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Excellencies, distinguished colleagues,

Norway shares the ambition that the Global Refugee Forum will be a successful vehicle for more equitable sharing of burdens and responsibilities, in line with the principles of the Global Compact on Refugees.

First of all, I would like to commend the co-hosts and the five co-conveners – Costa Rica, Ethiopia, Germany, Pakistan and Turkey – for their leadership.

The support provided by the High Commissioner during the preparations for the forum has also been invaluable.

Protection of refugees and a comprehensive approach to refugee situations will continue to be a priority in Norway's humanitarian policy.

We have been actively engaged in the preparations for the forum and are co-sponsors in the areas of education, energy and infrastructure, jobs and livelihoods, and solutions

Norway's broad engagement is reflected in the 18 pledges we have submitted to the Forum. The pledges include:

- Significant core support to UNHCR
- resettlement,
- cooperation with host countries and countries of origin,
- global qualifications passports for refugees and vulnerable migrants,
- integration efforts in our own country,
- education in emergencies,
- and protection against sexual and gender-based violence.

I also want to convey a special thank you to the states and partners who have joined France and Norway in pledging political support to UNHCR's Clean Energy Challenge.

In addition to these pledges, I would like to mention our commitment to address internal displacement. We welcome the launch of the High-level Panel on Internal Displacement by the UN Secretary-General earlier this month.

Chair,

We, the international community, have to increase our support for both refugees and their host communities .

I would like to highlight the vital contribution made by host countries. I commend the countries that have signed up to the Comprehensive Refugee Response Framework. . Let me reaffirm Norway's continued support.

It is important to keep a long-term perspective in our commitment to protect refugees. We have to work for durable solutions.

It is my hope that that the expectations created and the commitments made at this first Global Refugee Forum will result in consolidated international efforts and results on the ground.

Because results are what matters to both refugees and their host communities.

Thank you.