

**STATEMENT**

**By**

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the Federal Republic of Nigeria**

**during the  
Interactive Multi-Stakeholder Round  
Table 1:**

**Addressing the root causes of large  
movement of refugees,  
UNGA 71, 19<sup>th</sup> September, 2016.**

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Abhandlung über die Kunst der Dichtung

Die Kunst der Dichtung

Mr. Chairman,

The Nigerian Delegation headed by the President of the Federal Republic

Mr. Chairman,

The following information is being furnished to you for your information.

of Nigeria (Munir Ahmad), this morning during the opening of the first

3. At this juncture, it is important to commend our immediate neighbour for supporting the large movement of Nigerian refugees in their respective countries. Nigeria initiated a dialogue with countries in the Lake Chad area held

in Abuja from 6th - 8th June, 2016 and the outcome of the Tripartite Meeting involving Nigeria, Cameroon and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) followed immediately on 9th June, 2016. The essence of the Dialogue is to identify and proffer lasting solutions to the protection risks in the

4. Mr. Chairman, as earlier stated that the root cause of the large movement of refugees in our country is the activities of the Boko Haram Terrorist Group

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inability of dictatorship to peacefully transit to real democracy by free and fair

election.

**Mr. Chairman,**

6. It is time for the international community to wake up from its slumber and  
say no to violent change that produces nothing but large number of refugees on

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based de-radicalization effort, rehabilitation and reintegration efforts will go a long way to prevent future occurrence. We strongly solicit your continuous support in this area.

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9. In conclusion the major causes of large movement of refugees can be addressed by our resolve to fight terrorism, encourage democratic changes rather than violent changes and addressing environmental issues collectively, failure of which such large movement of refugees will inevitably affect the socio-economic as well as political situation of source, transit and destination countries of the refugees. It is important to note that large movement of refugees is overall a problem but above all it is a huge humanitarian problem

that we must address to have an assured future

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into way to prevent future violence. We already have a lot of work to do.

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