



# **Individual Self Reflection 2020 on World Humanitarian Summit Commitments and Initiatives - Cyprus**



## Stakeholder Information

**Organisation Name**

Cyprus

**Organisational Type**

Member State

**City and Country where Headquartered**

Nicosia, Cyprus

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**Region**

Europe

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## 1B Act early

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Cyprus commits to encourage the Secretary-General to use his prerogative under Article 99 of the Charter to brief the Security Council proactively on emerging issues.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts
Cyprus will actively use early warning findings to identify, address and defuse critical risks before they deteriorate into intractable conflicts by using preventive diplomacy tools such as good offices, Peace and Development Advisors, groups of contact and mediation.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to make successful conflict prevention visible by capturing, consolidating and sharing good practices and lessons learnt.	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

#### 1. Highlight the concrete actions taken between 1 January – 31 December 2017 to implement the commitments which contribute to achieving this transformation. Be as specific as possible and include any relevant data/figures.

On 22 May 2017, during Cyprus Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (CoE), the *CoE Convention on Offences relating to Cultural Property* was signed in Nicosia. The Convention aims to prevent and combat the illicit trafficking and destruction of cultural property, in the framework of the Organization's action to fight terrorism and organised crime. It is the only international treaty dealing with the criminalisation of the illicit trafficking of cultural property. Cyprus was the first country to ratify it on 7 December 2017 and has undertaken diplomatic efforts to promote its signature and ratification.

#### 4. Highlight actions planned for 2018 to advance implementation of your commitments in order to achieve this transformation.

On the initiative of Cyprus, a resolution on Cultural Rights and the Protection of Cultural Heritage was unanimously adopted by the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Council (HRC) in Geneva (March 2018). It constitutes an update of the first relevant resolution which was also unanimously adopted by the HRC in March 2016. The resolution unconditionally condemns any unlawful act which causes the destruction of cultural heritage and expresses the deep concern of the Human Rights Council.

#### 6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.

Cyprus and Italy established a Group of Friends, in the context of the United Nations in New York, that is focused on the Protection of Cultural Heritage. It serves as a platform for closer cooperation and strengthening of efforts for the protection of cultural heritage globally.



## 2D Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Cyprus commits to enact and implement national legislation outlawing all forms of sexual and gender-based violence and ensuring the right of victims/survivors to an effective remedy, according to the Istanbul Convention which Cyprus has signed.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Cyprus commits to promote implementation of the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes and encourages member states which have not yet done so, to join the Code of Conduct.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Cyprus declares its support for the Code of Conduct on mass atrocities.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

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#### Gender-based violence prevention and response

The Council of Europe Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women and Domestic Violence (Istanbul Convention), was ratified by Cyprus in November 2017 and entered into force as of March 2018.

#### Keywords

Gender



## 2E Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
<p>Cyprus will continue to promote universal adherence and the full national implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, also in its capacity as co-focal point of the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute. Cyprus will also continue to support and encourage other States to ratify the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the ICC (APIC) and the amendments to the Rome Statute adopted in Kampala which reinforce the Rome Statute system. In pursuing these goals, Cyprus commits to organize meetings and events and to promote initiatives in cooperation with other stakeholders.</p>	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity
<p>Cyprus will enhance its efforts to raise awareness and enhance effective international cooperation, in the framework of the UN, the Council of Europe, as well as other relevant international fora, on the important issue of the destruction of cultural heritage during armed conflicts, which constitutes an aggravating factor in armed conflict and may also present major obstacles to dialogue, peace and reconciliation. It will continue to promote these positions at the UN in New York and in Geneva and promote a greater role for the Human Rights Council in this issue, through the adoption of Joint Statements and Resolutions, as well as seminars and events both in Geneva and in Cyprus, whilst actively supporting the work of the Special Rapporteur in the field of Human Rights.</p>	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
<p>Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.</p>	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

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Cyprus' internal procedures for the ratification/acceptance of the amendments to article 8 of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court (ICC), adopted during the Sixteenth Session of the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC, are under way.



## 3A Reduce and address displacement

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
By 2018, Cyprus will direct a minimum of 5% of its international assistance and financing towards national and local systems that address the needs of IDPs, refugees and host communities.	Financial	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity
Cyprus commits to a new approach to address forced displacement that not only meets immediate humanitarian needs but reduces vulnerability and improves the resilience, self-reliance and protection of refugees and IDPs. Cyprus commits to implement this new approach through coherent international, regional and national efforts that recognize both the humanitarian and development challenges of displacement, whilst acknowledging that enabling the return of IDPs to their homes and communities in conditions of safety and normality remains the ultimate priority.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Cyprus will continue to ensure refugee legal rights to a secure stay, including through adequate, safe and dignified reception conditions and robust registration.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Cyprus will continue to provide access to quality education, at all levels, to all internally displaced and refugee children and youth within three months of displacement.	Operational	Leave No One Behind
Cyprus will work internationally and regionally toward achieving a concrete outcome at the upcoming High Level meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants (New York, 19 September 2016).	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit 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.	Leave No One Behind

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#### Other-3A

For fiscal years 2016 and 2017, Cyprus devoted a minimum of 10 per cent of its international assistance and financing towards national and local systems that address the needs of internally displaced people (IDPs), refugees and host communities.

**6. List any good practice or examples of innovation undertaken individually or in cooperation with others to advance this transformation.**



Cyprus supports and is actively involved in forming the European Union's (EU) common position as regards the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and the Global Compact on Refugees.

**Keywords**

Displacement



## 4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises

### Individual Commitments

Commitment	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility
Cyprus commits to achieve the Sendai Framework target to increase people's access to multi-hazard Early Warning Systems, and disaster risk information and assessments by 2030, including through initiatives, such as the Climate Risk Early Warning Systems.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Cyprus commits to create national preparedness strategies and/or partnerships to strengthen national and local emergency management systems for natural disasters, which include inclusive contingency plans for response and recovery that set out clear lines of responsibility, triggers for early action, and pre-committed finance, and include, when regional and global support is required, in what form and how it will be coordinated.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Cyprus commits to enhance countries preparedness, and accelerate this initially in twenty of the most at-risk countries, so they reach a minimum level of readiness by 2020.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Cyprus commits to make freely available global earth observations and forecasts needed to help protect lives through better informed disaster early warning, response and recovery planning.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need
Cyprus commits to make the private sector an integral part of all natural disaster response and recovery planning, and to promote business continuity.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

### Core Commitments

Commitment	Core Responsibility
Commit to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as other relevant strategies and programs of action, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need Invest in Humanity
Commit to improve the understanding, anticipation and preparedness for disaster and climate-related risks by investing in data, analysis and early warning, and developing evidence-based decision-making processes that result in early action.	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

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Cyprus ratified the Paris Agreement on January 4th 2017.