



STATEMENT BY TURKEY
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Thank you, Madam Moderator.

Having aligned with the statement made by the European Union, we would also like to make some comments in our national capacity.

As we underlined in our statement during last week's opening plenary session, the UNHCR now designates Turkey as the world's biggest refugee-hosting country. The crucial role we play in minimizing mass population movements towards the EU cannot be emphasized enough. We are thus very well acquainted with the various challenges stemming from the humanitarian crisis in the Mediterranean region. We wish to stress once again the need to address the root causes of this problem by tackling the economic, political, social instabilities and conflicts in our neighboring geographies. We remain ready and available to cooperate with all stakeholders to this end.

Madam Moderator,

One clear lesson can be drawn from the current acute situation. While the global humanitarian system has made considerable progress throughout history, it can no longer adequately address the increasing complexity of today's humanitarian crises, the great majority of which are conflict-related. This is an issue that requires our urgent attention.

In view of this situation, accentuated by its acute and immediate ramifications for Turkey, we have volunteered to host the first ever World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul next year, on 23-24 May 2016. The Summit aims to shape the future agenda of the humanitarian system. Its preparations are continuing progressively under the leadership of the UN, through a multi-stakeholder process.

We have already shared our ideas throughout the preparation process of the Summit. Among them are the combined use of humanitarian and development aid to support resilience and development in countries facing recurrent or protracted crises. In addition, we support global

action on refugee issues with a particular emphasis on assisting refugees and their host countries. Furthermore, we need to work on new financing modalities at the global level in order to respond to humanitarian emergencies without delay by ensuring the predictability, reliability and sustainability of such financial assistance.

These are matters of common concern to us all. We therefore call on participating States to attend the World Humanitarian Summit at the highest possible level.

Thank you.

