

**Statement delivered by the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to  
the United Nations during informal consultations on the zero draft  
declaration of the high-level plenary meeting to address large movements of  
refugees and migrants  
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**Madame Ambassador,**

We would like to thank both you and Ambassador Donoghue for your hard work on both the draft outcome document as well as the Global Compact for Responsibility Sharing on Refugees. We believe that both provide a good basis for negotiations moving forward.

Building on some of the comments made during our last session, we will highlight a few specific concerns and concepts that we believe could be strengthened, particularly within the draft outcome document. Some of these concepts will also be relevant for the global compact on responsibility for refugees, but we are still reviewing the draft and awaiting comments from Rome.

First, we would like to see language around developing special protections for unaccompanied children and children separated from their families. In fact, throughout the draft we speak to separated children, but we think it is important to

actively engaged in caring and working toward the integration of migrants and refugees in host communities.