1st Meeting with the co-facilitators and multi-stakeholders to provide input into the zero-draft of the outcome document for the Summit on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants

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Thank you very much co-facilitators for this opportunity, and for your open approach so far working with civil society towards the Summit and on the outcome document.

Congratulations for putting out this zero-draft. I think I can speak on behalf of many civil society organizations that we were pleasantly surprised about the scope and the breadth of the zero-draft; and the fact that it is grounded in existing rights and frameworks; including the nine core human rights conventions, international humanitarian and refugee law, and also the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. We support this, and would urge you to keep the document as robust as it is in this regards, and will not be watered down. But what is really needed is that these frameworks are translated into reality for people on the ground; and thus are translated into policy, practice and action at the soonest.

In that regard one of our biggest worries for the draft outcome-document, and in particular the Global Compact on responsibility-sharing for refugees; it is not specific and actionable enough. We would have expected the Compact to be more of a response framework/mechanism for UNHCR and states to call upon in current and future refugee crises. We are a little confused by the differences in status between the Compact and the political declaration, and the value of having these two separate documents, if the Compact will not be more operational.

of the outcome document"; and the "New deal for refugees, migrants and societies").

1. Joint commitments for refugees and migrants up front

We very much welcome the inclusion of joint commitments for refugees and migrants. A while this might be a cosmetic suggestion, we would like this to be put up front. Migrants, refugees and displaced persons, are all first and foremost human beings, with needs that need to be addressed and rights to be uphold. Before people are referred to as separate categories, it is important to do justice to shared commitments, shared challenges, needs and rights. (also see page 2 of the "<u>New deal for refugees, migrants and societies</u>")

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