

Morocco comments on Zero draft of the Declaration to be issued by the High-Level Meeting on addressing large movements of Refugees and Migrants

1. We would like to note that it is important for Morocco that the issues of refugees and migration receive equal and balanced treatment throughout the text.
2. It would be more accurate to emphasize the need to address (a)0.6hog93 (e)]TJ e8-j Td [(m)

10. Reference to the “**Human Rights Up front**” initiative should be deleted.
11. Instead “**Responsibility-sharing**” we suggest to use the term “**burden-sharing in respective capabilities**”.
12. We believe that it is not appropriate using the term “**welcome**” in referring to the processes on which there is no consensus among the Member states.
13. In this regard, our delegation prefers avoiding any references in the text to the commitments, expressed in the World Humanitarian Summit of Istanbul and that have not been subject of intergovernmental negotiations.
14. We are looking forward to the inclusion of a specific paragraph inviting Member States to promote the integration of migrants while respecting cultural and religious diversity.
15. Our delegation believes that it is also important to include a paragraph on promoting the fight against all forms of discrimination and racism against migrants.
16. We suggest including a paragraph to emphasize the importance to enhance the international cooperation aiming to strengthen the capacity of national criminal justice systems to combat human trafficking and migrants smuggling and to protect victims of such crimes among refugees and migrants.
17. In paragraph # **iv (Section 3)**, we suggest to add “**and adapt to**” after mitigate.
18. Finally, the delegation of Morocco would like to suggest adding the following paragraph: “**We reaffirm the sovereignty of each country to implement the principles and commitments in addressing the large movements of refugees and migrants**”.