

MEETING WITH THE SECRETARIAT OF THE UN SECRETARY-GENERAL'S HIGH-LEVEL PANEL ON INTERNAL DISPLACEMENT

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Intervention of the Delegation of Mexico

Thank you, Mr. Okoth-Obbo,

Mexico welcomes the publication of the final report of the High-Level Panel and values this opportunity to discuss its recommendations.

As one of the 57 countries that supported the establishment of the Panel, Mexico appreciates the strong focus of the recommendations on the issues of prevention and solutions; reinforcing the humanitarian-development-peace nexus; improving data; building innovative partnerships; ensuring sustainable financing; and achieving a concerted UN system response to internal displacement.

I want to thank the members of the Panel and the Secretariat for their dedication of the past 18 months and the inclusiveness in which they conducted this process. Mexico had an active participation in the work of the Panel and, last May, it engaged in a very productive high-level dialogue with its members.

The Panel's recommendations are of particular importance for countries like Mexico. As you may know, in recent years, we changed our approach to internal displacement and are currently developing legislation and institutional capacities to prevent and address this issue.

A whole-of-government approach and the guidance of the UN System are other relevant aspects of this endeavor. The support of the UN Special Rapporteur on IDPs

and of UNHCR was essential to develop the first general law on internal displacement, which is now being considered by the Senate.

Mexico has also worked with specialized institutions, such as the Joint IDP Profiling Service (JIPS) and the Internal Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC) in the establishment of data collection systems to inform our public policies. With these efforts, that are aligned with the Panel's recommendations, we are demonstrating the importance of political will, interinstitutional coordination and multi-stakeholder partnerships to advance this agenda.

Mexico also supports, in principle, the Panel's proposal to appoint an SRSG on solutions for IDPs, to enable the visibility of this issue in the agenda of the UN, to promote greater coherence and complementarity of efforts among agencies, and to ensure Members States have one focal point at the UN when requiring support and technical assistance.

On the proposal to maintain the existing Group of Friends of the High-Level Panel, Mexico also supports this idea as a way to keep the work and dialogue on internal displacement, particularly on sharing good practices and lessons learned.

Regarding the implementation of the Panel's recommendations, we identify some initial opportunities to create further synergies in order to bring to life the work of the Panel at the national and regional levels. Let me share a couple of examples:

- 1- The **Comprehensive Regional Response Framework for Protection and Solutions (MIRPS)**, which is a regional mechanism established with the Global Compact for Refugees in Central America and Mexico, already has a working group on internal displacement. The efforts under this Group, aimed at assisting interested MIRPS countries to prevent and address internal



displacement, could be revised in order to ensure full alignment with the recommendations of the Panel.

- 2- **Mexico and Colombia**, with the support of the Internal Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC), have recently launched a peer-to-peer collaboration on internal displacement, to improve the IDP registration systems in Mexico based on the vast experience of Colombia in this field. This type of bilateral South-South collaboration schemes could be reinforced and replicated, to promote the implementation of the Panel's recommendations.

Follow-up to the Panel recommendations in the next few months will be critical to maintain the political momentum that gave birth to this process. We look forward to continue engaging with the Panel and other actors in this important work.

Thank you.