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**Ninth Meeting of  
The Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP)  
LAS Headquarters, 29-30/5/2023**

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The Arab Regional Consultative Process on Migration and Refugee Affairs (ARCP) held its Ninth ordinary meeting at LAS Headquarters on 29-30 May 2023. The meeting was attended by representatives of Arab Member States from concerned ministries of migration and refugee affairs, as well as representatives of the Regional offices of UNHCR and the IOM.

The meeting was opened by an opening speech from H.E. Ambassador Dr. Haifa Abu-Ghazaleh, Assistant Secretary-General, Head of Social Affairs Sector, followed by a presentation by Minister plenipotentiary Mrs. Enas El Fergany, Director of Refugees, Expatriates and Migration Affairs Department (LAS), who briefed Member States on the efforts undertaken by the ARCP Secretariat in implementation of the 2022/2023 workplan.

The first day of the meeting focused on updating Member States on the follow up and review process of the Global Compact on Refugees (GCR) and preparations for the Second Global Refugee Forum (GRF) to take place in Geneva in December 2023, where the UNHCR briefed the Member States on this topic and had a fruitful discussion with them. The following session was dedicated to Member States to present their follow up and review efforts on the GCR and the pledges made during the First GRF which took place in December 2019.

On its second day, the ARCP meeting discussed the Migration related targets of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. The IOM and LAS Sustainable Development and International Cooperation department gave presentations on this topic, followed by open discussions with Member States' representatives.

A statement was adopted at the end of the meeting by Member States on the Second GRF and was delivered to the UNHCR as a contribution from the ARCP. The participants also agreed on the ARCP communiqué issued on occasion of the World Refugee Day (20 June 2023).