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GP20 Implementing the Plan of Action. Statement by Norway.

Let me begin with expressing our gratitude to all the panelists for their presentations on this very important topic.

I also want to express Norway's highest appreciations to you, Cecilia, and all the other partners behind GP20 – and in particular UNHCR and OCHA, but also many others - for the excellent work you have done in implementing the Plan of Action in the run-up to the 20th anniversary of the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement.

In particular I would like to commend how you have kept the affected Member States in the drivers' seat and fostered an environment for exchange of good practice. The broad state engagement is a testimony of your success.

There are many takeaways from the implementation of the Action Plan, but I would like to highlight four elements that we have taken note of:

Firstly, we must always remember to include IDPs in a meaningful way in the process of finding solutions. IDP-participation ensures better and more durable solutions.

Secondly, there is no magic formula or one size fits all when it comes to solutions. We must open the tool box of solutions and be willing to discuss all the various options which are available to different situations of internal displacement.

Thirdly, IDPs must be included in the socio-economic development of a country. Access to health services, education, livelihood opportunities and housing is important to enable and empower IDPs to find durable solutions.

And finally, we should also reenergise the international and multilateral support to affected states and IDPs. The High-level Panel on Internal Displacement provides a unique opportunity in this regard.

But we can already now start to strengthen our joint efforts. Given the high and increasing number of IDPs, relevant international organisations, both in the humanitarian and development field, should strategize their work with a view of allocating more funding to situations of internal displacement.

I thank you very much.