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outcome document for the 19 September High-level meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) to address large movements of refugees and migrants and the draft Global Compact on Responsibility-Sharing for Refugees were made public last week. Amnesty International has reviewed the drafts and is concerned that the important objectives of the September meeting risk remaining empty words unless the outcome document and Global Compact include detailed targets and timelines, criteria to ensure implementation, and an effective monitoring and accountability system.

In particular, for the Global Compact to be a game-changer, it needs to address the failures that led to the current refugee crisis. Amnesty International welcomes the recognition in the current drafts of the centrality of responsibility-sharing within the international refugee protection system and the commitment to an equitable sharing of

6.xii; draft Global Compact, para6-7 and 12). However, without clarity on how to determine the respective responsibility of each country in relation to refugee protection and assistance, the Global Compact risks cementing the existing imbalances between states hosting large numbers of refugees and those not doing enough to host and assist refugees. It is critical that the Global Compact goes beyond short-term, ad hoc arrangements and promises of ten unfulfilled - at pledging conferences.

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essential services and migration enforcement, whereby those public and private actors who provide essential services (healthcare, education, housing, labour inspection, local police) would be instructed not to request migration status information unless essential; and