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“The University of Toronto ... produced a detailed analysis to the extent of which each G20 country has met its commitments since the last summit ... I think this is important; we come to these summits, we make these commitments, we say we are going to do these things and it is important that there is an organisation that checks up on who has done what.”

— *David Cameron, Prime Minister, United Kingdom, at the 2012 Los Cabos Summit*

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## Preface

Since the G20 leaders met at their first summit in 2008 in Washington, the G20 Research Group at the University of Toronto and the Center for International Institutions Research of the Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA), formerly with the International Organizations Research Institute at the National Research University Higher School of Economics (HSE), in Moscow have produced reports on their progress in implementing the priority commitments made at each summit. These reports monitor each G20 member's efforts to implement a carefully chosen selection of the many commitments produced at each summit. The reports are offered to the general public and to policy makers, academics, civil society, the media and interested citizens around the world in an effort to make the work of the G20 more transparent, accessible and effective, and to provide scientific data to enable the meaningful analysis of the causes of compliance and the impact of this important informal international institution. Previous reports are available at the G20 Information Centre at <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/analysis>.

The G20 Research Group has been working with Marina Larionova's team at RANEPA and previously at HSE since initiating this G20 compliance research in 2009, after the Washington Summit in November 2008. The initial report, covering only one commitment made at that summit, tested the compliance methodology developed by the G8 Research Group and adapted it to the G20.

To make its assessments, the G20 Research Group relies on publicly available information, documentation and media reports. To ensure accuracy, comprehensiveness and integrity, we encourage comments from stakeholders. Indeed, scores can be recalibrated if new material becomes available. All feedback remains anonymous. Responsibility for the contents of this report lies exclusively with the authors and analysts of the G20 Research Group. Due to extenuating circumstances, stakeholders had limited time to submit feedback. This report reflects feedback submitted as of 5 September 2016. It includes seven commitments that could not be distributed for stakeholder feedback.

The interim report, published in July 2016, assessed performance by G20 members with 10 priority commitments among the total of 113 commitments made at the 2015 Antalya Summit, held on 15-16 November 2015. It covered the first part of China's G20 presidency up to 5 April 2016.

This final report assesses performance by G20 members on those same 10 commitments plus the seven that did not receive stakeholder feedback, for a total of 17.

I am most grateful to Sarah Scott and our G20 Research Group team, as well as Marina Larionova, Mark Rakhmangulov and their team in Moscow at RANEPA.

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## 2. Refugees

“We commit to continue further strengthening our support for all efforts to provide protection [for the unprecedented numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons in various parts of the world]”

*G20 Antalya Leaders' Communiqué*

### Assessment

	No Compliance	Partial Compliance	Full Compliance
Argentina			+1
Australia			+1
Brazil			+1
Canada			+1
China		0	
France			+1
Germany			+1
India	-1		
Indonesia		0	
Italy			+1
Japan		0	
Korea		0	
Mexico			+1
Russia			+1
Saudi Arabia			+1
South Africa	-1		
Turkey			+1
United Kingdom			+1
United States			+1
European Union			+1
Average		+0.60	

### Background

The 2015 G20 Antalya Summit marked the first time a commitment was made in response to the global refugee crisis. As of June 2015, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) estimated there were nearly 60 million people forcibly displaced worldwide.<sup>233</sup> The recent upsurge in refugee numbers has resulted from the escalating conflicts and insecurity in conflict zones around the world, including but not limited to Syria, Iraq, Afghanistan, Eritrea, Yemen, South Sudan, Burundi, and Libya.

Globally, 86 per cent of refugees are hosted in developing countries. Of the four million refugees who have fled Syria alone, 95 per cent are in five main host countries: Turkey, Lebanon, Jordan, Iraq and Egypt. To date, G20 member states have committed to resettling approximately 140,000 refugees from Syria. In 2015, G20 countries offered resettlement places to a tenth of the refugees in need.<sup>234</sup> The global refugee crisis affects all G20 member states in addition to the broader international system.

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<sup>233</sup> Mid-Year Trends 2015, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (New York) 2015. Access Date: 10 February 2016. <http://www.unhcr.org/56701b969.html>.

<sup>234</sup> G20 Summit: Rich countries must pull a U-turn on shameful refugee response, Amnesty International 13 November 2015. Access Date: 10 February 2016. <https://www.amnesty.org/en/latest/news/2015/11/g20-must-pull-uturn-on-refugee-response/>.

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However, some G20 member states have been particularly affected, such as Turkey, Italy and Germany.

Through the years, States have affirmed their commitment to protecting refugees by acceding to the 1951 United Nations Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, the cornerstone document of refugee protection. The Convention, which was developed and drafted by States, enumerates the rights and responsibilities of refugees and the obligations of States that are parties to it.<sup>235</sup> Refugees are defined according to the United Nations (UN) 1951 Refugee Convention as someone who, “owing to a well-founded fear of being persecuted for reasons of race, religion, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion, is outside the country of his nationality, or is unable to, or owing to such fear, is unwilling to avail himself to the protection of that country.”<sup>236</sup>

Protecting refugees is primarily the responsibility of states.<sup>237</sup> A refugee has the right to safe asylum. However, international protection comprises more than physical safety. For example, refugees should receive at least the same rights and basic help as any other foreigner who is a legal resident, including certain fundamental entitlements of every individual. Throughout its 50-year history, the UNHCR has worked closely with governments as partners in refugee protection. In every region of the world, governments have generously granted asylum to refugees and allowed them to remain until conditions were conducive for the refugees to return to their homes in safety and with dignity. Governments have allowed UNHCR to operate on their territories and have provided financial assistance to refugees, both through their own domestic refugee programs and by funding UNHCR’s protection and assistance operation.<sup>238</sup>

G20 members have recognized that the scale of the ongoing refugee crisis is a global humanitarian concern with the ability to influence economic growth and political stability. The G20 called upon all states to contribute to responding to this crisis and share the burdens associated with it, including through: (1) refugee resettlement; (2) other forms of humanitarian admission; (3) humanitarian aid; (4) efforts to ensure that refugees can access services, education and livelihood opportunities.<sup>239</sup> The G20 also acknowledges that a coordinated and comprehensive response is required to address the complex challenges posed by the global refugee crisis.

### **Commitment Features**

The G20 commitment is “to continue further strengthening support for all efforts to provide protection [for the unprecedented numbers of refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs) in various parts of the world].” “Protection” is understood as the physical protection of refugees and IDPs, as well as the legal protection of their basic human rights. This includes the right not to be returned involuntarily to a country where they face persecution, to repatriate to their homeland when conditions permit, and/or to integrate into states of asylum or resettle in third countries. This

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<sup>235</sup> Refugee Protection: A Guide to International Refugee Law, UNHCR; Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) 1 December 2001. Access Date: 10 February 2016. <http://www.refworld.org/docid/3cd6a8444.html>.

<sup>236</sup> Convention and Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees, UNHCR (Geneva) December 2010. Access Date: 10 February 2016. <http://www.unhcr.org/3b66c2aa10.html>.

<sup>237</sup> Refugee Protection: A Guide to International Refugee Law, UNHCR; Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) 1 December 2001. Access Date: 10 February 2016. <http://www.refworld.org/docid/3cd6a8444.html>.

<sup>238</sup> Refugee Protection: A Guide to International Refugee Law, UNHCR; Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) 1 December 2001. Access Date: 10 February 2016. <http://www.refworld.org/docid/3cd6a8444.html>.

<sup>239</sup> G20 Leaders’ Communique, G20 Research Group 16 November 2015. Access Date: 10 February 2016. <http://www.g20.utoronto.ca/2015/151116-communique.html>.

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commitment relates to any and all efforts, both domestic and international in scope, to provide protection. This commitment applies to refugees<sup>240</sup> from any nationality seeking protection.

“Support for all efforts” is understood as direct or indirect support of any action or statement that provides or facilitates protection. Thus, direct support is understood as an explicit government action to better the protection of refugees without using the medium of a third party. Examples of member countries directly providing protection to refugees includes: accepting refugees through resettlement or other forms of humanitarian admission, and providing domestic support within their country to existing refugees through the provision of housing, food, medical care and/or financial aid, while taking into account the specific needs of women, children, the elderly and the disabled.

“Indirect support” is understood as a participatory government action for the betterment of refugee protection in which the government may not be the primary protector in the action. The medium of a third party will likely be present. Examples of a third party include a non-governmental organization, intergovernmental organization, private sector corporation, the general public, or another country and/or government. Thus, examples of member countries indirectly providing protection to refugees include collaborating with intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations, encouraging private sector humanitarianism, and the provision of humanitarian aid. Stand-alone financial contributions to the UNHCR are only one component of “indirect support” and thus are not sufficient to meet the full requirements for compliance.

“To continue strengthening” refers to the fact that the commitment does not necessitate the implementation or creation of a new effort, but rather the strengthening an existing one. This includes expanding, increasing, enhancing the efficiency of, and prolonging existing actions. Examples of the continuation of strengthening include increasing existing aid, increasing number of refugees admitted, increasing domestic support, or making existing collaborations larger or more efficient. Thus, should a member country not have previously provided direct or indirect support, it is not required to do so for this particular commitment to receive full compliance.

To achieve full compliance, member countries must continue to strengthen their support for all existing efforts to provide protection for refugees and IDPs around the world by making efforts in the majority of the aforementioned areas. The implementation of new efforts will be noted, but is not required for compliance. If G20 members have set targets for refugee and IDPs resettlement or relocation, set to be met within the compliance period, targets will have to be met to qualify for full compliance.

### Scoring Guidelines

-1	Country does not further strengthen support for all direct AND all indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and IDPs
0	Country further strengthens support for all direct OR all indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and IDPs
+1	Country further strengthens support for all direct AND all indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and IDPs

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### Argentina: +1

Argentina has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

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<sup>240</sup> As defined by the 1951 Refugee Convention.

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On 19 January 2016, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs released a formal statement reaffirming its belief that political dialogue can achieve peace and prevent further violence with full respect for international law, including international refugee law.<sup>241</sup>

On 9 February 2016, Foreign Minister Susana Malcorra delivered three letters from President Mauricio Macri to UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon.<sup>242</sup> In them, Argentina offered to provide humanitarian aid through White Helmets, to help Syrian refugees.<sup>243</sup>

On 19 February 2016, Foreign Minister Malcorra hosted the Czech Deputy Foreign Minister Marin Tlapa for a meeting in which they discussed the Syrian refugee crisis.<sup>244</sup>

On 17 May 2016, Foreign Minister Malcorra visited Jarrahyl Refugee Camp in Lebanon, where she underscored Argentina's commitment to supporting refugees.<sup>245</sup> Her trip marked the introduction of the Argentinian humanitarian program for refugees in Lebanon, which aims to provide basic supplies such as shelter, blankets, hygiene and kitchen kits for 100 families and water purification tablets for 550 people for one year.<sup>246</sup> Argentina also volunteered one expert in water and sanitation and another in gender-based violence to lend their expertise for one month each.<sup>247</sup>

On 6 July 2016, Argentinian President Mauricio Macri announced that Argentina will be accepting 3,000 Syrian refugees, making Argentina the first country in Latin America to make a concrete offer to refugees.<sup>248</sup>

On 7 July 2016, at a High Level Round Table the Governments of Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and the US, with the participation of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay, and supported by other interested countries and UNHCR and the, under the auspices of the Government of Costa Rica, met to discuss the growing phenomenon of mixed migratory movements, including forced displacement of those fleeing violence and exploitation by organized criminal groups, in the Northern Triangle of Central America. The attendees made several commitments to help protect persons displaced in the region including, "Strengthen coordinated responses in an inclusive, comprehensive and multi-functional way, both at national and regional

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<sup>241</sup> El Gobierno argentino repudia asesinatos en Siria, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto (Buenos Aires) 19 January 2016. Access Date: 21 February 2016. <http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/el-gobierno-argentino-repudia-asesinatos-en-siria>.

<sup>242</sup> Malcorra se reunió con Ban Ki-moon, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto (Buenos Aires) 9 February 2016. Access Date: 21 February 2016. <http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/malcorra-se-reunio-con-ban-ki-moon>.

<sup>243</sup> Malcorra se reunió con Ban Ki-moon, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto (Buenos Aires) 9 February 2016. Access Date: 21 February 2016. <http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/malcorra-se-reunio-con-ban-ki-moon>.

<sup>244</sup> Reunión de consultas políticas con la República Checa, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto (Buenos Aires) 19 February 2016. Access Date: 21 February 2016. <http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/reunion-de-consultas-politicas-con-la-republica-checa>.

<sup>245</sup> Malcorra Visitó el Campo de Refugiados Sirios donde los Cascos Blancos Argentinos Desarrollan su Misión Humanitaria, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto (Buenos Aires) 17 May 2016. Access Date: 12 July 2016. <http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/malcorra-visito-el-campo-de-refugiados-sirios-donde-los-cascos-blancos-argentinos-desarrollan-su>.

<sup>246</sup> Malcorra Visitó el Campo de Refugiados Sirios donde los Cascos Blancos Argentinos Desarrollan su Misión Humanitaria, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto (Buenos Aires) 17 May 2016. Access Date: 12 July 2016. <http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/malcorra-visito-el-campo-de-refugiados-sirios-donde-los-cascos-blancos-argentinos-desarrollan-su>.

