

	Comments from Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, México, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Venezuela.
4. <u>Commitments for refugees</u>	
4.1 Recognizing that armed conflict, other situations of violence, instability and human rights violations are among the factors which give rise to large refugee movements, we will work to prevent or resolve conflict by peaceful means. We will tackle the root causes of conflict and work in every way possible for the achievement of the political solutions required. Early response to human rights violations and abuses is critical and we note in this respect the Secretary General’s “Human Rights Up Front” initiative. We will also promote good governance, the rule of law and sustainable development at the international, regional, national and levels. Recognizing that displacement could be reduced if international humanitarian law were respected by all parties to armed conflict, we renew our commitment to uphold humanitarian principles and international humanitarian law. We confirm also our respect for the norms which safeguard civilians in conflict.	The group has not common position.
4.2 We reaffirm the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol thereto as the foundation of the international refugee protection regime. We recognize the importance of their full and effective application by States parties and the values they embody. We note with satisfaction that 148 States are now parties to one or both instruments. We encourage States not parties to consider acceding to those instruments and States parties with reservations to give consideration to withdrawing them. We recognize also that a number of States not parties to the international refugee instruments have shown a generous approach to hosting refugees.	Delete “with satisfaction”
4.3 We reaffirm that international refugee law, (including regional refugee instruments), international human rights law and international humanitarian law provide the legal framework to strengthen the protection of refugees. We will ensure, in this context, protection for all who need it.	OK. Strongly agree with this addition.
4.4 We reaffirm respect for the institution of asylum and the right to seek asylum. We reaffirm also respect for, and adherence to, the fundamental principle of non-refoulement.	

4.21 To meet the challenge posed by large movements of refugees, close coordination will be required between a range of humanitarian and development actors as well as with peacebuilding and human rights actors. Host Governments and communities may need support from relevant UN agencies, local authorities, international financial institutions, regional development banks, bilateral donors, the private sector and civil society. We strongly encourage joined-up responses involving all such players which would strengthen the transition from humanitarian assistance to longer-term sustainable development, facilitate cooperation across institutional mandates and, by helping to build self-reliance and resilience, lay a basis for sustainable solutions. In addition to meeting direct humanitarian and development needs, we will work to support environmental, **social** and infrastructural rehabilitation in areas affected by large movements of refugees.

Add “social” in the last sentence.

5.1 We agree that arrangements are needed to ensure systematic follow-up and review of the range of commitments we are making today. ~~These arrangements might be envisaged, in particular, in the context of reviews of progress on implementation of the 2030 Agenda.~~ Accordingly, we request the Secretary General to ensure, with input from the Special Representative of the Secretary General on