

Written proposals from the Permanent Observer Mission of the Holy See to the United Nations as of 7 July 2016

It should be noted that the proposals included below are specific to the draft outcome document for the 19 of September. We presented the rationale for these proposals during our various general statements from the floor.

Proposals:

Section 3, para xiii: We welcome regional initiatives and practices, such as the Bali Process [**DELETE: and the Brazil Plan of Action**], which seek solutions to the challenges posed by large movements of refugees and migrants.

Section 4, xiv: We will develop guidelines, in accordance with the existing rules of international law, on the treatment of vulnerable migrants who have not qualified for refugee status and who may need protection and assistance. [**ADD: We will also develop special protections for unaccompanied children and children separated from their family.**] These could be developed using a process similar to that employed by the Nansen Initiative and the MICIC guidelines.

Section 4, xviii: We will develop more opportunities for safe, orderly and regular migration, including labour mobility at all skill levels, family reunification and education-related opportunities. In developing such opportunities, we will pay special attention to the needs of fragile states and countries and areas which are in crisis. In line with our commitments in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda, we will pay particular attention to the ethical recruitment of migrants, the [**DELETE: reduction**] [**ADD: elimination**] of recruitment and other migration-related costs, the facilitation of remittance flows and enhanced transfers of skills and knowledge.

Section 5, ii: We will implement border management procedures, including

officials who work in border areas are trained to behave with respect towards all persons crossing, or seeking to cross, international borders

Section 5, iv: We are determined to counter irregular, unsafe and unplanned migration, as well as the exploitation, abuse and discrimination suffered by many migrants as a result [ADD: , while at the same time preventing any unnecessary detention.]

Section 5, v: We express our profound concern at the large number of people who have lost their lives at sea trying to reach safety. We will intensify international cooperation on the strengthening of search and rescue mechanisms. We will also work to improve the availability of accurate data on the whereabouts of migrants and vessels stranded at sea. And we will strengthen support for [ADD: protection and] rescue efforts over land along dangerous or isolated routes.

Section 5, viii: We will protect the human rights of migrant and refugee children and routes.

response are included in the Global Compact on Responsibility-Sharing for Refugees which we are adopting today (annexed to this Declaration).

ADD new section 6 xiv (bis): We also recognize that support is particularly needed for local authorities that are the first receivers of refugees, both on a temporary and a long-term basis. We therefore encourage investment in the capacity of local host communities to receive and integrate refugees. (This is resettlement and integration)

Section 6, xv: We will pursue this target through measures such as the expansion of existing humanitarian admission programmes; possible temporary evacuation programmes (including evacuation for medical reasons); flexible arrangements to **[ADD: expedite and]** assist family reunification; private sponsorship for individual refugees; and opportunities for refugees with particular skill sets, for labour mobility (including through private-sector involvement) and for education (e.g. scholarships and student visas). We will increase substantially the opportunities for skills training and vocational education for refugees.