

Comments on the revised version of the draft Declaration (v. 12 July 2016) - Switzerland

First we would like to thank the co-facilitators and their teams for their hard work on the revised draft of the Political Declaration.

Forced displacement

We are deeply concerned that several important references to forced displacement and displaced persons have been deleted in the current version. This does not reflect the reality with more than 40mio people internally displaced and many more uprooted by factors that are not covered by the 1951 Geneva Convention but still needing protection. We would therefore suggest revisiting the text and reintegrating the references to forced displacement and notably IDPs.

When referring to refugee admission policies we should refer to

When referring to return we would like to see the addition of due process and the principle of non-refoulement

With the references to conflict we suggest to be precise and use the term

Similar to what the EU has said we would urge the co-facilitators to burden

displaced persons. People - displaced persons are our shared responsibility and the UN Summit is intended to ensure that this responsibility is better shared not by proximity but by our common commitments of responsibility sharing and international cooperation.