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Do. Or do not. There is no try. – Strengthening multilateral efforts to empower refugees

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Noting that:

- Still more than 50 million people in the world have been forced to flee their country because of war, poverty or unwarranted and arbitrary prosecution.
- Millions of refugees have to spend months or years in temporary settlements that are not equipped for long-term stays.
- Not providing education for refugees is a missed opportunity; leaving them uneducated and unskilled can delay the return of peace to their countries.

Considering that:

- Seeking and enjoying asylum in other countries is a human right and the international community has the responsibility to protect and help refugees.
- The cross-border nature of irregular migration and human trafficking requires transnational and multilateral approaches.
- All 193 member states of the UN recognized the need for a comprehensive approach to human mobility and enhanced cooperation at the global level in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants
- Cooperation and harmonization in the field of migration policies benefits refugees and global peace and stability alike.
- Education is a human right and the key to sustainable development.

The International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) calls for:

- UN member states to honor their commitments in the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants by strengthening global governance of migration and develop comprehensive approaches to help refugees



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- UN member states to provide sufficient financing for the UNHCR to built sustainable capacities to deal with current and future refugees.
- UNHCR to provide education facilities within refugee camps in order to allow refugees to start or continue education and vocational training as well as offer postgraduate professional education and language courses for refugees who are about to be resettled to another country
- UNHCR and UNICEF to facilitate partnerships between established schools and universities and educational facilities in refugee camps as well as to promote ongoing initiatives that provide access to online courses or blended learning for refugees
- The World Bank and other development banks to set up start-up programs that offer mentoring, networks, financial resources and office space for eligible refugees with business ideas in order to encourage them to become entrepreneurs.
- The EU in cooperation with other international organizations to provide for a legal and safe alternative to irregular migration, in order to prevent smuggling, human trafficking and fatal accidents on the sea, for example by making it possible to start the asylum procedure outside of the receiving states' territories.
- The international community to effectively address root causes of irregular migration by increasing the commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals and the effort to end wars and conflicts.