

## **Global Compact on Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**

**Thematic consultations on addressing drivers of migration, including adverse effects of climate change, natural disasters and human-made crisis, through protection, assistance, sustainable development, poverty eradication, conflict prevention and resolution**

### **Statement by Finland**

Thousands of people migrate every day in a regular or irregular fashion. They either stay in their own countries or they move to other countries. Drivers for migration are manifold and often combinations of several causes. They are complex and different in individual cases. We need to reflect why people are on the move and deal with the root-causes of uncontrolled population movements. This implies, among other things, increased efforts to prevent and address above all inequality, hunger, poverty and violations of human rights as well as insecurity that are among the drivers of large scale migration. Finland pays particular attention to people with special needs such as persons with disabilities. It is a priority issue in our development policy, human rights policy and in the humanitarian cooperation.

### **Conflicts**

The most effective way to work for peace is to strengthen our collective capacity to prevent and manage conflicts. Building peaceful and stable, well-functioning societies, guaranteeing rule of law and the enjoyment of human without discrimination of any kind, as well as using diplomacy and negotiations where necessary have a major impact also on migration.

A core issue is the promotion of human rights, rule of law and good governance. Human rights are a central element in our endeavors to ensure peace and promote sustainable and inclusive development. In our aspiration to address the drivers of migration it is vital to pay attention to those that are at the margins of our society and face exclusion and discrimination.

### **Mediation**

Mediation and crisis management are among Finland's foreign policy priorities. Mediation helps to find the needed political level solutions to disputes and conflicts. Advancement of women's rights and gender equality is the best way to make the world more peaceful. The relevance of women's participation in peace processes is widely understood even if not yet universally adopted. Sustainable solutions, also affecting migration, can only be found if such efforts are inclusive and particularly ensure women's participation in the spirit of the Security Council resolution 1325 and the numerous related resolutions. The Nordic Women Mediation Network has proved that peace goes beyond being a gender issue. We also encourage member states to adopt

a national action plan to implement these resolutions. Finland is entering her third national plan very soon and can share her experiences with other countries.

### **Agenda 2030**

A very important and comprehensive element in addressing sustainable peace, economic growth, inclusive participation and development is the Agenda 2030 and its implementation. It includes several aspects that have a direct impact on migration and drivers of migration in addition to the goals and targets that directly address migration. In Finland the government adopted our national implementation plan of Agenda 2030 this spring and now we turn into its implementation. These goals – once reached – are the best guarantee for peaceful societies, development and stability in countries of origin, transit, destination and return.

Thank you.