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**Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan
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Excellency,

We have the honour to write to you in our capacity as co-conveners of the Global Refugee Forum, which will take place on 17 and 18 December, with an advance day of special events on 16 December 2019, at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Global Refugee Forum will be a milestone moment in translating into action the Global Compact on Refugees adopted last December. It presents a tremendous opportunity to advance the way we cooperate to find sustainable solutions for refugee situations. Together, we can transform the lives of refugees and their hosts over the longer term by ensuring that host countries have adequate and predictable support to enable refugees lead productive lives, and solutions are sought from the outset.

Since the affirmation of this historic agreement, we have witnessed commitments by many in the international community to carry the promise of international burden and responsibility sharing and global solidarity to fruition. Many Governments have already made important contributions to comprehensive refugee responses, through additional funding, material and technical assistance, places for resettlement and complementary pathways for admission, and policies to promote refugee inclusion in their national systems.

Since we began preparing for the Forum, scores of countries and other stakeholders have come forward as co-sponsors of the different areas of focus, using their energy and expertise to achieve tangible progress. We must maintain this momentum and seize the opportunity afforded by the Global Refugee Forum to strengthen our collective response to refugee situations and bring lasting change to the lives of refugees and their hosts.

The Global Refugee Forum is a pivotal moment in history where we will reaffirm the utmost importance of the principle of solidarity in guiding our collective action – both in responding to the needs of refugees and affording them solutions. The global refugee population is now at the highest level ever recorded, having nearly doubled since 2012, and the overriding imperative of translating our commitments through transformative and practical actions cannot be over emphasized. There are solutions, but we cannot achieve them alone. Now, more than ever, every action counts.

We are committed to the success of the Forum and hope that your Government will participate in the Forum at a high level and will consider making forward-looking, impactful, and durable contributions that will ease pressure on host countries and communities, increase refugee self-reliance, expand access to third country solutions, and support conditions for sustainable voluntary return.

Excellency, we therefore request your kind cooperation in conveying our message for the consideration of your esteemed Government.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurance of our highest consideration.



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