

- Ireland is pleased to join today as we mark the 75th anniversary of the Refugee Convention. It is a time to reflect on the immense challenges facing not only displaced people around the world, but also the broader principle of collective international action.
- The continued generosity of host countries and communities, often under increasingly difficult circumstances, should inspire us to pursue new approaches. We welcome High Commissioner Salih's "50 by 35" initiative, with its focus on reducing aid dependency, promoting sustainable responses, and advancing durable solutions for refugees.
- Ireland also welcomes the series of dialogues convened by UNHCR to renew commitment to the Convention. We look forward to the High Commissioner's Dialogue on Protection in December and its contribution to the new Agenda for the Future of Protection and Solutions in early 2027.
- At the same time, we must continue to safeguard support for UNHCR's core mandate. All of us have a responsibility to remain stable, reliable and strategic partners in helping UNHCR deliver for those most in need.
- Progress in these areas depends on sustained investment in the global humanitarian and development systems. We therefore welcome UNHCR's proactive engagement in UN80 and the Humanitarian Reset.
- 75 years on Ireland remains firmly committed to multilateral solutions to global challenges and to the central role of the United Nations, including UNHCR and its unique mandate, in delivering those solutions.