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RE: Recommendations to Denmark on strengthening refugee protection

I am writing to you in your capacity as members of the Danish Parliament who are actively engaged in the consideration and development of Denmark's policies relating to the protection of refugees and stateless persons at the national, regional and international level.

I am pleased to share with you the attached paper entitled "*UNHCR Recommendations to Denmark on strengthening refugee protection in Denmark, Europe and globally*", which has recently been finalized by the UNHCR Representation for the Nordic and Baltic Countries.

This document sets out a number of observations and recommendations for improvement of the legal framework and practice for the protection of refugees and stateless persons in Denmark. Furthermore, the document also contains recommendations with regard to Denmark's engagement in European and global discussions on refugee issues.

The recommendations in the document are addressed to the Danish Government, parliamentarians, relevant institutional actors, civil society organizations and other concerned stakeholders.

UNHCR offers these recommendations as the agency entrusted by the member states of the United Nations with the global mandate to provide international protection to refugees and seek solutions to their plight. A mandate which is carried out in close collaboration with Governments and civil society organisations. The aim of the document is to contribute to constructive discussions on improvements of the protection and integration systems for refugees and stateless persons at the national, European and global level.

Currently, important discussions are taking place in Europe on the recent draft EU Pact on Migration and Asylum which provides an opportunity for EU Member States to make progress on issues which have proved challenging in recent years. There is now a possibility to move forward with a more coherent approach where predictable asylum arrangements and solidarity measures are taken in line with the Global Compact on Refugees and the Global Compact on Migration. UNHCR's Representation in the Nordics and Baltic Countries has published similar recommendations to other countries in our region.

To:

Spokespersons from Danish political parties on asylum, refugee protection, integration and naturalization
Secretaries for the Committees of Immigration / Integration and Naturalization in Danish Parliament

I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm UNHCR's appreciation for Denmark's ongoing support to UNHCR and international efforts to ensure protection of refugees and finding solutions to their situation.

We remain at your disposal for any clarification or further information that you feel may be required and we look forward to our continuous dialogue and cooperation on matters of mutual interest.

Yours sincerely,



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