas of UNHCR's work.

Second, predictable, flexible, un-earmarked and multi-year **funding** will doubtlessly facilitate timely and adequate assistance to those who need it the most.

And third, implementation of the compact must be done at a **global scale** together with all our partners. Responding to the plight of refugees is not a task for just the big host

countries, or the traditional donors, but for the international community as a whole. The world's refugees and their hosts count on us to deliver.

Madame Chair, you may rest assured that Sweden stands ready to implement this approach in close partnership with the UNHCR, hosting states and the rest of the international community.