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Implementing the Agenda for Humanity

The Agenda for Humanity is a five-point plan that is directed towards major global leaders and humanitarian actors to address the world's most serious crises. The agenda advocates for numerous paths of solution through five core responsibilities: political leadership to prevent and end conflicts; the upholding of norms that safeguard humanity, including the international humanitarian law; the mobilization of action to achieve gender equality within all nations; addressing the issue of forced displacement as well as improving the self reliance and protection of those directly affected; substantially increasing and diversifying international support and distribute resources for humanitarian assistance.

The Agenda for Humanity and its core framework was first introduced as part of the Report: One Humanity, Shared Responsibility during the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016. At the Summit, countless number of member states, local and international NGOS, and stakeholders demonstrated their overwhelming support for the Agenda and what it represents. Furthermore, more than a dozen of initiatives, partnerships, and alliances were either created or strengthened to implement it in reality. Yet despite its comprehensive plan, strong framework, and extensive list of allegiances, we must question its effectiveness and analyze how different it will be from any other treaties or resolutions that have been created before. Although the intent of the agenda may be similar, its application and implementation into the real world will define it as a success or an unnecessary failure.

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