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Excellency,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the Intergovernmental Conference, as well as their preparatory process.

Following the first round of intergovernmental negotiations of the process, held on 20, 22 and 23 February, we would like to take this opportunity to share with you the programme of work for the second round of intergovernmental negotiations, scheduled to take place from 12 to 15 March in the Trusteeship Council Chamber, at the United Nations Headquarters in New York.

The next draft will be circulated no later than 5 March 2018. It will be a “zero draft plus”, consisting primarily of linguistic and technical updates based on the comments from the first round. Following the first full reading of the text, we are convinced that more discussions are needed around some key issues. In this light, and in accordance with the announcement of 23 February, the second round of intergovernmental negotiations will be structured to allow all Member and Observer States to outline their thoughts and rationales behind ideas around the following areas:

- 1) Differentiation between irregular and regular
- 2) Differentiation between migrants and refugees
- 3) Implementation and capacity building
- 4) Follow-up and review

Accordingly, we foresee three days for in depth discussion on the above items and the final day dedicated to a reading of the text.

In thanking all delegations for their active participation throughout the first round, we wish to reiterate that we remain available to answer any questions that you may have.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

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