



Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Council of Europe



Stakeholder Information

Organisation Name

Council of Europe

Organisational Type

International Organisation

City and Country where Headquartered

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3A Reduce and address displacement

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Council of Europe commits to collectively work towards a Global Compact on responsibility sharing for refugees to safeguard the rights of refugees, while also effectively and predictably supporting States affected by such movements.	Policy	Leave No One Behind
The Secretary General commits to prioritising the protection of the rights of refugees and asylum seekers across the Council of Europe's 47 member states in his diplomatic efforts with political leaders and in the Organisation's cooperation with the European Union. The Secretary General will send his Special Representative on Migrants and Refugees to areas where national authorities may need support in meeting international human rights standards, in particular in the processing of asylum applications and with regard to living conditions.	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind
The Secretary General commits to helping Member States develop early integration measures for newcomers, including, by setting out before the end of the year, a roadmap for implementation of Article VII of the Lisbon Recognition Convention, relating to the recognition of refugees' qualifications.	Policy	Leave No One Behind

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Refugees

For full details, see attached report.

Keywords

Displacement



3B Address the vulnerabilities of migrants and provide more regular and lawful opportunities for migration

Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
The Secretary General commits to using all means available to him to ensure that legislation introduced by Council of Europe Member States to control the flow of migrants and asylum seekers into their territories complies with the European Convention on Human Rights and the case law of the European Court of Human Rights, including rules governing administrative detention, expulsion and family reunification.	Policy	Leave No One Behind
The Council of Europe commits to training civil servants, police and other officers working in member States on the human rights of migrants and refugees.	Training	Leave No One Behind

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Keywords

Displacement, Migrants, Protection



3D Empower and protect women and girls

Individual Commitments

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<p>In order to provide greater protection in particular to women and child migrants and refugees, the Secretary General commits to actively seeking ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on protection of children against sexual exploitation and sexual abuse (the “Lanzarote Convention”) from the six member States, out of 47, who are yet to ratify it: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Estonia, Ireland, Norway and the United Kingdom; ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on action against 4 trafficking in human beings from the two member States who are yet to ratify it: the Czech Republic and the Russian Federation; and ratification of the Council of Europe Convention on preventing and combatting violence against women and domestic violence (the “Istanbul Convention”) from the 26 member states who are not yet parties to it. The Secretary General also commits to making full use of the findings of the respective monitoring mechanisms of these conventions to protect women and child migrants from violence, exploitation and abuse.</p>	Policy	Leave No One Behind

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Other

For full details on work on the protection against sexual exploitation and abuse, especially for migrant children, see attached report.

Keywords

PSEA



3G Address other groups or minorities in crisis settings

Individual Commitments

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<p>The Secretary General commits to seeking political support from the Council of Europe's 47 member States for a new pan-European Action Plan to protect the rights of asylum seeking and refugee children. In particular the Action Plan will aim to prevent these children from falling victim to violence, abuse, exploitation and trafficking, including through the rapid appointment of legal guardians for unaccompanied children and the provision of suitable and safe accommodation. The Action Plan will seek to commit member states to making every effort to end the placement of children in immigration detention facilities and to taking a gender sensitive approach when dealing with asylum-seeking and refugee children.</p>	<p>Advocacy</p>	<p>Leave No One Behind</p>

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For more details on the Action Plan on Protecting Refugee and Migrant Children in Europe (2017-2019) and related actions, see attached PDF.

Keywords

Displacement, Youth



Additional Reports

Attachment
Council of Europe_Agenda for Humanity Report 2017-2018.pdf