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**Question: Do you think that developed countries in Europe and north American are protecting the rights of the refugee**

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The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has called out to the European union for change for robust refugee.

The UNHCR document highlighted two comprehensive opportunities to show leadership which can be better in protecting refugees in Europe and abroad which were; moving ahead with sustainable asylum reform and providing more support for the countries taking in refugees. The agency also proposed the fair and fast asylum procedures, she purposed that it need to be established quickly and also said that the establishment will be for refugees who needs international protection and who does not. that people who are eligible for protection should quickly be granted status and receive support for integration, and those not eligible for any form of protection should be helped to return.

The UNHCR also advised that there will be need to ensure a truly common and workable asylum system, with the unreasonable number of asylum claim the members of the European union claims to receive. The agency advised advance work on an effective solidarity mechanism, including through relocation arrangement, prioritizing family union to both countries which will serve six months each in the presidency.

Revitalized financial support is needed with the 85% of the world’s refugees hosted in the neighboring countries and developing countries. UNHCR called on the presidencies to ensure increase and expand funding, to further support host countries and help forcibly displaced people rebuild their lives.

The events of the past year highlights the need for a renew asylum system in the European union. This system would provide access to territory, allocated responsibility for asylum seekers among EU member states, register and receive new arrivals properly, and ensure that EU members states are equipped to meet the task building on elements of the existing common Europe asylum system and some of the reforms proposed by the commissions. UNHCR proposed a simple system that could also potentially save cost. This system would guarantee the rights to asylum, enhance security screening, facilitate the efficient management of populations movements and would include some element which includes

* An efficient system for returns
* A distribution mechanism for EU member’s states under pressure
* Prioritization of family reunion
* A common registration system
* Incentives for compliances with new system
* A common approach to unaccompanied and separate children

Since 1999, the European union has been working to create a common European asylum system and improve the current legislative framework.

Between 1999-2005 several legislative measures balancing common minimum standards for asylum were adopted

In 2001 the temporary protection directive allowed the EU response to the mass influx of displaced persons unable to return to their country of origin.