<sup>247</sup> Malcorra Visitará un Campo de Refugiados en el Líbano y Envía la Misión de Cascos Blancos, Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores y Culto (Buenos Aires) 14 May 2016. Access Date: 12 July 2016. <http://www.mrecic.gov.ar/malcorra-visitara-un-campo-de-refugiados-en-el-libano-y-envia-la-mision-de-cascos-blancos>.

<sup>248</sup> Argentina Recibirá a 3000 Refugiados Sirios, El País (Buenos Aires) 6 July 2016. Access Date: 22 July 2016. [http://internacional.elpais.com/internacional/2016/07/05/argentina/1467741569\\_521070.html](http://internacional.elpais.com/internacional/2016/07/05/argentina/1467741569_521070.html).

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levels, with particular focus on socio-economic development, access to education and livelihood opportunities, prevention measures through capacity building, consolidating the rule of law, enhancing justice systems and combatting impunity, acting against impunity and protecting victims under a framework that fully respects human rights and takes into account age, gender and diversity (AGD).<sup>249</sup>

On 16 July 2016, Macri announced that Argentina would send a task force to Lebanon to conduct assessments and field selections so as to bring in 3,000 Syrian refugees.<sup>250</sup> The Argentinian government also outlined a three step plan to install an evaluation and selection table in Marej, Lebanon, work to keep families together and find suitable host families in Argentina, and work with nongovernmental organizations and civil society in Argentina to better accommodate and settle arriving refugees.<sup>251</sup>

In 2015, Argentina contributed USD123,420 to the UNHCR.<sup>252</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD461,710.<sup>253</sup>

In 2015, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees' (UNHCR) reported 7,792 refugees in Argentina.<sup>254</sup> The Argentinian National Commission for Refugees (CONARE) also reported a total of 1,262 applicants for refugee status in Argentina in 2015, 23.1 per cent of whom were women and 76.9 per cent of whom were men.<sup>255</sup> Of these applications, 4 per cent were withdrawn, 11 per cent were recognized, 20 per cent were deemed inadmissible due to procedural and paperwork delays, and 65 per cent were denied.<sup>256</sup> Data for 2016 was unavailable.

Argentina has made direct and indirect efforts to further strengthen its support for refugees and IDPs.

Thus, Argentina has received a score of +1.

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#### **Australia: +1**

Australia has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 26 January 2016, the Government of Australia reaffirmed its commitment to settlement services for refugees by announcing the members of the new Settlement Services Advisory Council, which

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<sup>249</sup> San Jose action Statement, Refworld 7 July 2016. Access Date: 10 August 2016.

<http://www.refworld.org/country,,UNHCR,,BRA,,57a8a4854,0.html>

<sup>250</sup> El Gobierno Irá al Líbano para Seleccionar Refugiados Sirios, La Nacion (Buenos Aires) 16 July 2016. Access Date: 22 July 2016. <http://www.lanacion.com.ar/1919086-el-gobierno-ira-al-libano-para-seleccionar-refugiados-sirios>.

<sup>251</sup> El Gobierno Irá al Líbano para Seleccionar Refugiados Sirios, La Nacion (Buenos Aires) 16 July 2016. Access Date: 22 July 2016. <http://www.lanacion.com.ar/1919086-el-gobierno-ira-al-libano-para-seleccionar-refugiados-sirios>.

<sup>252</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>253</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>254</sup> Argentina Regional Office, UNHCR (Buenos Aires) 13 January 2016. Access Date: 14 July 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/10328>.

<sup>255</sup> Statistics, Comisión Nacional para los Refugiados (Buenos Aires) n.d. Access Date: 21 July 2016. <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/conare/pdf/ESTADISTICAS%202011%20-%202015.pdf>.

<sup>256</sup> Statistics, Comisión Nacional para los Refugiados (Buenos Aires) n.d. Access Date: 21 July 2016. <http://www.migraciones.gov.ar/conare/pdf/ESTADISTICAS%202011%20-%202015.pdf>.



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focuses on improving migrant and refugee integration into Australian society.<sup>257</sup> The Council also provides them with job training.<sup>258</sup>

On 4 February 2016, Minister Bishop attended the Syria Donors Conference, where she announced that Australia will be providing an additional AUD25 million in humanitarian assistance in Syria, Iraq, and surrounding countries hosting large numbers of refugees.<sup>259</sup> Of this aid, AUD20 million will go to partners in Syria, including the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), UN Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), World Food Programme (WFP), and several Australian nongovernmental organizations.<sup>260</sup>

At the Syria Donors Conference, the Minister of Foreign Affairs also announced the deployment of 10 Australian Civilian Corps specialists to Jordan and Lebanon to advise the UN and various nongovernmental organizations in delivering education, protection, food, sanitation, and logistics.<sup>261</sup> She also indicated that Australia is in the midst of developing a multi-year assistance package to help strengthen Jordan and Lebanon's capacity to continue hosting large numbers of refugees.<sup>262</sup>

On 30 March 2016, Minister of Immigration and Border Security Peter Dutton-reiterated Australia's 2015 commitment to processing 12,000 Syrian refugees in addition to their existing commitment of 62,500 people through humanitarian and refugee programmes over the next four years.<sup>263</sup> However, only 187 refugees had been resettled in Australia as of 5 April 2016.<sup>264</sup> Social Services Minister Christian Porter said 187 refugees had now been resettled in Australia and an additional 1,600 visas had been issued overseas with imminent arrivals expected. "It has taken some time and I acknowledge that it has been slower than we had anticipated, but you will find that this speeds up now," he said.<sup>265</sup>

On 3 May 2016, the Government of Australia announced that the 2016 Foreign Affairs budget will provide an additional AUS220 million over the next three years to Syria and neighbouring countries

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<sup>257</sup> New term for Government's settlement advisory council, The Hon Christian Porter MP Minister for Social Services, Minister for Social Services (Canberra) 26 January 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016.

<http://christianporter.dss.gov.au/media-releases/new-term-for-government-s-settlement-advisory-council>.

<sup>258</sup> New term for Government's settlement advisory council, The Hon Christian Porter MP Minister for Social Services, Minister for Social Services (Canberra) 26 January 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016.

<http://christianporter.dss.gov.au/media-releases/new-term-for-government-s-settlement-advisory-council>.

<sup>259</sup> Increased Humanitarian Support for Syria and Iraq, Minister for Foreign Affairs The Hon Julie Bishop MP (Canberra) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016.

[http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2016/jb\\_mr\\_160204.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D](http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2016/jb_mr_160204.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FISOK%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D).

<sup>260</sup> Increased Humanitarian Support for Syria and Iraq, Minister for Foreign Affairs The Hon Julie Bishop MP (Canberra) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016.

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<sup>261</sup> Increased Humanitarian Support for Syria and Iraq, Minister for Foreign Affairs The Hon Julie Bishop MP (Canberra) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016.

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<sup>262</sup> Increased Humanitarian Support for Syria and Iraq, Minister for Foreign Affairs The Hon Julie Bishop MP (Canberra) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016.

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<sup>263</sup> ABC AM Interview with Kim Landers, Minister of Immigration and Border Protection The Hon Peter Dutton MP (Canberra) 30 March 2016. Access Date: 19 April 2016.

<http://www.minister.border.gov.au/peterdutton/2016/Pages/abc-am-30032016.aspx>.

<sup>264</sup> More than 180 Syrian and Iraqi refugees resettled in Australia, ABC News, 5 April 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-04-06/more-than-180-refugees-resettled-in-australia-government-says/7302958>

<sup>265</sup> More than 180 Syrian and Iraqi refugees resettled in Australia, ABC News 15 April 2016. Access Date: 10 August 2016.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/2016-04-06/more-than-180-refugees-resettled-in-australia-government-says/7302958>

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experiencing similar long-term refugee crises.<sup>266</sup> Minister of Social Services Christian Porter announced that the Government of Australia will invest an additional AUS10.9 million over the next three years to support newly arrived migrants and refugees in Australia.<sup>267</sup>

On 6 May 2016, Assistant Minister for Multicultural Affairs Craig Landry—reaffirmed the Government of Australia’s commitment to settle 12,000 refugees from Iraq and Syria during a keynote address at the Settlement Council of Australia (SCOA) ‘Settlement and Citizenship in Civil Society’ conference in Melbourne.<sup>268</sup>

In 2015, Australia contributed USD51,296,866 to the UNHCR.<sup>269</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD49,544,690 in 2016.<sup>270</sup>

Australia has taken measures to further strengthen its direct and indirect efforts to protect refugees and IDPs.

Thus, Australia has received a score of +1.

*Analyst: Martin Musiol*

### **Brazil: +1**

Brazil has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 12 January 2016, the Brazilian government agreed to create a refugee and migrant support centre in Florianópolis.<sup>271</sup> The project has a budget of BRL1.5 million, 95 per cent of which is provided by the Ministry of Justice, to assist refugees with job openings, housing, and legal work.<sup>272</sup> The money will be used to support the functioning of the centre for its first two years.<sup>273</sup>

On 4 February 2016, Minister of External Relations Mauro Viera attended the Supporting Syria and the Region conference held in London. At the conference, Brazil expressed its continued willingness

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<sup>266</sup> 2016 Foreign Affairs Budget, Minister of Foreign Affairs The Hon Julie Bishop MP (Canberra) 3 May 2016. Access Date: 11 July 2016.

[http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2016/jb\\_mr\\_160503.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D](http://foreignminister.gov.au/releases/Pages/2016/jb_mr_160503.aspx?w=tb1CaGpkPX%2FIS0K%2Bg9ZKEg%3D%3D).

<sup>267</sup> Ensuring the Government lives within its means: a targeted welfare safety net, Minister of Social Services The Hon Christian Porter MP (Canberra) 3 May 2016. Access Date: 11 July 2016. <http://christianporter.dss.gov.au/media-releases/ensuring-the-government-lives-within-its-means-a-targeted-welfare-safety-net>.

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to donate food to Syria and surrounding countries.<sup>274</sup> Minister Viera pledged a donation of USD1.3 million to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for the year 2016.<sup>275</sup> The aid will be used to help refugees affected by the Syrian crisis.<sup>276</sup>

As of June 2016, Acting President Michel Temer suspended all talks with the EU over resettling refugees in Brazil and only 2,200 of the pledged 100,000 refugees through the five-year 2013 “open door policy” have been welcomed.<sup>277</sup>

On 7 July 2016, at a High Level Round Table the Governments of Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and the US, with the participation of Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Uruguay, and supported by other interested countries and UNHCR and the, under the auspices of the Government of Costa Rica, met to discuss the growing phenomenon of mixed migratory movements, including forced displacement of those fleeing violence and exploitation by organized criminal groups, in the Northern Triangle of Central America. The attendees made several commitments to help protect persons displaced in the region including, “Strengthen coordinated responses in an inclusive, comprehensive and multi-functional way, both at national and regional levels, with particular focus on socio-economic development, access to education and livelihood opportunities, prevention measures through capacity building, consolidating the rule of law, enhancing justice systems and combatting impunity, acting against impunity and protecting victims under a framework that fully respects human rights and takes into account age, gender and diversity (AGD).”<sup>278</sup>

In 2015, Brazil contributed USD743,133 to the UNHCR.<sup>279</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD1,216,200 in 2016.<sup>280</sup>

Brazil has increased direct and indirect support for refugees and IDPs.

Thus, Brazil has received a score of +1.

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#### **Canada: +1**

Canada has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

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On 24 November 2015, the Government of Canada announced its 5-phase plan to resettle 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of February 2016.<sup>281</sup> The plan includes the identification of Syrian refugees coming to Canada and subsequent selection and processing, transportation to Canada, welcoming upon arrival, and settlement and community integration.<sup>282</sup>

On 29 November 2015, the Government of Canada released a map showing the 36 communities that have existing Resettlement Assistance Program (RAP) service provider organizations funded by the Department of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada (IRCC).<sup>283</sup> Through these IRCC-funded RAPs, the Government provides settlement and resettlement services for refugees.<sup>284</sup> The Canadian government assisted 25,000 Syrian refugees coming to Canada by the end of February 2016. They will be given permanent accommodation in the communities or surrounding area and have access to settlement service providers within the communities.<sup>285</sup>

On 13 January 2016, the Government of Canada welcomed over 10,000 refugees.<sup>286</sup> In collaboration with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), International Organization for Migration (IOM) and host countries Jordan, Lebanon and Turkey, it continues to assist Syrians who have fled their homes.<sup>287</sup>

On 26 January 2016, the Government of Canada introduced the Syrian Family Links initiative, which will help connect Syrian refugees abroad with private Canadian sponsors through the assistance of the refugees' family residing in Canada.<sup>288</sup> Through this programme, participating families in Canada will assist family members who are refugees in Lebanon, Jordan or Turkey.<sup>289</sup>

On 5 February 2016, the Government of Canada invited municipalities interested in welcoming and integrating government-assisted refugees to submit a Community Partnership Settlement Plan.<sup>290</sup> These municipalities are not part of the network of cities and towns that traditionally welcome government assisted refugees<sup>291</sup> and will work with employment, housing, educational, and other

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partners within their communities to create their Community Partnership Settlement Plan to acquire the necessary services to assist refugees in settlement and integration.<sup>292</sup>

On 27 February 2016, Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship Spokesperson Camielle Edwards reported that the Government of Canada had met its goal of resettling 25,000 refugees.<sup>293</sup> The Government of Canada will continue to resettle Syrian refugees throughout 2016 with the Minister of Immigration, Refugees, and Citizenship John McCallum. It previously stated its hope to accept a total of 35,000 to 50,000 refugees by the end of the year.<sup>294</sup>

On 8 March 2016, the Government of Canada introduced the 2016 Immigration Levels Plan, which states that Canada would accept 55,800 refugees in 2016.<sup>295</sup>

On 18 May 2016, the Government of Canada announced that starting the week of 9 May 2016, more than 40 additional staff joined visa offices in the Middle East to accelerate the processing of privately sponsored Syrian applications for refugee status.<sup>296</sup> All applications submitted up to 31 March 2016 will be processed by the end of 2016 or early 2017.<sup>297</sup>

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In 2015, the Government of Canada pledged to settle 25,000-Syrian refugees by the end of February 2016 and met this target.<sup>299</sup> In 2016, the Government of Canada committed to resettling an additional 25,000 Syrian refugees<sup>300</sup> and 44,800 refugees overall by the end of the year.<sup>301</sup> In total, 28,876 Syrian refugees have been resettled in Canada since 4 November 2015.<sup>302</sup>

In 2015, Canada contributed USD70 million to the UNHCR.<sup>303</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD712,883,023 in 2016.<sup>304</sup>

Canada has taken significant action to strengthen all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and IDPs.

