

Talking points of the Chinese Delegation at the Second Informal Thematic Discussion on Global Compact on Migration

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2. Human-made crisis as a driver of migration

I. There is no international consensus on the concept of human-made crisis. All crises are caused by the interaction of economic, social and environmental factors, and human-made crisis is an overgeneralized and oversimplified term that doesn't fit the purpose.

II. There must be a strict distinction between refugees and migrants. As noted in the Issue Brief, people who move across borders as a result of conflict and persecution are by definition refugees, not migrants. They should be covered by the global compact on refugees. China wishes to emphasize once again the importance of differentiating between refugees and migrants. There must be no confusion between the two.

III. There is a need to strengthen preventive diplomacy and resolve disputes between nations through dialogue and consultations. Countries should strictly abide by the purposes and principles of the UN Charter, and observe recognized norms governing international relations such as mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, non-aggression and peaceful settlement of disputes. Countries should resolve their differences by peaceful means such as dialogue and negotiations. The international community should fully respect the will of the countries concerned, maintain their leading role in the prevention and

settlement of conflicts, and provide constructive assistance to these countries to help them advance political process and realize national reconciliation.