

**(c) Reflections from the preparatory regional roundtables (moderated by Ms. Gillian Triggs, Assistant High Commissioner for Protection, UNHCR):**

**(U) TALKING POINTS (To be delivered by DAS Campbell)**

- (U) Good morning and thank you for welcoming us to the UNHCR High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection.
- (U) In this opening session, I would like to highlight the United States' role as the current Chair of the MIRPS Support Platform and reflect briefly on the recent roundtable in Honduras. MIRPS – or the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework – is a regional application of the Global Compact on Refugees in North and Central America. We are honored to be serving as the current Chair of the Support Platform as we seek to mobilize support and resources to help MIRPS countries advance goals to address forced displacement in Mexico and Central America.
- (U) The recent Honduras national coordination roundtable was an opportunity for the Honduran government to discuss their goals and national action plan. It was a wide-ranging working session of governments and other multilateral partners where participants raised technical questions and identified new issues to discuss as a group.
- (U) In our role as Chair over the next year, we will focus on highlighting the advantages of and best practices for successful integration, and the benefits refugees and other forcibly displaced persons bring to their communities in the region and beyond.
- (U) During the next nine months as Chair, we plan to work alongside Panama in its role as MIRPS President Pro-Tempore and with UNHCR and the OAS as the MIRPS secretariat to host knowledge-sharing and technical sessions on local integration.
- (U) In an effort to galvanize increased engagement, support, and coordination with multilateral development banks, civil society, and the private sector, we will seek to showcase the positive economic and social contributions of refugees and forcibly displaced people to the communities in which they move.
- (U) Successful integration not only mitigates secondary displacement but it builds cohesive, strong, and economically vibrant communities, and provides an antidote to xenophobia. Done well, host-communities benefit.
- (U) In addition to our role as MIRPS Support Platform Chair, the United States has also joined 21 other countries across the Western Hemisphere – including MIRPS member states – in endorsing the Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection. The Declaration reflects our collective commitment to create the conditions for safe, orderly, humane, and regular migration and to strengthen frameworks for international protection and cooperation. Together we, the endorsing countries, are working to put the Declaration's principles into action, drawing on critical support from international organizations, civil society, multilateral development banks and international financial institutions, and other partners.
- (U) These efforts link directly to the Global Compact on Refugees and humanitarian and development coherence.

- (U) We look forward to hearing from MIRPS countries at next year's Global Refugee Forum on the progress being made toward their national action plans to address forced displacement in Central America and Mexico. Similarly, we look in forward to sharing updates on complementary efforts more broadly in the Western Hemisphere through the LA Declaration to help make the Global Compact on Refugees a reality in the Americas.