Thus, Canada has received a score of +1.

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### **China: 0**

China has partially complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 27 November 2015, the Ministry of Commerce announced that China will contribute a total of USD6.5 million in humanitarian aid to four international organizations to tackle the Syrian refugee crisis.<sup>305</sup> The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), World Food Programme (WFP), and World Health Organization (WHO) will each receive USD2 million.<sup>306</sup> The Government of China will allocate the remaining humanitarian aid of USD500 thousand to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).<sup>307</sup>

On 4 February 2016, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi pledged 10 thousand tonnes of food to help ease the food shortages among refugees in Syria.<sup>308</sup>

On 13 May 2016, China donated USD2 million worth of materials in aid to people displaced by war in South Sudan.<sup>309</sup> The aid, directed to the government, included 8,000 mosquito nets, 2,050 tents,

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<sup>308</sup> China pledges 10,000 tons of food support to Syria, CCTV (Beijing) 5 February 2016. Access Date: 19 February 2016. <http://english.cntv.cn/2016/02/05/VIDEHqIC1CoplL3kSzYnaRQR160205.shtml>.

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two sports utility vehicles and 16,000 blankets.<sup>310</sup> On 30 April 2016, China donated USD550,000 and office equipment worth USD150,000 to the Ceasefire and Transitional Security Arrangement Monitoring Mechanism, South Sudan's ceasefire monitoring body.<sup>311</sup>

On 14 June 2016, Ambassador of China to Nigeria Shi Hu announced that China will dispatch emergency humanitarian aid to Nigeria in response to the country's call on the international community to assist refugees in the Diffa region.<sup>312</sup>

China has not declared any commitments to accept or resettle refugees.

In 2015, China contributed a total of USD941,841 to the UNHCR.<sup>313</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD8,971 in 2016.<sup>314</sup>

China has continued to provide humanitarian aid and collaboration with organizations to indirectly support the protection of refugees IDPs in various parts of the world. However, it has not yet further strengthened its direct efforts.

Thus, China has received a score of 0.

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#### **France: +1**

France has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 17 November 2015, President Francois Hollande delivered a speech at the 70<sup>th</sup> General Conference of the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) in Paris. He committed to accept 30,000 refugees over the next two years and invested USD53.3 million into housing.<sup>315</sup> The Government of France previously planned on accepting 24,000 refugees in September.<sup>316</sup>

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On 24 November 2015, French Minister of Economy, Industry and Digital Affairs Emmanuel Macron stated that the Governments of France and Germany will be investing USD10.65 billion into addressing the refugee crisis in Europe.<sup>317</sup>

On 11 January 2016, Centre d'Accueil Provisoire (CAP), a temporary reception centre, was opened for 1,500 refugees in Calais.<sup>318</sup> CAP consists of 125 shelters with electricity, heating, toilets, and water.<sup>319</sup> It also provides legal advice for refugees and is complementary to the Jules Ferry daycare center.<sup>320</sup>

On 13 January 2016, a new camp was opened in Grande-Synthe in partnership with Doctors Without Borders (MSF).<sup>321</sup> The camp can accommodate 2,500 refugees, 500 tents and sanitation facilities.<sup>322</sup> The Government of France will be investing GBP1.1 million to build a new camp in Grande-Synthe, near Dunkirk.<sup>323</sup> These are improvements from a camp in Grande-Synthe, which experienced food and sanitation facility shortages.<sup>324</sup>

On 7 March 2016, a new refugee camp opened in Grande-Synthe, after the demolition of a refugee camp in Calais.<sup>325</sup> The new camp was constructed by the local town hall in collaboration with MSF and cost EUR3.1 million.<sup>326</sup> The refugee camp has 375 cabins and is intended for 2,500 refugees.<sup>327</sup> It is also the first refugee camp in France to meet international standards.<sup>328</sup>

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On 16 April 2016, President Hollande announced a pledge to Lebanon of EUR50 million for this year and EUR100 million for the next three years as well as assisting Lebanon militarily with incoming refugees.<sup>329</sup>

On 19 April 2016, President Hollande pledged USD1 billion over the next three years to assist Jordan with incoming refugees.<sup>330</sup>

On 30 May 2016, Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve and Housing Minister Emmanuelle Cosse signed an agreement stating that the Government of France will pay EUR4 million for water, electricity, sanitation, and security at the Grande-Synthe refugee camp.<sup>331</sup>

On 31 May 2016, Mayor of Paris Anne Hidalgo announced the effort to begin construction of a new refugee camp in northern Paris.<sup>332</sup> The camp will be managed by France Terre d'Asile, Emmaus Solidarity and Aurore.<sup>333</sup> This will be the first camp built in the French capital and will feature modular cabins<sup>334</sup> and daycare services.<sup>335</sup>

On 2 June 2016, Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve stated that the Government of France will be taking in 400 refugees from Greece on a monthly basis under a EU relocation deal signed last year.<sup>336</sup> He also stated that over the next two years, the Government of France will accept 30,000 refugees.<sup>337</sup>

In 2015, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported 273,092 refugees in France.<sup>338</sup> Data for 2016 was unavailable.<sup>339</sup>

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France has made both direct and indirect efforts to further strengthen its support for the protection of refugees and IDPs.

Thus, France has received a score of +1.

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**Germany: +1**

Germany has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 22 November 2015, Head of the Federal Chancellery and Refugee Coordinator Peter Altmaier called for a solution based on common European contingents to solve the refugee crisis and stressed the importance of determining numbers of refugees that will be accepted without being forced into illegality and trafficking.<sup>342</sup> He also noted the significance of working with Turkey for the EU to achieve a solution involving contingents to the current refugee crisis.<sup>343</sup>

On 25 November 2015, Chancellor Angela Merkel reaffirmed the need for European contingents and a permanent European allocation mechanism to manage refugee intake.<sup>344</sup> The Chancellor called to clamp down on human traffickers and ensure the legality of refugees entering European countries.<sup>345</sup> She also stressed the aim of reducing the numbers of refugees arriving in Germany yet keeping the German borders open to them.<sup>346</sup>

On 25 November 2015, Federal Interior Minister Thomas de Maizière announced that in 2016, the Federal Office for Migration and Refugees (BAMF) would employ 4,000 more staff and federal states would receive support through the creation of 150 posts for federal police officers and other measures to help with repatriation initiatives.<sup>347</sup> The 2016 Federal Budget also included an additional EUR326 million for integration initiatives.<sup>348</sup>

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On 16 December 2015, Federal Minister of Family Affairs Manuela Schwesig reported to the cabinet on the Government of Germany's protection of unaccompanied refugee minors.<sup>349</sup> According to the November 2015 law that the federal government passed assuming responsibility of allocating refugee minors across the country, the government committed to alleviating the burdens of local authorities by providing them with EUR350 million yearly in the allocation of the minors.<sup>350</sup> Through its Welcome Among Friends programme, the Government of Germany is also assisting local authorities through the programme's 6 regional offices.<sup>351</sup> In addition to providing advice and training for local authorities, the offices connect authorities, associations, and education and refugee facilities to create local alliances.<sup>352</sup> With funding of EUR12 million, the programme will operate for 4 years.<sup>353</sup>

On 19 January 2016, Federal Minister of Family Affairs Manuela Schwesig announced a callout for volunteers interested in acting as mentors, guardians and host families as part of the government's People Support People programme.<sup>354</sup> In addition to establishing 25,000 mentorships between refugees and volunteers, the programme will assign voluntary guardians and host families to accommodate unaccompanied refugee minors arriving in Germany.<sup>355</sup> The Government of Germany allocated EUR10 million to this program for 2016.<sup>356</sup>

On 22 January 2016, Chancellor Merkel announced further German cooperation with Turkey on handling the refugee crisis at the German-Turkish intergovernmental consultations.<sup>357</sup> She stressed the importance of Germany and Turkey combatting the efforts of illegal smugglers and traffickers in the seas between Turkey and Greece and emphasized that refugees must be given an opportunity to enter Europe legally without risking their lives.<sup>358</sup>

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On 26 to 28 January 2016, Federal Development Minister Gerd Müller presented the Cash-for-Work investment and structural programme during his visit to Jordan,<sup>359</sup> Turkey,<sup>360</sup> and Iraq,<sup>361</sup> which aims to create 500,000 jobs for Syrian refugees within the region.<sup>362</sup>

On 4 February 2016, Chancellor Merkel announced at the Supporting Syria and the Region conference that the Government of Germany would increase its contributions to resolving the Syrian humanitarian crisis.<sup>363</sup> From now until 2018, the Government will contribute EUR2.3 billion<sup>364</sup> and pledge EUR1 billion for United Nations humanitarian aid programmes in 2016.<sup>365</sup> From this EUR1 billion, EUR570 million will be allotted to the World Food Programme (WFP).<sup>366</sup> The government will also be involved in the Partnership for Prospects programme, which aims to create a total of 500,000 jobs in Syria and within the region to support the creation of community centres, schools and hospitals that will be constructed by refugees.<sup>367</sup> For 2016, the government will contribute EUR200 million to this initiative.<sup>368</sup> The Chancellor also stated that the government will provide 1,900 university scholarships for Syrian refugees.<sup>369</sup> In addition, it is establishing internet-based

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communication platforms to connect towns in Jordan, Lebanon, and Turkey with German federal states, towns, and cities, which will offer their assistance.<sup>370</sup>

On 8 February 2016, Chancellor Merkel offered the services of the German Federal Agency for Technical Relief in assisting the Turkish Aid Agency to provide care for refugees at the Turkish-Syrian border,<sup>371</sup> which has experienced bombing raids.<sup>372</sup>

On 12 February 2016, Chancellor Merkel stated that Germany and Poland would work together on humanitarian projects for refugees within the crisis region, such as fitting out a hospital.<sup>373</sup>

On 26 February 2016, the Bundesrat approved a second asylum package.<sup>374</sup> The package includes an accelerated procedure for asylum-seekers from countries classified as safe countries, those submitting a second request for asylum and those who do not comply with asylum procedures.<sup>375</sup> Asylum-seekers will stay in the initial reception facilities until the accelerated procedure is completed<sup>376</sup> and also receive benefits on the condition that they follow stricter residence rules.<sup>377</sup> Families of asylum-seekers with subsidiary protection will not be allowed to follow them to Germany for two years,<sup>378</sup> allowing Germany to better handle the influx of refugees.<sup>379</sup> Legal refugee minors will also be afforded better protection in reception facilities and shared accommodation as the employees in these facilities will soon require a police clearance.<sup>380</sup>

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On 29 February 2016, Chancellor Merkel reiterated the German stance on the refugee crisis, emphasizing legal migration and addressing the root factors causing people to leave their homes in order to reduce refugee flows.<sup>381</sup> She rejected the idea of European member states promoting their own national actions to handle the refugee crisis, opting for a collective European strategy to deal with refugee flows.<sup>382</sup> The Chancellor also rejected the idea of fixed ceilings for refugee numbers and disagreed with Macedonia's decision to close its borders with Greece, leaving thousands of refugees stranded.<sup>383</sup>

On 1 March 2016, Federal Development Minister Gerd Müller stressed the importance of German efforts to stabilize Mediterranean states in North Africa on political and economic terms in order to reduce refugee numbers during his visit to Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.<sup>384</sup> He stated that the key to solving the refugee crisis was to support these states during their process of societal transition so that people would not leave these countries in search of a better future.<sup>385</sup> During his visit to Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia, he held meetings with business representatives to arrange training and economic cooperation agreements.<sup>386</sup> He announced that the German Federal Government would increase the number of Germany companies operating in Tunisia to trigger economic development and create jobs especially for young people in North Africa.<sup>387</sup> He also stated that Germany would support the reintegration of returnees in their home countries.<sup>388</sup> Germany and Morocco would also collaborate further on solar energy initiatives to create green jobs.<sup>389</sup> In addition, Germany plans to support Morocco in the creation of more welcome centres in 10 municipalities to help immigrants from Sub-

