



REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA

TALKING POINTS FOR USE BY HONOURABLE STEPHEN
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2019 GLOBAL REFUGEE FORUM,

DEBATE ON BURDEN AND RESPONSIBILITY SHARING.

17th DECEMBER, 2019.

CHAIRPERSON,
DISTINGUISHED HEADS OF STATES AND GOVERNMENT
THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL, HIS EXCELLENCY ANTONIO
GUTERRES,
HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, HIS EXCELLENCY FILIPPO GRANDI,
DISTINGUISHED PRIME MINISTERS AND HONOURABLE MINISTERS,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE TO UNITED
NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, THE SWISS CONFEDERATION
AND THE CO- CONVENERS FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO PRESENT ZAMBIA'S
COMMITMENTS TO THE FUTURE OF ITS REFUGEE PROGRAMS.

MR CHAIRMAN, IN ADDITION TO THE EFFORTS ALREADY IN PLACE, MAY I
ANNOUNCE THAT, THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA FURTHER COMMITS TO;

I. TO COMPLETE THE LOCAL INTEGRATION OF FORMER REFUGEES FROM
ANGOLA AND RWANDA. GOVERNMENT IS CONSIDERING THE POSSIBLE USE
OF OTHER VERIFIABLE IDENTITY DOCUMENTS ASIDE FROM NATIONAL
PASSPORTS TO OBTAIN RESIDENCE PERMITS AND TO EXTEND THE VALIDITY
OF THE TEMPORARY PERMITS FOR THE FORMER RWANDAN REFUGEES FROM
3 YEARS TO 10 YEARS. AN ESTIMATED THREE MILLION US DOLLARS
(US\$3,000,000) WOULD BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE ISSUANCE OF THIS
LEGAL DOCUMENTATION.

II. TO MAINTAIN AN OPEN DOOR ASYLUM POLICY AND CONTINUE REVIEWING
NATIONAL LEGISLATION WITH A VIEW TO HARMONIZING THE PROVISIONS OF
THE REFUGEES ACT AND OTHER NATIONAL LAWS IN ORDER TO PROMOTE
THE ENJOYMENT OF RIGHTS BY REFUGEES, INCLUDING FREEDOM OF
MOVEMENT, ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT AND LIVELIHOODS.

III. TO ENSURE REFUGEES ARE INCLUDED IN THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION
SYSTEM SO THAT THEY CAN HAVE ACCESS TO CIVIL REGISTRATION AND
OBTAIN LEGAL DOCUMENTATION, SUCH AS DIGITAL IDENTITY CARDS AND

BIRTH CERTIFICATES. TO IMPLEMENT THIS PLEDGE, GOVERNMENT REQUIRES SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO IMPLEMENT THE NATIONAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION SYSTEM.

IV. TO IMPROVE LIVELIHOODS AND SELF-RELIANCE BY EXPANDING THE FARMER INPUT SUPPORT PROGRAM (FISP) INCLUDING VALUE ADDITION. FISP WHICH HAS BEEN EXTENDED TO REFUGEES AND FORMER REFUGEES IN AN EFFORT TO IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY AT HOUSEHOLD LEVEL WILL REQUIRE A CONTRIBUTION OF 25% OF THE INPUT COST FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR EVERY REFUGEE AND FORMER REFUGEE BENEFICIARY FOR EVERY FARMING SEASON OVER A PERIOD OF FIVE YEARS.

V. MAINTAIN REFUGEE INCLUSION IN THE NATIONAL EDUCATION SYSTEM AT ALL LEVELS, INCLUDING PROVIDING FREE EARLY CHILDHOOD, PRIMARY EDUCATION, AS WELL AS SECONDARY AND TERTIARY. TO ACTUALISE THIS, THE GOVERNMENT INTENDS TO ESTABLISH TECHNICAL AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING INSTITUTES IN THE THREE REFUGEE SETTLEMENTS AND SOLICIT AT LEAST 20 SCHOLARSHIPS FOR REFUGEE SCHOLARS IN THE COUNTRY'S PRIVATE AND PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES. IT WILL REQUIRE SUBSTANCE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT EXPANSION IN ALL REFUGEE SETTLEMENTS.

VI. TO CONTINUE PROMOTING SPORTS ACTIVITIES IN ALL REFUGEE SETTLEMENTS AND ENSURE REFUGEE TEAMS ARE REGISTERED WITH SPORTS ASSOCIATIONS. GOVERNMENT WILL NEED SUBSTANTIAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR SPORTS INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN ALL REFUGEE SETTLEMENTS, SPORTS KITS AND TRANSPORT FOR SPORTS ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF THE SETTLEMENTS.

VII. TO CONNECT THE 3 REFUGEE SETTLEMENTS AND THE LOCAL INTEGRATION SCHEMES AS WELL AS HOST COMMUNITY POPULATIONS TO THE NATIONAL ELECTRICITY GRID WHILST EXPLORING SUSTAINABLE ENERGY SOURCES. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA REQUIRES AN ESTIMATED US\$3,500,000.

IN CONCLUSION MAY I STATE THAT THE CENTRALITY OF THE PRINCIPLE OF BURDEN AND RESPONSIBILITY-SHARING IS BY ENSURING EFFECTIVE REFUGEE PROTECTION THROUGH A COMMITMENT TO LEND A HAND TO COUNTRIES WHOSE CAPACITIES AND RESOURCES MAY NOT MARCH THEIR BIG HEARTS THAT ENABLE THEM TO OPEN DOORS TO THOSE WHO SEEK ASYLUM.

MR CHAIRMAN, I THANK YOU