



# **World Humanitarian Summit Commitments**

## **Cyprus**

### **2019**

## Individual commitments

### **1A** Demonstrate timely, coherent and decisive political leadership

#### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Cyprus commits to further deepening the trilateral formats of cooperation that has established with Greece and with Israel, Jordan and Egypt respectively. Through constant political engagement with its neighbours in a particularly tumultuous region, as well as through the promotion of trilateral projects in diverse areas such as energy, shipping, tourism, education etc with the active participation of the private sector, it seeks to promote a regional environment of collaboration, common interests and shared perspective on the future.	Policy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	149011
Cyprus commits to use its excellent neighborly relations in the Eastern Mediterranean in acting as an honest broker and as facilitator between parties to regional and bilateral disputes.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	149017

### **1B** Act early

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Cyprus commits to encourage the Secretary-General to use his prerogative under Article 99 of the Charter to brief the Security Council proactively on emerging issues.	Advocacy	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	149009
Cyprus will actively use early warning findings to identify, address and defuse critical risks before they deteriorate into intractable conflicts by using preventive diplomacy tools such as good offices, Peace and Development Advisors, groups of contact and mediation.	Operational	Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts	149021

## **2A** Respect and protect civilians and civilian objects in the conduct of hostilities

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Cyprus commits to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects, including sites and monuments constituting cultural heritage, especially in the conduct of hostilities, and to upholding and promoting the implementation of relevant provisions of international humanitarian law.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	149014

## **2C** Speak out on violations

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Cyprus pledges its full support to the United Nations in efforts to mainstream human rights in all areas of work of the Organisation, including development, peace and security and humanitarian affairs and commits to actively engage in the implementation of the Human Rights Up Front Action Plan.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	149019
Cyprus will actively support increased efforts to track, collect data, and report on trends of alleged violations of and gaps in compliance with international humanitarian law.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	149020

## **2D** Take concrete steps to improve compliance and accountability

### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Cyprus commits to enact and implement national legislation outlawing all forms of sexual and gender-based violence and ensuring the right of victims/survivors to an effective remedy, according to the Istanbul Convention which Cyprus has signed.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	149008

Cyprus commits to promote implementation of the Code of Conduct regarding Security Council action against genocide, crimes against humanity or war crimes and encourages member states which have not yet done so, to join the Code of Conduct.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	149015
Cyprus declares its support for the Code of Conduct on mass atrocities.	Policy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	149018



## Uphold the rules: a global campaign to affirm the norms that safeguard humanity

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Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Cyprus will continue to promote universal adherence and the full national implementation of the Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court, also in its capacity as co-focal point of the Assembly of States Parties of the ICC for achieving universality and full implementation of the Rome Statute. Cyprus will also continue to support and encourage other States to ratify the Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the ICC (APIC) and the amendments to the Rome Statute adopted in Kampala which reinforce the Rome Statute system. In pursuing these goals, Cyprus commits to organize meetings and events and to promote initiatives in cooperation with other stakeholders.	Operational	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	149023

<p>Cyprus will enhance its efforts to raise awareness and enhance effective international cooperation, in the framework of the UN, the Council of Europe, as well as other relevant international fora, on the important issue of the destruction of cultural heritage during armed conflicts, which constitutes an aggravating factor in armed conflict and may also present major obstacles to dialogue, peace and reconciliation. It will continue to promote these positions at the UN in New York and in Geneva and promote a greater role for the Human Rights Council in this issue, through the adoption of Joint Statements and Resolutions, as well as seminars and events both in Geneva and in Cyprus, whilst actively supporting the work of the Special Rapporteur in the field of Human Rights.</p>	Advocacy	Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity	149025
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### **Reduce and address displacement**

#### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
By 2018, Cyprus will direct a minimum of 5% of its international assistance and financing towards national and local systems that address the needs of IDPs, refugees and host communities.	Financial	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	149001

Cyprus commits to a new approach to address forced displacement that not only meets immediate humanitarian needs but reduces vulnerability and improves the resilience, self-reliance and protection of refugees and IDPs. Cyprus commits to implement this new approach through coherent international, regional and national efforts that recognize both the humanitarian and development challenges of displacement, whilst acknowledging that enabling the return of IDPs to their homes and communities in conditions of safety and normality remains the ultimate priority.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	149003
Cyprus will continue to ensure refugee legal rights to a secure stay, including through adequate, safe and dignified reception conditions and robust registration.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	149022
Cyprus will continue to provide access to quality education, at all levels, to all internally displaced and refugee children and youth within three months of displacement.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	149024
Cyprus will work internationally and regionally toward achieving a concrete outcome at the upcoming High Level meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants (New York, 19 September 2016).	Advocacy	Leave No One Behind	149026

### **Empower and protect women and girls**

#### Individual Commitments

Commitment Description	Commitment Type	Core Responsibility	Commitment ID
Cyprus commits that funding, including pooled funds, is allocated only to funding actions that explicitly include a gender analysis with sex and age disaggregated data by 2018.	Financial	Leave No One Behind	149002

Cyprus commits to contribute in ensuring that women and girls access equally to humanitarian programs, and especially to education, by devoting a percentage of its humanitarian budget for displaced people, to funding education programs with a special emphasis on women and girls.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	149006
Cyprus commits to request the Secretary-General to mandate that all Secretary-General Reports and any briefings to the Council from a UN or non-governmental agency include sex and age disaggregated data and take into account findings and recommendations on women's rights and gender equality by human rights bodies and mechanisms.	Policy	Leave No One Behind	149016