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Saharan Africa with integration.<sup>390</sup> The Federal Development Minister also opened a new institute in Algeria, which offers professional training on renewable energy and other subjects.<sup>391</sup>

On 1 March 2016, Chancellor Merkel emphasized the importance of better protection for the EU's external border in Greece and the renewal of the Schengen Area alongside Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia, Tihomir Oreškovi at a joint press conference.<sup>392</sup> The Chancellor also dismissed calls for Germany to admit more refugees currently in Greece and stated that refugees are not entitled to choose the European country in which they would like to request asylum.<sup>393</sup>

On 2 March 2016, Federal Foreign Minister Frank-Walter Steinmeier reported that the German government will provide information on immigration/asylum regulations and the economic and health risks entailed with illegal migration.<sup>394</sup> Using traditional media, like television, posters and flyers, and social media.<sup>395</sup> The German Federal Government is also working with the EU, EU partners, international aid organizations and local German institutions through a common information strategy to counter misconceptions.<sup>396</sup>

On 31 March 2016, Federal Development Minister Gerd Müller announced Germany's plans of increasing aid to Kenyan refugee camps from EUR6 million to EUR11 million following his visit to the Dadaab refugee camp in Kenya.<sup>397</sup> He stated that the increased aid will support returnee and food security programmes.<sup>398</sup>

On 4 April 2016, Federal Ministry of the Interior Spokesperson Tobias Plate announced that Germany admitted 32 Syrian refugees from Turkey parallel to Greece returning 202 illegal refugees

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to Turkey as part of the EU-Turkey Agreement.<sup>399</sup> Under the relocation directive by the EU in July 2015, the Spokesperson stated Germany will admit a quota of 1,600 refugees.<sup>400</sup> Once the quota has been met, another 13,500 places will be available for refugees if necessary.<sup>401</sup> Apart from resettling refugees under the EU-Turkey Agreement, Germany has committed to provide 100 staff members for the European Asylum Support Office in Greece.<sup>402</sup>

On 27 May 2016, Chancellor Merkel reaffirmed her commitment to address the refugee crisis by acknowledging the importance of addressing the root causes of migration and refugee movements and calling on the international community to increase its efforts in conflict prevention and stabilization in the G7 Leaders' Declaration.<sup>403</sup> The Chancellor agreed to focus on reducing poverty in the Leaders' Declaration.<sup>404</sup>

On 22 June 2016, Chancellor Merkel announced a joint project with Poland to build a school in Lebanon for refugee children.<sup>405</sup> The project is aimed towards addressing root causes of displacement as part of the European response to the refugee crisis.<sup>406</sup>

On 8 July 2016, the Bundesrat, the Federal Council, approved the Integration Act, which allows for refugees to better integrate with German society.<sup>407</sup> In exchange for integration courses, employment and training opportunities, refugees who have a good chance of staying in Germany permanently must meet certain obligations.<sup>408</sup> Refugees who are to be deported will have the right to remain when

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they are completing vocational training as part of the act.<sup>409</sup> Refugees will be able to take language integration courses to learn German.<sup>410</sup> While their claim for asylum is being reviewed, refugees will engage in employment.<sup>411</sup> The German Federal Employment Agency will also halt its labour market priority check for three years so that refugees will more easily engage in employment.<sup>412</sup> Refugees will also be given residence. Those refugees who demonstrate that they are willing to integrate will be granted a settlement permit.<sup>413</sup>

Germany stated that they could admit 500,000 refugees per year for 2016 and 2015.<sup>414</sup> Germany accepted more than 222,000 asylum seekers as of June 2016<sup>415</sup> and 1.1 million asylum seekers in 2015.<sup>416</sup>

In 2015, Germany contributed USD143 million to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).<sup>417</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD259,188,290 in 2016.<sup>418</sup>

Germany has taken significant actions to strengthen all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and IDPs.

Thus, Germany has received a score of +1.

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### **India: -1**

India has failed to comply with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

The Government of India has not indicated its intention to strengthen direct or indirect efforts for refugee and IDP protection.

Data on the total number of refugees in India in 2015 and 2016 is unavailable.

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In 2015, India contributed USD6,467 to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).<sup>419</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD7,328 in 2016.<sup>420</sup>

Thus, India has received a score of -1.

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### **Indonesia: 0**

Indonesia has partially complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 27 and 28 November 2015, Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi met with Ministers from Malaysia and Thailand in the Jakarta Declaration Roundtable to analyze root causes, potential responses, and options for regional cooperation pertaining to the large number of refugees and migrants that were arriving into their nations.<sup>421</sup> One of the main goals of this discussion was to strengthen mechanisms such as the Bali Process.

On 3 and 4 December 2015, Indonesian representatives participated in the 2nd Special Meeting on Irregular Migration in the Indian Ocean to address the problem of irregular migration collectively, in a comprehensive and sustainable manner.<sup>422</sup>

On 23 March 2016, Minister Marsudi co-chaired the Sixth Ministerial Conference of the Bali Process with the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs which further acknowledged the need for more agile, timely responses by Bali Process members. Participants agreed to implement a voluntary, non-binding mechanism which would authorise the Co-Chairs to consult and convene future meetings to discuss urgent irregular migration issues with affected and interested countries.<sup>423</sup>

On 2 July 2015, Indonesian representatives participated in the Emergency Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime: Irregular Movement of Persons in the Southeast Asia Region in which participants proposed to set up a task force and trust fund to respond to the irregular movement of refugees and migrants in the region.<sup>424</sup>

In 2015, Indonesia contributed USD2,256 to the UNHCR.<sup>425</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD60,000 in 2016.<sup>426</sup>

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Indonesia has strengthened indirect efforts for refugee and IDP protection. However, no evidence was found of its direct support.

Thus, Indonesia has received a score of 0.

*Analyst: Larissa Parker*

### **Italy: +1**

Italy has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 18 December 2015, the Government of Italy provided EUR2.18 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).<sup>427</sup> The contribution will enable the Agency to distribute food to approximately 106,866 food-insecure Palestinian refugees in Gaza in 2016.<sup>428</sup>

On 1 February 2016, the Government of Italy donated EUR1 million to the UNRWA to assist Palestinian refugees in Syria.<sup>429</sup> The donation will allow the UNRWA to support up to support up to 33,708 Palestinian refugees with 8,427 family food parcels, 4,500 hygiene kits, and additional life-sustaining food commodities to supplement their daily needs.<sup>430</sup>

On 2 February 2016, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi announced that Rome will contribute to the EU's fund to help Turkey manage the flood of refugees from the Middle East.<sup>431</sup> In response to the refugee crisis, the Prime Minister asserted that Italy will continue to "make any effort to save human lives in the Mediterranean."<sup>432</sup>

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On 14 February 2016, Italy contributed USD1.5 million in emergency humanitarian aid for Libya's estimated 2.4 million internal refugees to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).<sup>433</sup>

On 18 February 2016, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation approved the allocation of EUR3.5 million in humanitarian aid to the UNHCR to tackle current emergencies in the Central African Republic, Yemen and Cameroon.<sup>434</sup> The funding of EUR1 million for the Central African Republic will allow the UNHCR to provide assistance to 450,000 IDPs.<sup>435</sup> The contribution of EUR1.5 million to Yemen will enable the High Commissioner to provide protection to 1.2 million IDPs and 250,000 refugees fleeing violent conflict in the country, while the funding of EUR1 million for Cameroon will serve to alleviate the suffering of 70, 000 Nigerian refugees registered following the violence perpetrated by Boko Haram.<sup>436</sup>

Since February 2015, the Government of Italy resettled 281 refugees who arrived via Humanitarian Corridors, a reception program organized by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the Interior, Sant'Egidio Catholic community, Federation of Evangelical Churches and Valdese Evangelical Church.<sup>437</sup> The project aims to bring 1,000 refugees into Italy over the course of two years.<sup>438</sup>

On 9 March 2016, Prime Minister Matteo Renzi announced Italy's support for the EU-Turkey Joint Action Plan to promote cooperation and burden-sharing in the management of migration and the refugee crisis.<sup>439</sup>

On 16 March 2016, President Sergio Mattarella pledged EUR630,000—to support various educational projects in Ethiopian refugee camps.<sup>440</sup>

Between April 2016 and May 2016, the Government of Italy dispatched three shipments of humanitarian aid to Libya.<sup>441</sup> The aid included health kits that were distributed by the Shaikh Tahir Azzawi Charity Organisation (STACO) to IDPs in the Ghat Region.<sup>442</sup>

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On 23 May 2016, Deputy Minister Mario Giro announced at the United Nations World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul that the Government of Italy will continue to increase the financial budget to double humanitarian aid for the refugee crisis in 2016.<sup>443</sup> He stated that Italy has pledged to double its contributions to the United Nations' Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UNOCHA).<sup>444</sup>

On 27 May 2016, the Government of Italy signed a Joint Declaration of Intent with the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), extending the protection granted under the Convention on the Rights of the Child to migrant and refugee children, "who have suffered war, persecutions and dangerous journeys."<sup>445</sup>

On 10 June 2016, Italy contributed EUR1 million to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to facilitate the distribution of food aid and essential goods to 1,070 displaced families, and support relief efforts, such as protection and family reunification in IDP camps in Fallujah, Iraq.<sup>446</sup> The Government of Italy also offered EUR350,000 to the UNHCR to aid the delivery of emergency kits to IDPs in the same region.<sup>447</sup>

On 11 July 2016, Italy granted EUR30,000 to the UNHCR to secure medical supplies, water and food for Burundian refugees in Tanzania.<sup>448</sup>

In 2015, the Government of Italy granted refugee status to 5 per cent of the 66,266 applications for asylum and protection that it had received.<sup>449</sup> Between January and May 2016, it granted refugee status to 4-per cent of the 40,699 applications that were considered.<sup>450</sup>

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In 2015, Italy contributed USD20,666,283 to the UNHCR.<sup>451</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD21,272,097 in 2016.<sup>452</sup>

As of 2016, the Ministry of Interior has been working to operationalize more hotspots and regional relocation hubs in addition to the already operational hotspots in Lampedusa, Trapani, and Pozzallo and regional relocation hubs Villa Sikania and Bari.<sup>453</sup>

Italy has further strengthened its support for direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and IDPs.

Thus, Italy has received a score of +1.

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### **Japan: 0**

Japan has partially complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

In 2015, Japan accepted 27 of a total 7,586 refugee applications.<sup>454</sup> This is an increase from the 11 refugees accepted in 2014<sup>455</sup>

On 20 January 2016 the Japanese Parliament approved USD350 million in humanitarian aid for Syrian and Iraqi refugees in addition to the USD810 million package approved in 2015.<sup>456</sup>

In February 2016, Japan also donated more than USD38 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA).<sup>457</sup>

On 3 March 2016, the Japanese government pledged USD16 million for IDPs in Afghanistan and Pakistan's northwestern tribal areas.<sup>458</sup>

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On 2 March 2016, the Japanese government donated USD15 million to UN Habitat projects for IDPs in Iraq.<sup>459</sup>

On 3 May 2016, the Japanese government pledged USD31.7 million to support development programmes in Myanmar's Chin and Rakhine states.<sup>460</sup> This includes funding for the UN Human Settlements Programme and the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).<sup>461</sup>

Japan has not pledged to resettle any Syrian refugees in 2016.<sup>462</sup> In September 2015, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Japan must improve the living standards of its own people before it can consider accepting Syrian and other refugees.<sup>463</sup>

In 2015, Japan contributed USD173,500,535 to the UNHCR.<sup>464</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD161,153,463 in 2016.<sup>465</sup>

Japan has further strengthened its support for indirect efforts to provide refugee and IDP protection. However, it has not yet further strengthened its direct efforts.

Thus, Japan has received a score of 0.

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### **Korea: 0**

Korea has partially complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 23 December 2015, the first group of 22 Myanmar refugees arrived in Korea, marking the first time refugees have arrived in Korea since the 2013 Refugee Act took effect.<sup>466</sup> Staff members were also sent to Myanmar to help with the refugee application process and accompany refugees back to Korea.<sup>467</sup> Until 2017, as part of a pilot program, the Government of Korea will accept 30 refugees

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from Myanmar each year.<sup>468</sup> Refugees will stay at the Immigration Reception Centre in Incheon for six to 12 months and receive an education on Korean culture, language, and society.<sup>469</sup> After, the Government of Korea stated that the refugees will likely live in Gyeonggi Province.<sup>470</sup>

Korea has currently accepted 22 of the 90 refugees that it promised to accept through its pilot program.<sup>471</sup>

In 2015, Korea contributed USD15,956,557 to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).<sup>472</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD13,171,457 in 2016.<sup>473</sup>

On 5 July 2016, the Government of Korea has approved two refugee-supporting projects in Africa. The Government of Korea will provide USD900 million for the projects.<sup>474</sup>

Since the 2015 Antalya Summit Korea has provided humanitarian assistance to several countries including USD7 million to Iraq, USD45 million to Syria, USD1 million to Iraqi refugees.<sup>475</sup>

Korea has continued to help more than 1,000 refugees from North Korea who arrive from third countries resettle here annually with subsidies. Korea recognized its first non-Korean refugee, an Ethiopian, in 2001. Thus far, it has granted asylum to 600 non-Korean refugees out of 18,800 applicants. No evidence was found suggesting it increased the number of accepted asylum seekers.<sup>476</sup>

Korea has taken action to further strengthen its indirect efforts to provide refugee and IDP protection but it has failed to further strengthen all direct efforts.

