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UNHCR
United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
Haut Commissariat des Nations Unies pour les réfugiés

CHECKLIST FOR FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS

Parliamentary action towards the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol

Within your Parliament
▫ Review the accession/ratification status of your country regarding both the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol, and, if applicable, consider taking steps towards accession / ratification and/or withdrawal of reservations / declarations, including geographic and temporal limitations.
▫ Mobilize your Government to formally join and submit a commitment to the Multi-Stakeholder Pledge on the 1951 Convention and its 1967 Protocol, and to strengthen cooperation with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).
▫ Raise awareness in your Parliament on the situation of refugees and, as part of your parliamentary oversight role, ensure that solutions to their situation of forced displacement are proactively explored, promoting informed parliamentary dialogue on core refugee protection principles and durable solutions.
▫ If your country is a State Party to the 1951 Refugee Convention and its 1967 Protocol, review the implementation status at the domestic level and, if applicable, consider taking the necessary steps to propose advancing development, reform and effective implementation of national refugee protection systems and legal frameworks, in line with international standards.
▫ Support the allocation of adequate and predictable resources to strengthen national refugee protection capacities and inclusion in national systems, recognizing that rights-based responses to forced displacement require sustained institutional investment.