### **3E Eliminate gaps in education for children, adolescents and young people**

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Cyprus commits to contribute in ensuring that women and girls access equally to humanitarian programs, and especially to education, by devoting a percentage of its humanitarian budget for displaced people, to funding education programs with a special emphasis on women and girls.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	149006
Cyprus will continue to provide access to quality education, at all levels, to all internally displaced and refugee children and youth within three months of displacement.	Operational	Leave No One Behind	149024

### **4B Anticipate, do not wait, for crises**

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Cyprus commits to achieve the Sendai Framework target to increase people's access to multi-hazard Early Warning Systems, and disaster risk information and assessments by 2030, including through initiatives, such as the Climate Risk Early Warning Systems.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	149004
Cyprus commits to create national preparedness strategies and/or partnerships to strengthen national and local emergency management systems for natural disasters, which include inclusive contingency plans for response and recovery that set out clear lines of responsibility, triggers for early action, and pre-committed finance, and include, when regional and global support is required, in what form and how it will be coordinated.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	149007
Cyprus commits to enhance countries preparedness, and accelerate this initially in twenty of the most at-risk countries, so they reach a minimum level of readiness by 2020.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	149010
Cyprus commits to make freely available global earth observations and forecasts needed to help protect lives through better informed disaster early warning, response and recovery planning.	Operational	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	149012
Cyprus commits to make the private sector an integral part of all natural disaster response and recovery planning, and to promote business continuity.	Partnership	Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need	149013

## Invest in local capacities

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By 2018, Cyprus will direct a minimum of 5% of its international assistance and financing towards national and local systems that address the needs of IDPs, refugees and host communities.	Financial	Leave No One Behind Invest in Humanity	149001
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## **Diversify the resource base and increase cost-efficiency**

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Cyprus commits to bringing forward a transformation of its own humanitarian system, by designing a National Humanitarian Policy Plan, which will review the follow up on the commitments expressed at the WHS and include 5 year strategic planning of Cyprus' humanitarian assistance. It will also ensure that organisational structures and internal processes foster coherence between humanitarian and development actors; allocate a minimum of 5% of humanitarian financing to unearmarked funding; allocate a minimum of 10% of humanitarian financing to supporting hosts in coping with large refugee caseloads; ensure that ODA increasingly contributes in reducing the risks of man-made and natural disasters by linking climate change with disaster risk reduction efforts.	Financial	Invest in Humanity	149005

# Core Commitments

## Political Leadership to Prevent and End Conflicts

### POLITICAL LEADERSHIP TO PREVENT AND END CONFLICTS

- Commit to improve prevention and peaceful resolution capacities at the national, regional and international level improving the ability to work on multiple crises simultaneously.
- Commit to address root causes of conflict and work to reduce fragility by investing in the development of inclusive, peaceful societies.
- Commit to make successful conflict prevention visible by capturing, consolidating and sharing good practices and lessons learnt.

## Uphold the Norms that Safeguard Humanity

### UPHOLD THE NORMS THAT SAFEGUARD HUMANITY

- Commit to promote and enhance respect for international humanitarian law, international human rights law, and refugee law, where applicable.
- Commit to promote and enhance the protection of civilians and civilian objects, especially in the conduct of hostilities, for instance by working to prevent civilian harm resulting from the use of wide-area explosive weapons in populated areas, and by sparing civilian infrastructure from military use in the conduct of military operations.
- Commit to ensure all populations in need receive rapid and unimpeded humanitarian assistance.
- Commit to promote and enhance efforts to respect and protect medical personnel, transports and facilities, as well as humanitarian relief personnel and assets against attacks, threats or other violent acts.
- Commit to speak out and systematically condemn serious violations of international humanitarian law and serious violations and abuses of international human rights law and to take concrete steps to ensure accountability of perpetrators when these acts amount to crimes under international law.

## Leave No One Behind

### LEAVING NO ONE BEHIND - A COMMITMENT TO ADDRESS FORCED DISPLACEMENT

- Commit to collectively work towards a Global Compact on responsibility-sharing for refugees to safeguard the rights of refugees, while also effectively and predictably supporting States affected by such movements.

### WOMEN AND GIRLS: CATALYZING ACTION TO ACHIEVE GENDER EQUALITY

- Ensure universal access to sexual and reproductive health and reproductive rights as agreed in accordance with the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development and the Beijing Platform for Action and the Outcome documents of their review conferences for all women and adolescent girls in crisis settings.
- Ensure that humanitarian programming is gender responsive.

## Change People's Lives: From Delivering Aid to Ending Need

### NATURAL DISASTERS AND CLIMATE CHANGE: MANAGING RISKS & CRISES DIFFERENTLY

- Commit to accelerate the reduction of disaster and climate-related risks through the coherent implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, as well as other relevant strategies and programs of action, including the SIDS Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA) Pathway.
- Commit to reinforce national and local leadership and capacities in managing disaster and climate-related risks through strengthened preparedness and predictable response and recovery arrangements.
- Commit to improve the understanding, anticipation and preparedness for disaster and climate-related risks by investing in data, analysis and early warning, and developing evidence-based decision-making processes that result in early action.