Thus, Korea has received a score of 0.

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### **Mexico: +1**

Mexico has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

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On 29 November 2015, Subsecretary of Exterior Relations Carlos de Icaza González announced that the Mexican government continues to be in dialogue with international organizations to establish how to best support refugees and refugee camps.<sup>477</sup>

On 4 February 2016, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (SRE) announced that Mexico will be donating USD3 million towards supporting Syrian refugees.<sup>478</sup> The agency explained that the announcement was within the framework of the Conference in Support of Syria and the region, held in London.<sup>479</sup>

On 8 July 2016, Mexico sent two government delegates to participate in a round table meeting on the refugee crisis and inform participation in a High Level Plenary Meeting at the UN General Assembly occurring in September 2016.<sup>480</sup> The Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (IDMC) later reported that Mexico's participation was "limited to its role as a transit and reception site for forced migrants from the Northern Triangle."<sup>481</sup>

In 2015, Mexico granted 929 individuals, including 449 children, refugee status, bringing the total number of refugees in Mexico to 2923.<sup>482</sup> As of 5 April 2016, Mexico is hosting 3448 refugees.<sup>483</sup>

In 2015, Mexico contributed USD150,000 to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).<sup>484</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD55,000 in 2016.<sup>485</sup>

Mexico has taken action to further strengthen support direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and IDPs.

Thus, Mexico has received a score of +1.

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#### **Russia: +1**

Russia has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

There is no evidence to indicate the exact number of refugees that the Government of Russia has pledged to accept. Data for 2016 was not found.<sup>486</sup>

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<sup>477</sup> México Hace Aportaciones a Campos de Refugiados en Turquía, Líbano y Jordania, La Jornada (Atoyac) 29 November 2015. Access Date: 9 March 2016. <http://www.jornada.unam.mx/2015/11/29/politica/015n1pol>.

<sup>478</sup> Dona México 3 MDD Para Refugiados Sirios, Reforma (Mexico City) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 8 March 2016. <http://www.reforma.com/aplicacioneslibre/preacceso/articulo/default.aspx?id=758764&v=3&urlredirect=http://www.reforma.com/aplicaciones/articulo/default.aspx?id=758764&v=3>.

<sup>479</sup> Dona México 3 MDD Para Refugiados Sirios, Reforma (Mexico City) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 8 March 2016. <http://www.reforma.com/aplicacioneslibre/preacceso/articulo/default.aspx?id=758764&v=3&urlredirect=http://www.reforma.com/aplicaciones/articulo/default.aspx?id=758764&v=3>.

<sup>480</sup> A Call to Action Protection Needs in the Northern Triangle of Central America, UNHCR (Geneva) 8 July 2016. Access Date: 11 July 2016. <http://www.refworld.org/country,,UNHCR,,MEX,,577fb94b4,0.html>.

<sup>481</sup> A Call to Action: Tackling Displacement in Central America, Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre (Geneva) 21 July 2016. Access Date 22 July 2016. <http://www.internal-displacement.org/blog/2016/a-call-to-action-tackling-displacement-in-central-america>.

<sup>482</sup> Mexico Operations, UNHCR (Geneva) 13 January 2016. Access Date: 14 July 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/node/2536>.

<sup>483</sup> Action Urgently Needed as Central American Asylum Claims Soar, UNHCR (Geneva) 5 April 2016. Access Date: 11 July 2016. <http://www.refworld.org/country,,UNHCR,,MEX,,57038fe74,0.html>.

<sup>484</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>485</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

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In 2015, Russia contributed USD2 million to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).<sup>487</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed an additional USD2 million in 2016.<sup>488</sup>

On 27 February 2016, the Russian government submitted to the State Duma, the lower house of the parliament, a draft law allowing Ukrainian refugees to obtain a residence permit in Russia through fast track procedure.<sup>489</sup>

Russia has taken actions to further strengthen its support for both direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and IDPs.

Thus, Russia has received a score of +1.

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### **Saudi Arabia: +1**

Saudi Arabia has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 17 November 2015, the King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre signed a contract with the Rahma Medical Centre in Kuwait to run mobile clinics at a refugee camp in Obock, Djibouti.<sup>490</sup> King Salman Bin AbdalAziz Al Saud also gave a speech expressing his gratitude for the international efforts to help Syrian refugees.<sup>491</sup>

On 25 November 2015, Deputy Permanent Representative of the Delegation of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia to the United Nations Adviser Saad bin Abdullah Al-Saad expressed concern at a General Assembly about the increasingly hostile discourse against refugees and asked the international community, press agencies, and non-governmental organizations to help increase awareness about refugees in order to ensure their protection. He also claimed that Saudi Arabia is ready to cooperate with the United Nations (UN) in order to address the worsening humanitarian disaster by working to protect and provide appropriate support both domestically and abroad.<sup>492</sup>

On 12 January 2016, Saudi Ambassador to Lebanon Ali Awad Asiri held a meeting with the Representative of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Mireille Girard,

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<sup>486</sup> UNHCR Statistics: The World in Numbers, UNHCR (Geneva) 2015. Access Date: 16 July 2016. [http://popstats.unhcr.org/en/overview#\\_ga=1.142681717.1987667841.1468275929](http://popstats.unhcr.org/en/overview#_ga=1.142681717.1987667841.1468275929).

<sup>487</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>488</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>489</sup> Draft law allowing Ukrainian refugees to obtain a residence permit in Russia through fast track procedure submitted to the State Duma, Government of Russia 27 February 2016. Access Date: 30 August 2016. <http://government.ru/activities/21995/>.

<sup>490</sup> The Acting Official of the Kingdom's Embassy in Djibouti Attends the Inauguration of the Mobile Medical Clinic in the Obock Refugee Camp, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Riyadh) 17 November 2015. Access Date: 27 February 2016. <http://www.mofa.gov.sa/ServicesAndInformation/news/MinistryNews/Pages/ArticleID20151116143059572.aspx>.

<sup>491</sup> Custodian of the Two Holy Mosques Emphasizes the Need for the International community to Redouble its Efforts to Root Out Terrorism and Rid the World of Evil, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Riyadh) 17 November 2015. Access Date: 27 February 2016.

<http://www.mofa.gov.sa/ServicesAndInformation/news/statements/Pages/ArticleID2015111691635440.aspx>.

<sup>492</sup> The Kingdom Expressed Concern Due to the Increasingly Hostile and Racist Discourse Against Refugees at the UN's General Assembly, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Riyadh) 25 November 2015. Access Date: 27 February 2016. <http://www.mofa.gov.sa/ServicesAndInformation/news/MinistryNews/Pages/ArticleID201511240216284.aspx>.

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Representative of the World Food Organization Jawahir Atif, and Director of the Office of the Saudi National Campaign to Support Our Brothers in Syria Walid Al-Jalal to discuss mechanisms to transport food, medical supplies, blankets, and clothing to children in Madaya.<sup>493</sup>

On 5 January 2016, the Saudi Fund for Development signed a memorandum of understanding with the UNHCR in which the Kingdom pledged to contribute a total of over USD1 million to better protect the Rohingya refugees in Thailand.<sup>494</sup>

On 7 May 2016, the Saudi Arabian Embassy to Jordan gave the WFP 306 tons of dates to distribute to Syrian refugees at Al-Zaatari and Al-Azraq refugee camps.<sup>495</sup>

On 21 May 2016, King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre, led by Vice President of the Mission Jassim Bin Mohammad Al-Khalidi, and the WFP distributed 396 tons of dates at Jalozi camp in Pakistan.<sup>496</sup> In Irbid, Jordan, 1177 aid packages were also distributed by the Saudi National Campaign for Supporting Syrians.<sup>497</sup> The campaign further announced its commitment to increase its humanitarian aid and relief to Syrian refugees in Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan.<sup>498</sup>

In 2015, Saudi Arabia contributed USD29,572,657 to the UNHCR.<sup>499</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD19,088,670 in 2016.<sup>500</sup>

Saudi Arabia has taken actions to further strengthen its support for direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for the unprecedented numbers of refugees and IDPs.

Thus, Saudi Arabia has received a score of +1.

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### **South Africa: -1**

South Africa has failed to comply with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

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<sup>493</sup> Saudi Ambassador to Lebanon to Discuss how to Provide Humanitarian Aid to Those Trapped in Madaya, Syria with Representatives of the UN, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Riyadh) 12 January 2016. Access Date: 27 February 2016.

<http://www.mofa.gov.sa/ServicesAndInformation/news/MinistryNews/Pages/ArticleID2016111204627880.aspx>.

<sup>494</sup> The Kingdom Signs a Memorandum of Understanding with the High Commissioner of the United Nations for Refugees (UNHCR) for "Rohingya" refugee relief in Thailand, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Riyadh) 15 January 2016. Access Date: 27 February 2016.

<http://www.mofa.gov.sa/ServicesAndInformation/news/GovernmentNews/Pages/ArticleID201611420449938.aspx>.

<sup>495</sup> Saudi Arabia's embassy to Jordan delivered 306 tons of dates, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Amman) 7 May 2016. Access Date: 13 July 2016.

<http://www.mofa.gov.sa/ServicesAndInformation/news/MinistryNews/Pages/ArticleID2016425235530298.aspx>.

<sup>496</sup> Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Pakistan oversees the distribution of dates provided by King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre in Pakistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Islamabad) 21 May 2016. Access Date: 13 July 2016.

<http://www.mofa.gov.sa/ServicesAndInformation/news/MinistryNews/Pages/ArticleID2016510225824469.aspx>.

<sup>497</sup> Embassy of Saudi Arabia in Pakistan oversees the distribution of dates provided by King Salman Humanitarian Aid and Relief Centre in Pakistan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Islamabad) 21 May 2016. Access Date: 13 July 2016.

<http://www.mofa.gov.sa/ServicesAndInformation/news/MinistryNews/Pages/ArticleID2016510225824469.aspx>.

<sup>498</sup> Saudi National Campaign for Supporting Syrians distributes 1177 aid packages in Irbid, Jordan, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Irbid) 21 May 2016. Access Date: 14 July 2016.

<http://www.mofa.gov.sa/ServicesAndInformation/news/GovernmentNews/Pages/ArticleID201651014444128.aspx>.

<sup>499</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>500</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

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On 25 November 2015, Minister of Home Affairs Malusi Gigaba briefed the public on the Government of South Africa's closing of the Zimbabwe Special Permit (ZSP) programme and the subsequent opening of the Lesotho Special Permit (LSP) programme.<sup>501</sup> These dispensations were in part intended to ease the pressure exerted on the country's Refugee Reception Offices and authorizes the use of special permits is helping to separate economic migrants from asylum seekers and refugees to enhance refugee management and protection."<sup>502</sup>

On 24 June 2016, the Department for Home Affairs published the Green Paper on International Migration.<sup>503</sup> The Paper calls for a more holistic approach to international migration to address the interconnected facets of migration, including the provision of protection, job training, and employment opportunities to refugees.<sup>504</sup> It also suggests utilizing the Immigration Act to increase risk assessment of refugee applicants, and an Asylum Seeker Processing Centres.<sup>505</sup>

Data on the numbers of refugees accepted by South Africa for 2016 was not available.

In 2015, South Africa contributed USD342,371 to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).<sup>506</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD62,386 in 2016.<sup>507</sup>

South Africa has not strengthened its support for direct or indirect efforts to provide protection to refugees and IDPs.

Thus, South Africa has received a score of -1.

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#### **Turkey: +1**

Turkey has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 30 November 2015, the Temporary Protection Module was launched to enhance the productivity of refugee registration.<sup>508</sup> It facilitates access to information by different ministries.

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<sup>501</sup> Statement by Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba at the Media Briefing on the Closing of the Zimbabwe Special Permit Programme and the Opening of the Lesotho Special Permit, Department of Home Affairs (Pretoria) 25 November 2015. Access Date: 23 February 2016. <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/statements-speeches/704-statement-by-home-affairs-minister-malusi-gigaba-at-the-media-briefing-on-the-closing-of-the-zimbabwe-special-permit-programme-and-the-opening-of-the-lesotho-special-permit>.

<sup>502</sup> Statement by Home Affairs Minister Malusi Gigaba at the Media Briefing on the Closing of the Zimbabwe Special Permit Programme and the Opening of the Lesotho Special Permit, Department of Home Affairs (Pretoria) 25 November 2015. Access Date: 23 February 2016. <http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/statements-speeches/704-statement-by-home-affairs-minister-malusi-gigaba-at-the-media-briefing-on-the-closing-of-the-zimbabwe-special-permit-programme-and-the-opening-of-the-lesotho-special-permit>.

<sup>503</sup> Green Paper on the International Migration, Department of Home Affairs (Pretoria) 24 June 2016. Access Date: 26 July 2016. [http://www.gov.za/sites/www.gov.za/files/40088\\_gon738.pdf](http://www.gov.za/sites/www.gov.za/files/40088_gon738.pdf).

<sup>504</sup> Green Paper on the International Migration, Department of Home Affairs (Pretoria) 24 June 2016. Access Date: 26 July 2016. [http://www.gov.za/sites/www.gov.za/files/40088\\_gon738.pdf](http://www.gov.za/sites/www.gov.za/files/40088_gon738.pdf).

