

# **Statement of**

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**Excellency Yoweri Museveni, President of the Republic of Uganda**

**Excellencies Heads of states and Governments**

**Excellency, Antonio Guterres, Secretary General of the United Nations**

**Excellency Filippo Grandi, High Commissioner for Refugees**

**Heads of delegations**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

Mr. President,

Allow me at the outset to extend our thanks and appreciations to the Government and peoples of the Republic of Uganda for hosting this very important event which expresses the international and African solidarity to address the refugees issues, and allow me in this occasion to commend the Ugandan Government efforts in protecting and ensuring integration of refugees.

Also I would like to extend our appreciations to the Secretary General for his contribution in organizing this very

important event, which comes in the context of international Humanitarian Summit held in Istanbul in May 2016. Also we would like to appreciate the leading role played by the UNHCR and its efforts to alleviating the suffering of the refugees.

The refugees plight has become one of the most important humanitarian issue with political, economic, social and security dimensions which emerge as a result of conflicts, wars and natural disasters that connected with climate change , therefore it become an imperative to have close cooperation and collaboration with source , hosting countries and international communities .

Mr. President,

The priority should be given to address the root causes of armed conflicts and the protection of citizens should be the primary responsibility of the state, especially during the time of conflicts.

The involvement of the international community in sharing the burden of refugees with host countries is a humanitarian principle that we recognize, but at the same time we

call upon the international community to materialize these slogans on the ground and shoulder their responsibilities towards the refugees affected countries. Empower these countries to shoulder their responsibilities and commitments in accordance with international law.

In this regard we stress the leading role played by UNHCR and we supports its plans to protect refugees from forced displacement. In this context we call for more cooperation, coordination and burden sharing in dealing with humanitarian crisis to fill the gaps.

The government of the Sudan believes that the UNHCR contribution should focus on refugees, asylum seekers and hosting communities.

Also we believe that the implementation of durable solution like voluntary repatriation, local integration and resettlement in the third countries is very crucial to solve the plight of refugees.

Mr. President,

Sudan continues to receive large number of refugees since more than five decades and the flows still continues to this

date, and in this context Sudan would like to reaffirm its commitments to all international and regional conventions.

In recognition of its humanitarian commitments as state party to the 1951 convention and its annexed protocols related to the refugees.

It's worth mentioning that, Sudan is hosting over two million refugees from neighbouring countries including the state of South Sudan and other countries.

Mr. President,

The Sudan continues to host large number of refugees from South Sudan and the flows has dramatically increased, especially following the declaration of famine in South Sudan.

It's clear fact that, Sudan has opened its border before the South Sudanese refugees and accordingly the number of South Sudanese refugees exceeded reached one million and two hundred and forty three thousand (1.243.000) scattered all over the country.

In this regard it's worth mentioning that president of Republic of Sudan H.E Omer Hassan Ahmed Albashir has

instructed the relevant authorities to open the corridors and facilitate delivery of relief and aid for the needy people of the state of South Sudan.

It's very important to mention that, despite the tremendous efforts exerted by the government of Sudan in hosting large number of South Sudanese refugees ,the international community's response came below the expectations and has not exceeded 22%, of the actual needs.

Mr. President,

It's also very relevant to mention that, in the wake of humanitarian crisis that hit Syria, H. E. President of Sudan has instructed the relevant authorities to permit the Syrian refugees to access to Sudan without entry visa .

My country has adopted an open door policy towards the worst humanitarian crisis facing the world in Syria . where Sudan is hosting more than 120.000 Syrian refugees and 4000 refugees from Yemen with full access to free education and health service. Therefore Sudan is looking forward to cooperate with international

community to provide protection and support to the refugees flows in Sudan.

Mr. President,

Sudan has accumulated vast experience in allocating agricultural lands to the refugees in Eastern part of Sudan which resulted in refugees self reliance, as well as in the field of education to refugee's children especially from Eretria , Somalia and other countries and many of them have been graduated from Sudanese Universities.

Mr. President,

The government of Sudan attaches great impotence to the phenomenon of smuggling and trafficking in human being and has made strenuous efforts in this area, which has led to reduction in the number of cases in human trafficking especially among refugees and asylum seekers.

As part of Sudan government endeavor to combat this phenomenon, it has established High Council on Migration headed by the Vice-President .In addition to that it has amended its laws to cope with the international laws, and signed joint

agreements with Chad and Central African Republic to control the borders. Also Sudan hosted the famous Conference on Combating Smuggling and Human Trafficking in the Horn of Africa in October 2014, with participation of African Union, European Union and the United Nations whose outcome were called Khartoum process.

In this regard we appeal to the international community to implement its obligations to the recommendation of Khartoum process.

Mr. President,

In line with outcome of Istanbul Global Humanitarian Summit, and the New York Declaration of Refugees and Migrants, we call on the international community, source, transit and destination countries to shoulder their responsibilities and to address current challenges.

Mr., President

In conclusion allow me Mr. President to renew our thanks and appreciations to H.E President Museveni and the friendly government and people of Uganda for their warm

hospitality and also for hosting this very important summit, our thanks and appreciations are also extended to the United Nations and UNHCR for their efforts to alleviate suffering of refugees worldwide.

I thank you for your attention