Reporting by Session Note-takers at the 2019 Annual Consultations with NGOs

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**Major points arising from speakers and discussions**

- **Multi-stakeholder collaboration throughout planning and implementation processes and collective leadership results in the strongest results:** In Côte d'Ivoire, a multi-stakeholder approach meant there was a comprehensive and sustainable response to the reintegration process, and an action plan with clearly identified gaps has been developed; The Three-Year Strategy (2019-2021) on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways was developed through a collaborative process including NGOs and relevant stakeholders and will be implemented through collective actions and leadership.

- **NGOs have an important role in building capacity and can bring the flexibility and innovation needed to test and pilot new approaches:** NGOs are well placed to support emerging resettlement programmes through capacity building including through EURITA web based platform and through case management checklists/tools which involve refugees in providing feedback on the maturity of programmes;

- **Complementary pathways for refugees can increase refugee self-reliance by offering refugees the freedom to study and build their own futures:** Through a scholarship programme initiated by an NGO in France - Démocratie et Entraide en Syrie Ghosn Zeitoun – the NGO works in partnership with universities and is engaged in ensuring that refugees have access to the rights and services that they need while completing their studies.

**Recommendations/Conclusions/Decisions on the way forward**

- Multi-stakeholder collaboration throughout planning and implementation of processes to achieve solutions for refugees will be essential to the success of the GCR;

- The GRF is a platform to galvanise support for the Three-Year Strategy on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways through more places; more partners and better quality third country solutions;

- Capacity building of stakeholders on solutions will be important to facilitate implementation of GCR;

- There is a need to increase refugee access to complementary pathways, and to make passports and travel documents available to refugees—for all solutions and pathways – we need internationally agreed upon documents and certification to allow refugees to find solutions.

**Top two quotes from the session**

- “Refugees should be viewed as survivors not victims, with their own capacities to become self-reliant” *Genevieve Caston, IRC*
• “The vision in the Three-Year Strategy on Resettlement and Complementary Pathways is ambitious but not unrealistic – we know that complementary pathways exist and it will be critical that we find ways to remove the barriers preventing refugees from accessing them” Emad Aziz, UNHCR

Any general points regarding UNHCR-NGO partnerships:
Mention any salient points that the Rapporteur and UNHCR should be aware of for the closing plenary, i.e. prior to the closing of the Consultations.