

PHILIPPINE STATEMENT

High Level Plenary Meeting on Large Movements of Refugees & Migrants
01 July 2016, 10am, Trusteeship Council Chamber

Thank you, Co-Facilitators.

The Philippines welcomes the zero draft and views it as a good basis for our discussions. We also note the release of the zero draft of the proposed Global Compact on Responsibility Sharing for Refugees.

As we have only received this, we are still awaiting specific comments from our capital and would like to reserve our position on both texts.

Nevertheless, we are offering the following preliminary comments:

1. We are pleased to see that there has been an attempt to define “large movements.” However, what we have in paragraph 1.2 appears to be more of a description or listing of elements, rather than a definition, and as such needs to be improved upon. As we have said in our previous discussions, the term “large movements” is not an internationally recognized term and concept and as such we need to have a common understanding of what it means or covers.

In this regard, we have 3 questions:

- x What is the source for the proposed definition of “large movements” in Paragraph 1.3?
- x What is the difference between “large movements” and “large scale movements” which is used in other parts of

follow up to the Meeting should be integrated with the follow-up to the 2030 Agenda. This should also be linked with the humanitarian and human rights dimension.

These are our comments for now, Co-facilitators.

Again, we thank you for listening to our inputs and incorporating them into the zero draft. We will come back with more detailed inputs for the next informals.

Thank you.