

High level meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly to address large movements of refugees and migrants
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UN Women proposed language to strengthen the gender-specific references in the outcome document – in **red, bold, underlined** font

1. Introduction:

1.6. This is above all a moral and humanitarian challenge. We are determined, first and foremost, to save lives. Refugees, migrants and asylum seekers involved in these movements face a desperate ordeal. Many take great risks to reach safety and security, embarking on perilous journeys – frequently by sea – which they may not survive. Many fall prey to criminal groups. **Women and girls face the risk of sexual and gender-based violence, which is high** (SG Report, In Safety and Dignity...“). If they reach their destination, they face an uncertain reception and a precarious future.

based on full respect for international human rights law and, as applicable, international refugee law and international humanitarian law.

3(vi) bis. We will pursue the realization of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and their human rights in all our actions to address large movements of refugees and migrants.

3(vii). We will build on key commitments made at the World Humanitarian Summit. . . . World leaders envisaged a new approach to address forced displacement **They called for gender equality, women's empowerment and women's rights to become pillars of humanitarian actions** (WHS, Chair's summary). They envisaged providing host countries and communities...

4. Commitments for migrants

4(i). We commit to protecting the safety, dignity and rights of all migrants, regardless of status, at all T.34 2 (4)0.a (hTc -0

4(xviii). We will develop more opportunities for safe, orderly and regular migration In developing such opportunities, we will pay special attention to, from a gender perspective, the needs of fragile states and countries and areas which are in crisis.

5. Commitments from migrants and refugees jointly

5(i). Underlining the importance of a comprehensive approach to the issues involved, we will spare no effort to ensure humane, sensitive, dignified and gender-responsive processing of all persons arriving in large movements, whether migrants or refugees.

5(ii). We will implement border management procedures, including disembarkation procedures, which are in conformity with international human rights standards and, as applicable, international refugee law. These procedures will be ~~sensitive~~ responsive to the needs of women, children, persons with disabilities . . .

5(iii). We will take measures to prevent violations of the human rights of all persons in transit and arrival. We will ensure that the immediate needs of persons who have been exposed to physical or psychological danger while in transit are adse561.2 Ts. 7(h)-4-9.64resf tsri0 Td(o)Tj-02tol0.6 (w4).8 (6 (e)-3 6 (n)22)2.6 (h)2

sexual and reproductive health, and mental health, so as to ensure that they have the capacity to response to large influxes.

6(xix). We will develop national strategies for the protection of refugees t

impacts of migration. The data should be analysed to plan for future migration and to promote the inclusion of migrants.

6. Commitments for refugees

- 6(xvii) We highlight also the role of tertiary education: during crisis situations, higher education protects a critical group of **young men and women**, helps to build resilience, fosters inclusion and non-discrimination and provides a foundation for the rebuilding of war-torn societies.