

Pakistan's comments on Rev-1 of draft declaration for UN Summit on refugees and migrants

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Co-facilitators,

I thank you for rev-1 of the draft Declaration, which is much shorter and better streamlined. Rev-1 has also taken into account some of the proposals from our last meeting, such as recognizing refugees and migrants as separate legal entities and appreciating the disproportionate burden on countries host to large scale protracted refugee situations.

At the same time, we notice some unnecessary and avoidable intrusions, such as the reference to LGBT group in para 2.2. The inclusion of ~~host~~ to nearly 3 million Afghan refugees for nearly four decades ~~is not in this~~ context, we would

that para 4.9, which deals with protracted refugee situations. is weak, diluted and compromised in its current form. The return of refugees has been made conditional on "where possible". This qualifier should be deleted and replaced with a clearer formulation i.e "For this purpose, countries of origin and the international

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