<sup>505</sup> Green Paper on the International Migration, Department of Home Affairs (Pretoria) 24 June 2016. Access Date: 26 July 2016. [http://www.gov.za/sites/www.gov.za/files/40088\\_gon738.pdf](http://www.gov.za/sites/www.gov.za/files/40088_gon738.pdf).

<sup>506</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

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Furthermore, the Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Authority also developed the Elektronik Yardim Dagitim, an electronic aid distribution system that matches Syrian refugees in need with assistance providers.<sup>509</sup> Additionally, the Ministry of Health has commenced the extension of healthcare services to refugees, to be provided by both the Government of Turkey and nongovernmental organizations.<sup>510</sup>

On 11 December 2015, the Ministry of Development and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) signed a protocol agreement to launch a project providing vocational educational training to refugees in 2016.<sup>511</sup>

In January 2016, the Turkish government announced a change in legislation allowing Syrian refugees to access formal employment opportunities.<sup>512</sup> The change is supposed to benefit women and youth especially, and help refugees with their integration into Turkish society.<sup>513</sup>

On 10 February 2016, the Joint Action Plan between Turkey and the EU took effect.<sup>514</sup> The Plan aims to enhance cooperation to support Syrian refugees under temporary protection and their host communities in Turkey.<sup>515</sup> Therefore, Turkey has committed to ensure that refugees are registered and provided with appropriate documents and have access to public services such as education and health care.<sup>516</sup>

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<sup>508</sup> Turkey's Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis and the Road Ahead, World Bank Group (Washington) December 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. [http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2015/12/21/090224b083ed7485/1\\_0/Rendered/PDF/Turkey0s0respo0s0and0the0road0ahead.pdf](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2015/12/21/090224b083ed7485/1_0/Rendered/PDF/Turkey0s0respo0s0and0the0road0ahead.pdf).

<sup>509</sup> Turkey's Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis and the Road Ahead, World Bank Group (Washington) December 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. [http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2015/12/21/090224b083ed7485/1\\_0/Rendered/PDF/Turkey0s0respo0s0and0the0road0ahead.pdf](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2015/12/21/090224b083ed7485/1_0/Rendered/PDF/Turkey0s0respo0s0and0the0road0ahead.pdf).

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<sup>511</sup> Turkey Monthly Update December 2015, UNHCR (Geneva) December 2015. Access Date: 27 July 2016. <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/documents.php?page=3&view=grid&Language%5B%5D=1&Country%5B%5D=224>.

<sup>512</sup> Turkey Monthly Update June 2016, UNHCR (Geneva) June 2016. Access Date: 27 July 2016. <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=224>.

<sup>513</sup> Turkey Monthly Update June 2016, UNHCR (Geneva) June 2016. Access Date: 27 July 2016. <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=224>.

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<sup>515</sup> Turkey's Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis and the Road Ahead, World Bank Group (Washington) December 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. [http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2015/12/21/090224b083ed7485/1\\_0/Rendered/PDF/Turkey0s0respo0s0and0the0road0ahead.pdf](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2015/12/21/090224b083ed7485/1_0/Rendered/PDF/Turkey0s0respo0s0and0the0road0ahead.pdf).

<sup>516</sup> Turkey's Response to the Syrian Refugee Crisis and the Road Ahead, World Bank Group (Washington) December 2015. Access Date: 22 February 2016. [http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2015/12/21/090224b083ed7485/1\\_0/Rendered/PDF/Turkey0s0respo0s0and0the0road0ahead.pdf](http://www-wds.worldbank.org/external/default/WDSContentServer/WDSP/IB/2015/12/21/090224b083ed7485/1_0/Rendered/PDF/Turkey0s0respo0s0and0the0road0ahead.pdf).

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On 18 March 2016, Prime Minister Ahmet Davuto lu signed an agreement with the EU.<sup>517</sup> The agreement stated that all irregular migrants travelling from Turkey to Greece would be returned to Turkey with expenses paid by the EU and that for every Syrian returned to Turkey, a Syrian from Turkey would be resettled in an EU member state.<sup>518</sup>

On 4 April 2016, Turkey began implementing the EU-Turkey Agreement by deploying liaison officers to Greece, pledging protection status to returning Syrian refugees and ensuring that all people in need of protection returning to Turkey would be offered asylum.<sup>519</sup>

As of May 2016, Turkey is hosting over 3.1 million refugees, making it the host country with the largest refugee population in the world.<sup>520</sup> Furthermore, it has spent over EUR7 billion in refugee support since the start of the crisis.<sup>521</sup>

In May 2016, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) reported that the Government of Turkey and its Regional, Refugee and Resilience Plan 2016-2017 (3RP) Partners are continuing to collaborate in creating more outreach centres, strengthening existing volunteer networks and supporting community self-management to provide for special needs and strengthen access to information on refugees' rights, obligations and means of accessing protection.<sup>522</sup>

As of 30 June 2016, the UNHCR reported a total of 2,733,044 Syrian refugees within Turkey.<sup>523</sup>

On 2 July 2016, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan announced the planning stages of a new plan to provide Syrian refugees with Turkish citizenship.<sup>524</sup>

On 8 July 2016, the Government of Turkey reported that between January and June 2016, it issued 5,502 work permits to Syrian refugees.<sup>525</sup> However, this is only 0.2 per cent of the Syrian refugee population in Turkey.<sup>526</sup>

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<sup>517</sup> EU strikes deal with Turkey to send back refugees, The Guardian (Brussels) 18 March 2016. Access Date: 22 April 2016. <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/mar/18/eu-strikes-deal-with-turkey-to-send-back-refugees-from-greece>.

<sup>518</sup> A qualitative step closer to our goal, Federal Government of Germany (Berlin) 8 March 2016. Access Date: 22 April 2016. [https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/EN/Reiseberichte/2016/2016-03-07-eu-tuerkei-gipfel\\_en.html?nn=709674](https://www.bundesregierung.de/Content/EN/Reiseberichte/2016/2016-03-07-eu-tuerkei-gipfel_en.html?nn=709674).

<sup>519</sup> Implementing the EU-Turkey Agreement - Questions and Answers, European Commission (Brussels) 4 April 2016. Access Date: May 30 2016. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_MEMO-16-1221\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_MEMO-16-1221_en.htm).

<sup>520</sup> Turkey: Refugee Crisis, European Commission (Brussels) May 2016. Access Date: 27 June 2016. [http://ec.europa.eu/echo/files/aid/countries/factsheets/turkey\\_syrian\\_crisis\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/files/aid/countries/factsheets/turkey_syrian_crisis_en.pdf).

<sup>521</sup> Turkey: Refugee Crisis, European Commission (Brussels) May 2016. Access Date: 27 June 2016. [http://ec.europa.eu/echo/files/aid/countries/factsheets/turkey\\_syrian\\_crisis\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/echo/files/aid/countries/factsheets/turkey_syrian_crisis_en.pdf).

<sup>522</sup> Turkey Monthly Update May 2016, UNHCR (Geneva) May 2016. Access Date: 27 July 2016. <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=224>.

<sup>523</sup> Syrian Regional Refugee Response, UNHCR (Geneva) 30 June 2016. Access Date: 15 July 2016. <http://data.unhcr.org/syrianrefugees/country.php?id=224>.

<sup>524</sup> Erdogan: Syrian refugees could become Turkish Citizens, Al Jazeera (Doha) 3 July 2016. Access Date: 5 July 2016. <http://www.aljazeera.com/news/2016/07/erdogan-syrian-refugees-turkish-citizens-160703133739430.html>.

<sup>525</sup> Syrian refugees: Struggles in Turkey intensify, Al Jazeera (Istanbul) 25 July 2016. Access Date: 27 July 2016. <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2016/07/syrian-refugees-struggles-turkey-intensify-160717072943845.html>.

<sup>526</sup> Syrian refugees: Struggles in Turkey intensify, Al Jazeera (Istanbul) 25 July 2016. Access Date: 27 July 2016. <http://www.aljazeera.com/indepth/features/2016/07/syrian-refugees-struggles-turkey-intensify-160717072943845.html>.

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On 14 June 2016, President of the Ministry for Disaster and Emergency Management (AFAD) Fuat Oktay noted that 5,560 Syrian refugees are currently pursuing a college degree in Turkey as part of its 2011 commitment to provide Syrian children an education in Turkey.<sup>527</sup>

In 2015, Turkey contributed USD300,000 to the UNHCR.<sup>528</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD1 million in 2016.<sup>529</sup>

Turkey has made direct and indirect efforts to further strengthen its commitment to refugee and IDP protection.

Thus, Turkey has received a score of +1.

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### **United Kingdom: +1**

The United Kingdom has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 8 January 2016, Prime Minister David Cameron met with Queen Rania of Jordan to discuss effective responses to the crisis in Syria. They agreed that improving education and employment is key to creating long-term positive impact in the region and reiterated their commitments to help.<sup>530</sup>

On 18 January 2016, Secretary of State for International Development Justine Greening visited Jordan and met with Minister of Education H.E. Dr. Mohammed Thuneibat and Minister for International Cooperation and Planning H.E. Mr. Imad Fakhoury. They discussed how the UK could assist Jordan in providing employment to Syrian refugees.<sup>531</sup>

On 20 January 2016, Prime Minister Cameron encouraged members of the EU to relax trade rules with Jordan to allow greater access to its market.<sup>532</sup> He stressed that an economically strong Jordan would provide more employment opportunities for Syrian refugees residing in Jordan.<sup>533</sup>

On 22 January 2016, International Development Secretary Justine Greening pledged GBP30 million to support the most vulnerable refugees who have arrived in Europe fleeing the Syrian conflict.<sup>534</sup>

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<sup>527</sup> AFAD chief reiterates commitment to create educational opportunities for Syrian children, Prime Ministry Disaster and Emergency Management Authority (Ankara) 14 June 2016. Access Date: 27 July 2016. <https://www.afad.gov.tr/EN/HaberDetay.aspx?ID=5&IcerikID=5150>.

<sup>528</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>529</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>530</sup> UK Prime Minister meets with Queen Rania of Jordan, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 8 January 2016. Access Date: 18 February 2016. <https://www.supportingsyria2016.com/news/uk-prime-minister-david-cameron-meets-with-queen-rania-of-jordan/>.

<sup>531</sup> UK Secretary of State for International Development visits Jordan, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 18 January 2016. Access Date: 18 February 2016. <https://www.supportingsyria2016.com/news/156-2/>.

<sup>532</sup> UK Prime Minister urges European leaders to relax trade rules with Jordan, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 20 January 2016. Access Date: 18 February 2016. <https://www.supportingsyria2016.com/news/154-2/>.

<sup>533</sup> UK Prime Minister urges European leaders to relax trade rules with Jordan, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 20 January 2016. Access Date: 18 February 2016. <https://www.supportingsyria2016.com/news/154-2/>.

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On 28 January 2016, Prime Minister Cameron called on King Salman of Saudi Arabia, German Chancellor Angela Merkel, and Norwegian Prime Minister Erna Solberg to discuss the agenda for the Supporting Syria and the Region conference to be held in London on 4 February 2016. They identified the importance of maintaining a strong regional economy in the Middle East to help Syrian refugees develop sustainable livelihood.<sup>535</sup>

On 30 January 2016, the UK government announced that it would double its donations to United Nations Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) UK's Syria Winter Appeal by the end of February to provide essential life support to Syrian refugees in winter.<sup>536</sup> The UK had already committed to match donations to UNICEF UK's Syria Winter Appeal, expiring on 31 January 2016 however, this new announcement also extended the commitment for another month.<sup>537</sup>

On 31 January 2016, the International Development Secretary Justine Greening called on world leaders to make efforts in providing education for Syrian refugee children in the region. She stressed the importance of education and urged leaders to pledge more donations at the Supporting Syria and the Region conference.<sup>538</sup>

On 1 February 2016, Prime Minister Cameron spoke with Emir of Qatar His Highness Sheikh Tamim and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau to discuss the upcoming Supporting Syria and the Region conference. They both agreed to send delegates to the conference and both agreed to pledge support.<sup>539</sup> On 3 February 2016, Prime Minister Cameron extended the conversation to US President Barack Obama, who also agreed to pledge strong support at the conference.<sup>540</sup>

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<sup>534</sup> Justine Greening announces £30 million in support for refugees arriving in Europe in Winter, Department for International Development (London) 22 January 2016. Access Date: 19 February 2016.  
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<sup>535</sup> David Cameron calls leaders to discuss London Conference, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 28 January 2016. Access Date: 19 February 2016.  
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<sup>536</sup> UK government makes public support for UNICEF UK Syria appeal go twice as far, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 30 January 2016. Access Date: 19 February 2016.  
<https://www.supportingsyria2016.com/news/uk-government-makes-public-support-unicef-uk-syria-appeal-go-twice-far/>.

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<sup>538</sup> Justine Greening: no Syrian child should miss out on an education, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 31 January 2016. Access Date: 19 February 2016.  
<https://www.supportingsyria2016.com/news/justine-greening-no-syrian-child-should-miss-out-on-an-education/>.

<sup>539</sup> David Cameron calls with the Emir of Qatar and the Prime Minister of Canada, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 1 February 2016. Access Date: 19 February 2016.  
<https://www.supportingsyria2016.com/news/david-cameron-calls-with-the-emir-of-qatar-and-the-prime-minister-of-canada/>.

