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HIGH-LEVEL EVENT ON THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR REFUGEES: A MODEL FOR GREATER SOLIDARITY  
AND COOPERATION

**STATEMENT BY H.E. DR. MARTIN FRICK, DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS**

Excellencies,

I wish to thank UNHCR and the UN Refugee Agency for organizing this event. We highly welcome the Global Compact for Refugees and we have high hopes that it will contribute to better coordinated responses to future large-scale refugee movements, to more solidarity among States, and to the strengthening of the rights of refugees.

We are glad to see that the GCR puts particular emphasis on a more systematic and better planned support to countries which have to deal with large numbers of refugees. We furthermore value that special attention has been paid to the needs of women, girls and children.

Providing sustainable solutions is a particular challenge. It is imperative to focus on local integration and on possibilities for voluntary return of refugees. In Liechtenstein, we are strongly committed to the local integration of people with a refugee status. Refugees receive essential support in learning the German language, and the dual education system contributes to the economic and social integration of young refugees.

It is furthermore important to provide humanitarian assistance and development cooperation to communities hosting large numbers of refugees. We highly welcome that the GCR aims at bridging the gap between humanitarian assistance and development cooperation and at improving the coordination

between all stakeholders. Liechtenstein has been very active in supporting projects in affected countries. For instance, in the context of Syria, we have provided more than 3.5 Million USD for projects in the region with a particular focus on refugee support. This corresponds to almost 100 USD per capita.

We are thankful for the opportunity today to listen to the many promising steps taken by other States. We are confident that together we can make the GCR a success.

I thank you.