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co-facilitators and multi-stakeholders

Input on the draft outcome document  
for the UN General Assembly Summit on Addressing Large Movements  
of Refugees and Migrants 19 September 2016

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ICMC, together with the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) and the NGO Committee on Migration here in New York convene a self-organized civil society Action Committee: 22 leading civil society organizations around the world, about half working principally in refugee protection, about half on migrant rights, several both (many of us refugees, migrants and diaspora ourselves), and many partners with governments on the ground and in policymaking, at all levels. 5 of us are in the room.

2 weeks ago the Action Committee presented UN Member States with a set of starting points and baseline civil society perspectives only for the first draft, but it went through to the final outcome of the Summit September 19

last week.

I. Overall

Some of the change is quite good.

- x In 1.20: yes, reference to internally displaced persons (IDPs) is important to many of us in civil society, even in a Summit whose mandate is centered on refugees and migrants who cross international borders. This is most clear when we consider not just the often similar circumstances

of displacement, vulnerability and suffering of the people, but the similar root causes of internal displacement and the straight line connection that internal displacement has to the movement of refugees and migrants across borders.

- x The current order } ( š Z • š ] } v • ] • š š u } š u Á š š Z š } ^ u ] P Œ v š • v Œ ( μ P up front now.

Some of the change needs further work strikes us as not so good.

- x Addressing root causes

- x The document needs more emphasis and greater consistency regarding refugees and migrants with special needs.
  - o First, it is imperative to reaffirm e.g., in 2.2 that these are often not simply special needs but specific rights (most under the widely ratified international treaties)
  - o These rights can be the broad human rights, e.g., to life and health, or the further additional rights, e.g., of refugees and asylum seekers, children, victims of torture, trafficking, etc.
  - o In this direction, we are glad to see the new reference to the work of the Global Migration Group on related principles and guidance.
- x There are so many references to return in the document! Many but not all are careful to note the absolute prohibition against refoulement and the imperative to respect international standards.
  - o We are concerned about 1, 4.3 and 4.9.
  - o If ever there is need to be emphatic it is on possibilities of return, with regard to migrants of any kind and especially those vulnerable or in vulnerable situations.
  - o As we suggested in our input on the zero draft coming from frontline, real world experience working with human beings running for their lives the text should add possibly at the end of the second sentence 4.3: ^ CE } P v ] Ì ] v P š Z š ] CE CE P μ o CE