<sup>540</sup> David Cameron calls President Obama to discuss London Conference, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 3 February 2016. Access Date: 19 February 2016.  
<https://www.supportingsyria2016.com/news/david-cameron-call-with-president-obama/>.



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On 4 February 2016, the UK co-hosted the Supporting Syria and the Region conference in London with Germany, Norway, Kuwait, and the United Nations to fundraise money for Syrian IDPs and search for solutions to create stability, employment and education in the region.<sup>541</sup>

On 4 February 2016, Prime Minister Cameron attended the Supporting Syria and the Region and pledged a donation of USD730 million for the year 2016 and USD120 million for the year 2017 to the UN High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to help refugees affected by the Syrian crisis.<sup>542</sup>

On 4 February 2016, Prime Minister Cameron pledged to donate GBP1.2 billion in international aid to Syria and the region in addition to the GBP1.2 billion that the UK had previously pledged. Both His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales and Prime Minister Cameron attended the conference reception.<sup>543</sup>

By the end of March 2016, the UK government resettled 1,602 of the pledged 20,000 Syrian refugees to be resettled under the extended five-year the Syrian Vulnerable Person Resettlement (VPR) Programme.<sup>544</sup>

On 21 April 2016, the UK government announced that with the support of the UNHCR, the UK plans to resettle up to 3,000 people from the Middle East and North Africa over the next year.<sup>545</sup> Specifically, the scheme targets vulnerable refugee children at risk of certain kinds of abuses and exploitations, and their families.<sup>546</sup> This plan is in addition to the 20,000 Syrian refugees that UK government previously committed to resettle under the Persons Resettlement Scheme (VPRS).<sup>547</sup>

On 4 May 2016, Prime Minister Cameron announced an initiative to resettle 3,000 unaccompanied asylum-seeking children from Greece, Italy and France.<sup>548</sup> This scheme will prioritize children that are at risk of trafficking or exploitation.<sup>549</sup>

On 24 May 2016, the UK government pledged an additional GBP30 million to support the education of refugee children at the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul.<sup>550</sup> At the summit, the

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<sup>541</sup> UK to invest an extra £1.2 billion supporting Syria and the region, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 19 February 2016. <https://www.supportingsyria2016.com/news/uk-to-invest-an-extra-1-2-billion-supporting-syria-and-the-region/>.

<sup>542</sup> Annex: Co-host's statement annex: fundraising, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 8 February 2016. Access Date: 18 February 2016. <https://www.supportingsyria2016.com/news/co-hosts-statement-annex-fundraising/>.

<sup>543</sup> UK to invest an extra £1.2 billion supporting Syria and the region, Supporting Syria & the Region Conference (London) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 19 February 2016. <https://www.supportingsyria2016.com/news/uk-to-invest-an-extra-1-2-billion-supporting-syria-and-the-region/>.

<sup>544</sup> Common Library Briefing: Syrian refugees and the UK response, UK Parliament (London) 10 June 2016. Access Date: 12 July 2016. <http://researchbriefings.parliament.uk/ResearchBriefing/Summary/SN06805#fullreport>.

<sup>545</sup> New scheme launched to resettle children at risk, Home Office (London) 21 April 2016. Access Date: 11 July 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-scheme-launched-to-resettle-children-at-risk>.

<sup>546</sup> New scheme launched to resettle children at risk, Home Office (London) 21 April 2016. Access Date: 11 July 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-scheme-launched-to-resettle-children-at-risk>.

<sup>547</sup> New scheme launched to resettle children at risk, Home Office (London) 21 April 2016. Access Date: 11 July 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-scheme-launched-to-resettle-children-at-risk>.

<sup>548</sup> Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children to be released from Europe, Prime Minister's Office (London) 4 May 2016. Access Date: 11 July 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/unaccompanied-asylum-seeking-children-to-be-resettled-from-europe>.

<sup>549</sup> Unaccompanied asylum-seeking children to be released from Europe, Prime Minister's Office (London) 4 May 2016. Access Date: 11 July 2016. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/unaccompanied-asylum-seeking-children-to-be-resettled-from-europe>.

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UK government also urged other countries and donors to support the Grand Bargain, an agreement to enhance the efficiency of the international humanitarian aid system, so that refugees benefitting from this program could more directly receive financial aid.<sup>551</sup>

In 2015, the UK contributed USD262 million to the UNHCR.<sup>552</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD60,426,068 in 2016.<sup>553</sup>

The UK has taken actions to further strengthen its support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection for refugees and IDPs.

Thus, the United Kingdom has received a score of +1.

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### **United States: +1**

The United States has fully complied with its commitment to strengthen its support for direct and indirect efforts to provide protection to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 23 November 2015, the US government pledged USD4 million in humanitarian aid for Sahrawi refugees after flooding in the Sahrawi refugee camps in Tindouf, Algeria.<sup>554</sup> This contribution will assist the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the World Food Program (WFP) and the UN Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF)<sup>555</sup> in their efforts to rebuild infrastructure and replace food rations.<sup>556</sup>

On 4 December 2015, the US government pledged approximately USD24 million in humanitarian aid to the UNHCR to assist refugees across Europe to overcome the winter.<sup>557</sup>

On 13 January 2016, Secretary of State John Kerry announced that the US will now include people "from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Honduras" in the US Refugee Admissions Program.<sup>558</sup> The US

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<sup>550</sup> UK leads new approach to prevent and respond to crises at the first-ever World Humanitarian Summit, Department for International Development (London) 24 May 2016. Access Date: 11 July 2016.

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<sup>551</sup> UK leads new approach to prevent and respond to crises at the first-ever World Humanitarian Summit, Department for International Development (London) 24 May 2016. Access Date: 11 July 2016.

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<sup>552</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>553</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>554</sup> The U.S. Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Sahrawi Refugees in Response to Severe Floods, The White House, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 23 November 2015. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2015/11/249915.htm>.

<sup>555</sup> The U.S. Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Sahrawi Refugees in Response to Severe Floods, The White House, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 23 November 2015. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2015/11/249915.htm>.

<sup>556</sup> The U.S. Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Sahrawi Refugees in Response to Severe Floods, The White House, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 23 November 2015. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2015/11/249915.htm>.

<sup>557</sup> The U.S. Pledges Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Refugees and Migrants in Europe, The White House, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 4 December 2015. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2015/12/250346.htm>.

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committed to work with the UN to create safe centres in certain Latin American states to process refugees and spare them the journey to US borders.<sup>559</sup>

On 4 February 2016, the US government pledged approximately USD601 million in humanitarian aid to IDPs, refugees, and others dealing with the consequences of the war in Syria.<sup>560</sup> On the same day, the US also committed USD290 million in development aid to Jordan and Lebanon to improve their education systems and benefit “all students, including Syrian refugees.”<sup>561</sup>

On 10 March 2016, the US government pledged over USD31 million in response to the political crisis in Burundi.<sup>562</sup> The UNHCR and WFP will use these funds to help provide basic necessities and increase protection for refugees and IDPs in the region.<sup>563</sup>

On 28 March 2016, the US government committed USD20 million in emergency assistance for refugees in Europe.<sup>564</sup> The funds will support the “UNHCR’s Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan for Europe,” the International Federation of the Red Cross’s “revised Emergency Appeal for Greece,” and the United Nations Population Fund’s “Initial Response Plan for Refugee and Migrant Women and Girls in South-Eastern Europe.”<sup>565</sup>

On 30 March 2016, the US government contributed USD10 million to the UNHCR for refugee resettlement.<sup>566</sup> The US also restated its promise to resettle 100,000 refugees by the end of 2017, including 10,000 refugees from Syria this year.<sup>567</sup>

On 8 April 2016, the US government announced USD155 million in aid for IDPs, refugees, and others dealing with the conflict in Iraq.<sup>568</sup> Through organizations such as the UNHCR and

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<sup>558</sup> Refugee Resettlement in the United States, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 13 January 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/01/251176.htm>.

<sup>559</sup> U.N. to Help U.S. Screen Central American Migrants, Julia Preston, David M. Herszenhorn and Michael D. Shear, The New York Times (New York) 12 January 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <http://www.nytimes.com/2016/01/13/us/politics/un-to-help-us-screen-central-american-migrants.html>.

<sup>560</sup> New U.S. Assistance to Respond to Syria Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/02/252113.htm>.

<sup>561</sup> New U.S. Assistance to Respond to Syria Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 4 February 2016. Access Date: 10 March 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/02/252113.htm>.

<sup>562</sup> United States To Provide Additional \$31 Million To Support Humanitarian Assistance for Burundi Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 10 March 2016. Access Date: 22 April 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/03/254606.htm>.

<sup>563</sup> United States To Provide Additional \$31 Million To Support Humanitarian Assistance for Burundi Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 10 March 2016. Access Date: 22 April 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/03/254606.htm>.

<sup>564</sup> The United States Provides an Additional \$20 Million in Response to Europe Refugee and Migration Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 28 March 2016. Access Date: 22 April 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/03/255212.htm>.

<sup>565</sup> The United States Provides an Additional \$20 Million in Response to Europe Refugee and Migration Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 28 March 2016. Access Date: 22 April 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/03/255212.htm>.

<sup>566</sup> The United States Announces Additional Pledges in Support of Syrian Refugees, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington), 30 March 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/03/255304.htm>.

<sup>567</sup> The United States Announces Additional Pledges in Support of Syrian Refugees, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington), 30 March 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/03/255304.htm>.

<sup>568</sup> New Humanitarian Assistance for Iraq, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 8 April 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/04/255613.htm>.

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UNICEF, this funding will be used to help provide basic necessities, offer education and other services for children, and enhance preparedness efforts for the possible flooding of the Mosul Dam.<sup>569</sup>

On 14 April 2016, the US government pledged USD421 million in humanitarian aid for the UNHCR's "2016 global appeal" to support its refugee protection work around the world.<sup>570</sup>

On 17 April 2016, the US government pledged USD29 million in assistance for refugees and IDPs from the now settled Malian crisis.<sup>571</sup> Through organizations including the UNHCR and WFP, the funds will be used to offer emergency services in Mali and neighboring countries.<sup>572</sup>

On 19 April 2016, the US government contributed approximately USD40 million in humanitarian aid for IDPs, refugees and others in the Lake Chad Basin region faced with the conflict in Nigeria and violence of Boko Haram.<sup>573</sup> The funding will be used to offer lifesaving services and resources, provide protection, and continue access to asylum in the region.<sup>574</sup>

On 27 April 2016, the US government pledged over USD86 million in humanitarian aid to Sudanese refugees, IDPs and others affected by the conflict in South Sudan.<sup>575</sup> The funds will be used to provide basic necessities including medical care and to support agricultural practices.<sup>576</sup>

On 20 May 2016, the US government pledged over USD28 million in humanitarian aid to those affected by the conflict in Ukraine, including IDPs.<sup>577</sup> This figure includes USD12 million for organizations such as UNICEF to provide support including "cash benefits to help displaced families," USD5 million to the WFP for food support and USD11 million to organizations including the International Organization for Migration to provide basic necessities.<sup>578</sup>

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<sup>569</sup> New Humanitarian Assistance for Iraq, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 8 April 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/04/255613.htm>.

<sup>570</sup> The United States Contributes \$421 Million to the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 14 April 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/04/255835.htm>.

<sup>571</sup> United States Provides Additional \$29 Million in Humanitarian Assistance for Malian Regional Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 17 April 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/04/255887.htm>.

<sup>572</sup> United States Provides Additional \$29 Million in Humanitarian Assistance for Malian Regional Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 17 April 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/04/255887.htm>.

<sup>573</sup> United States Provides Additional \$40 Million for Lake Chad Basin Humanitarian Response, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 19 April 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/04/255959.htm>.

<sup>574</sup> United States Provides Additional \$40 Million for Lake Chad Basin Humanitarian Response, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 19 April 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/04/255959.htm>.

<sup>575</sup> United States Announces Additional Humanitarian Assistance for the People of South Sudan, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 27 April 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/04/256623.htm>.

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<sup>577</sup> United States Announces More Than \$28 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Ukraine Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 20 May 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/05/257464.htm>.

<sup>578</sup> United States Announces More Than \$28 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Ukraine Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 20 May 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/05/257464.htm>.

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On 10 June 2016, the Migrants in Countries in Crisis Initiative released a publication that was headed by the US and the Philippines.<sup>579</sup> Entitled “Global Guidelines to Protect Migrants in Countries Experiencing Conflict or Natural Disaster,” the publication offers best practices to protect refugees and save lives in crisis situations in a non-discriminatory way, including discrimination based on immigration status.<sup>580</sup>

On 20 June 2016, the US Department of State and Coursera, an online education provider, released “Coursera for Refugees.”<sup>581</sup> The program aims to facilitate access to education for refugees by providing “fee waivers” for Coursera online courses.<sup>582</sup> US embassies will also offer live discussion groups in some of the classes.<sup>583</sup>

On 21 June 2016, the US government pledged USD20 million to support the UNHCR’s emergency response efforts in the city of Fallujah and throughout Iraq.<sup>584</sup> The priorities of the response include to support refugee camps, and offer protection and basic necessities to refugees, IDPs and other conflict-affected people.<sup>585</sup>

On 7 July 2016, the US government announced an additional USD23 million in humanitarian aid for those burdened by the conflict in Ukraine.<sup>586</sup> Administered through projects by the UNHCR and other international organizations, the funding will be used to provide basic necessities and support.<sup>587</sup>

On 12 July 2016, the US government pledged approximately USD439 million in humanitarian aid in response to the war in Syria.<sup>588</sup> This includes USD130 million for the UNHCR’s work to protect Syrian refugees and IDPs, USD88 million for UNICEF’s programs for children, USD25 million to support Palestinian refugees who were residing in Syria through the UN Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), USD18 million to the World Health Organization (WHO) for health care, and USD17 million to assist the WFP to offer food support.<sup>589</sup>

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<sup>579</sup> The United States and the Philippines Launch Global Guidelines to Protect Migrants, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 13 June 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/06/258415.htm>.

