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**Excellencies,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I appreciate the opportunity to speak on this issue of global significance. Since morning the reality of the tragedy of our time has become stark.

It is a reality of unprecedented moment;

It is a reality of obligation of responsibility by able countries and

disproportionate burden for developing and fragile countries;

It is a reality of reality of growing fear, discrimination and rejection of people needing compassion, protection and assistance.

It is a reality of failed institutional frameworks.

This round table therefore, challenges us to explore vigorously how to turn

Refugee Complex. As a result, terrorists have appropriated this protected space for the planning and execution of the recent terror attacks in Kenya. We have lost the lives of promising young men and women, who would have immensely contributed to Kenya's development aspirations.

I believe the time has now come for the international community to share this burden and I am convinced that the Global Compact on Responsibility Sharing must address the following issues:

Firstly, the need to address the root causes of protracted refugee situations is crucial. This is a political responsibility that we must all bear. As you are all aware, the Somali protracted situation has been allowed to continue to

education, health facilities and livelihoods must be catered for. The Federal Republic of Somalia needs special attention from the International Community in its reconstruction process. In this regard, we, together with the Government of the Federal Republic of Somalia and UNHCR intend to call for a Joint Donor Forum to take this process forward.

Action in this regard from the international community will be a true test for the envisaged global compact for responsibility sharing.

In conclusion, Mr. President, the Kenyan delegation, to this assembly urges
~~us all to seize this historic moment to change the course of history for the~~

millions of refugees worldwide.

I thank you.