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<sup>581</sup> Coursera for Refugees Launches for World Refugee Day, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 20 June 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/06/258661.htm>.

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<sup>584</sup> New Humanitarian Assistance for Iraq, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 21 June 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/06/258941.htm>.

<sup>585</sup> New Humanitarian Assistance for Iraq, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 21 June 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/06/258941.htm>.

<sup>586</sup> United States Announces Nearly \$23 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Ukraine Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 7 July 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/07/259415.htm>.

<sup>587</sup> United States Announces Nearly \$23 Million in Additional Humanitarian Assistance for Ukraine Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 7 July 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/07/259415.htm>.

<sup>588</sup> U.S. Humanitarian Assistance in Response to the Syrian Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 12 July 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/07/259622.htm>.

<sup>589</sup> U.S. Humanitarian Assistance in Response to the Syrian Crisis, Office of the Spokesperson (Washington) 12 July 2016. Access Date: 18 July 2016. <http://www.state.gov/r/pa/prs/ps/2016/07/259622.htm>.

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On 26 July 2016, the US government announced an expansion of a two-year program to accept refugees from El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, as well as a program to accept child refugees.<sup>590</sup> Of the 9,500 minors that have applied for refugee state in the US in recent months from the three countries, only 2,884 applicants have been approved, and a few hundred have entered the US.<sup>591</sup> The programs also allow asylum seekers to apply for refugee status while residing in their home country.<sup>592</sup>

In 2015, the US contributed USD1,352,454,631 to the UNHCR.<sup>593</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed USD712,883,023 in 2016.<sup>594</sup>

The US has increased both direct and indirect support for the protection of refugees.

Thus, the US has received a score of +1.

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### **European Union: +1**

The European Union has fully complied with its commitment to further strengthen support for all direct and indirect efforts to provide protection to refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs).

On 24 November 2015, the EU announced the creation of a Facility for Refugees in Turkey to coordinate a total amount of EUR3 billion for 2016-2017 to provide new financial resources from both the EU budget and from assigned revenues of Member States to ensure that the needs of refugees and host communities are addressed in a comprehensive and coordinated manner in Turkey.<sup>595</sup> The creation of the Facility for Refugees in Turkey thus represents a substantial increase of EU funding for refugees in the country compared to previous levels.<sup>596</sup>

On 25 November 2015, the European Commission announced it would quadruple its current funding for education in emergencies to 4 per cent of the EU's humanitarian aid budget.<sup>597</sup>

On 14 December 2015, the European Commission and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) launched a scheme to provide 20,000 reception places for asylum seekers and relocation candidates in Greece through housing subsidies.<sup>598</sup> Under the scheme, the European

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<sup>590</sup> U.S. expands refugee program for Central American Families, Los Angeles Times (Washington) 26 July 2016. Access Date: 28 July 2016. <http://www.latimes.com/nation/la-na-refugees-20160726-snap-story.html>.

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<sup>593</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>594</sup> Donor Profiles, UNHCR (Geneva) 19 July 2016. Access Date: 1 August 2016. <http://reporting.unhcr.org/donor-profiles?y=2015>.

<sup>595</sup> EU-Turkey Cooperation: A €3 billion Refugee Facility for Turkey, European Commission (Brussels) 24 November 2015. Access Date: 4 July 2016. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-15-6162\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-6162_en.htm).

<sup>596</sup> EU-Turkey Cooperation: A €3 billion Refugee Facility for Turkey, European Commission (Brussels) 24 November 2015. Access Date: 4 July 2016. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-15-6162\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-6162_en.htm).

<sup>597</sup> EU to support over 2,300,000 children in 42 countries with education in emergency situations, European Commission (Brussels) 5 April 2016. Access Date: 4 July 2016. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-16-1224\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-1224_en.htm).

<sup>598</sup> European Commission - Press release, UNHCR (Athens) 14 December 2015. Access Date: 28 July 2016. <http://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2015/12/566eac399/european-commission-unhcr-launch-scheme-provide-20000-reception-places.html>.

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Commission is providing EUR80 million.<sup>599</sup> The announcement follows from a commitment made by Greece and the UNHCR during a meeting in October 2015.<sup>600</sup>

On 16 December 2015, the European Commission adopted its humanitarian aid budget for 2016. With nearly EUR1.1 billion as an initial allocation, it is the highest EU humanitarian budget for life-saving relief in manmade and natural disasters to date.<sup>601</sup> In keeping with guidance of the European Council of 23 September 2015, the budget includes a further EUR300 million to address the essential needs of people affected by crisis in Syria and Iraq. Together with EUR200 million already contracted in 2015, the Commission will thereby have delivered on its commitment to provide an extra EUR500 million over 2015-16 to help meet the humanitarian needs of the refugee crisis.<sup>602</sup>

On 17 December 2015, the European Commission released EUR5 million in new humanitarian assistance to help the increasing number of Burundian refugees.<sup>603</sup> The additional support brings total Commission humanitarian aid to help the Burundian people to EUR14 million in 2015.<sup>604</sup>

On 19 December 2015, the European Commission released EUR13 million in emergency funding to Serbia and Macedonia for refugee support.<sup>605</sup> Throughout December 2015, it granted further emergency funding packages to Sweden, Finland, and Belgium.<sup>606</sup>

On 21 December 2015, the European Commission increased its humanitarian aid to South Sudan by EUR20 million to save lives and protect livelihoods during emergencies, in particular for displaced and conflict-affected people.<sup>607</sup>

On 21 January 2016, the EU announced that it will provide EUR77 million in humanitarian aid for the Horn of Africa for 2016, almost 90 per cent of which will provide life-saving and emergency aid to refugees and IDPs in the region.<sup>608</sup>

On 4 February 2016, the EU pledged EUR2.4 billion during the Supporting Syria and the Region conference to assist Syrian people inside Syria as well as refugees and the communities hosting them

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<sup>599</sup> European Commission - Press release, UNHCR (Athens) 14 December 2015. Access Date: 28 July 2016. <http://www.unhcr.org/news/press/2015/12/566eac399/european-commission-unhcr-launch-scheme-provide-20000-reception-places.html>.

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<sup>603</sup> EU Provides €5 million in humanitarian aid for the Burundian crisis, European Commission (Brussels) 17 December 2015. Access Date: 16 July 2016. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-15-6349\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-15-6349_en.htm).

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<sup>608</sup> EU announces €77 million in humanitarian aid for the Horn of Africa for 2016, European Commission (Brussels) 21 January 2016. Access Date: 16 July 2016. [http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release\\_IP-16-108\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-16-108_en.htm).

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in the neighbouring countries.<sup>609</sup> The European Investment Bank also offered EUR12.5 billion to Jordan, Lebanon, Egypt and Turkey over the next five years.<sup>610</sup>

On 4 March 2016, the EU announced its first projects under the Facility for Refugees in Turkey programme, pledging EUR95 million in education and humanitarian assistance to Syrian refugees in Turkey.<sup>611</sup>

On 18 February 2016, the EU agreed to provide humanitarian assistance to the countries neighbouring Syria and stressed the need to take immediate actions.<sup>612</sup>

On 15 March 2016, the European Council adopted a regulation to provide emergency support within the Union for the next three years to respond to the influx of refugees and migrants.<sup>613</sup> The regulation makes EUR300 million available for 2016 to provide emergency assistance to EU member states who are overwhelmed financially and operationally.<sup>614</sup> This will be followed by an additional EUR200 million in 2017 and 2018, respectively.<sup>615</sup>

On 18 March 2016, Turkish Prime Minister Ahmet Davuto lu signed an agreement with the EU.<sup>616</sup> The agreement stated that all irregular migrants travelling from Turkey to Greece would be returned to Turkey with expenses paid by the EU and that for every Syrian returned to Turkey, a Syrian from Turkey would be resettled in an EU member state.<sup>617</sup>

On 5 April 2016, the European Commission announced a EUR52 million humanitarian aid package aimed at creating educational projects for children in emergency situations in 2016.<sup>618</sup> The package reflects the Commission's prior commitment to allocate 4 per cent of its humanitarian aid budget to education.<sup>619</sup> The funding will support over 2.3 million children in 42 countries around the world and be targeted at regions where children are at a higher risk of not attending-school or having their

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education disrupted, including the Middle East (especially Syria and Iraq), East, Central and West Africa, Asia, Ukraine, Central America and Colombia.<sup>620</sup>

On 6 April 2016, the European Commission presented options for reforming the Common European Asylum System and creating safe routes for legal migration to Europe.<sup>621</sup> The Commission identified five priority areas where the system should be improved, including establishing a sustainable and fair system for determining the member state responsible for asylum seekers, achieving greater convergence and reducing asylum shopping, preventing secondary movements within the EU, creating a new mandate for the EU's asylum agency, and reinforcing the Eudrac system.<sup>622</sup> The European Commission has continuously worked to improve its asylum system, having adopted three implementation packages in 2015.<sup>623</sup>

On 7 June 2016, the European Commission adopted an Integration Action Plan for Third-Country Nationals, which outlines a set of actions ranging from education to non-discrimination and social inclusion, with a particular emphasis on inclusive education, common EU values, and reaching out to young people.<sup>624</sup> The purpose of the Plan is to support the resettlement of newly-arrived refugees.<sup>625</sup>

On 30 June 2016, the European Commission proposed to mobilize an additional EUR1.4 billion in support for refugees in Turkey, raising the total amount of allocated funds under the EU-Turkey deal to EUR2 billion by the end of July.<sup>626</sup>

On 13 July 2016, the European Commission adopted legislation completing its reform of the Common European Asylum System.<sup>627</sup> Specifically, it adopted three new legislative proposals to harmonize the asylum procedures in all member states, set uniform standards for the recognition of persons in need of protection and the rights granted to beneficiaries of international protection, and further harmonize reception conditions in the EU to ensure the dignified treatment of all applicants.<sup>628</sup>

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Also on 13 July 2016, the European Commission proposed to create an EU Resettlement Framework to establish a common European policy on resettlement to ensure the safety for persons in need of international protection.<sup>629</sup> The framework will be implemented through annual EU resettlement plans and establish a common set of standard procedures for the selection and treatment of resettlement candidates.<sup>630</sup> To support member state's resettlement efforts under the framework, the European Commission will provide EUR10,000 from the EU budget for each person resettled.<sup>631</sup> The funds will be allocated from the EU's Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund.<sup>632</sup>

On 14 July 2015, the European Commission announced EUR145 million in humanitarian aid for 7 countries in Africa's Sahel region.<sup>633</sup> Of the EUR145 million, EUR29 million will be allocated to IDPs in Niger<sup>634</sup> and EUR58.2 million to support IDPs in the Lake Chad region in Africa, bringing the overall EU funding for the Sahel region to over EUR203 million in 2016.<sup>635</sup>

On 20 July 2016, the EU announced EUR194 million in aid to support IDPs in Iraq at the International Pledging Conference in Washington.<sup>636</sup>

On 23 July 2016, the European Commission announced new humanitarian aid projects worth EUR104 million to help IDPs in Iraq as part of its overall aid package announced at the International Pledging Conference in Washington.<sup>637</sup> The money will provide food, health care, water, sanitation and hygiene and protection and shelter.<sup>638</sup> It will be provided to organizations such as UN agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and international organizations.<sup>639</sup>

On 28 July 2016, the European Commission adopted a EUR1.4 billion Special Measure to support Syrian refugees in Turkey, as part of the EU-Turkey deal.<sup>640</sup> The money will support education, health, infrastructure and social and economic support, bringing the total amount mobilized to

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EUR2.155 billion out of the foreseen EUR3 billion under the deal.<sup>641</sup> A further EUR79 million was also contracted to a number of partners for humanitarian aid projects, including nongovernmental organizations, international organizations and UN agencies.<sup>642</sup> Furthermore, the European Commission also announced EUR40 million in humanitarian assistance to support IDPs in South Sudan.<sup>643</sup>

While in 2015, the EU committed to relocate 160,000 asylum seekers and resettle over 22,000 people in need of international protection within two years,<sup>644</sup> as of 13 July 2016, a total of 3,056 persons have been relocated, 8,268 persons have been resettled, and 802 Syrians have been resettled under the EU-Turkey agreement.<sup>645</sup>

In 2015, the EU contributed USD191,578,405 to the UNHCR.<sup>646</sup> As of 1 August 2016, it has contributed 282,037,679 in 2016.<sup>647</sup>

The EU has made direct and indirect efforts to further strengthen its support for refugee and IDP protection.

Thus, the European Union has received a score of +1.

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