



THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

24 August 2017

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 27 July 2017 concerning the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, I have the pleasure to enclose herewith a note on the organization of work for the Fifth Informal Thematic Session titled "Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims". The session will take place on 4-5 September 2017, in Vienna, Austria. The venue is Vienna International Centre, Plenary Room.

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

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'P. Thomson'.

Peter Thomson

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and Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration

**Fifth Informal Thematic Session:**  
**“Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery,  
including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and  
trafficking victims”<sup>1</sup>**

**Vienna, 4-5 September 2017**  
**Vienna International Centre, Plenary Room**

Organization of work

*Day1: Monday, 4 September 2017*

Time	Concept
10.00-10.15	<b>Opening segment</b> Welcoming remarks by the co-facilitators <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico to the United Nations</li><li>▪ H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations</li><li>▪ Remarks by Ms. Louise Arbour, Secretary-General of the intergovernmental conference</li></ul>
10.15-13.00	<b>PANEL 1: Smuggling of migrants</b> This panel will examine actions taken and gaps in responses to the smuggling of migrants. Panellists will discuss: implementation of the definition of smuggling of migrants and the related obligations and commitments at international law; the range of stakeholders involved in investigating and prosecuting criminal actors, preventing smuggling of migrants and assisting and protecting smuggled migrants; national and cross-border coordination and cooperation, including between State and non-State actors; the challenges and opportunities of a framework seeking to both combat the smuggling of migrants and protect the rights of smuggled migrants; and the preventive impact of measures such as the availability of pathways for regular migration, or coordinated cross-border action against transnational smuggling networks. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Ms. Gabriella E. Sanchez, Senior Research Fellow, Migration Policy Centre, European University Institute</li><li>▪ Mr. Mark Shaw, Director, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime</li><li>▪ Mr. Jorgen Carling, Research Professor, Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO)</li></ul>

<sup>1</sup> For further information, see:

- General concept note - Global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. Phase I - consultations (April to November 2017) (<http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/member-states>)

- Procedural note and the SRSG's issues brief for the fifth thematic session (<https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/smuggling-and-trafficking-migrants>)

	Moderator: H.E. Mr. Rafael Mariano Grossi, Ambassador of Argentina to Austria and Permanent Representative to International Organisations in Vienna	
13:00-15:00	Lunch	Space for Side Events
15.00-18.00	<p><b>PANEL 2: Trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery</b></p> <p>This panel will explore the crime of human trafficking including for sexual exploitation, forced labour, servitude and slavery, and related exploitative practices. This panel will examine actions taken and gaps in responses to trafficking in persons. Panellists will discuss: implementation of the definition of trafficking in persons and the related obligations and commitments at international law; the range of stakeholders involved in investigating and prosecuting criminal actors, preventing trafficking in persons and protecting its victims; national and cross-border coordination and cooperation, including between State and non-State actors; the challenges and opportunities of a framework seeking to both combat trafficking in persons and protect the rights of trafficking victims; and the preventive impact of measures such as risk assessment of re-victimization or re-trafficking in developing counter-trafficking responses, or initiatives to address exploitative labour practices within supply chains, or consumer-based action against products or services resulting from trafficked labour.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Anne T. Gallagher, Academic Adviser, Doughty St Chambers</li> <li>• Ms. Gulnara Shahinyan, Expert on slavery and trafficking in persons and founder and chair of Democracy Today</li> <li>• Mr. Mohamed Y. Mattar, Clinical Professor of Law and Director of the Law Clinic, Qatar University College of Law</li> </ul> <p>Moderators: H.E. Ms. Elisabeth Tichy-Fisslberger, Director General for Legal and Consular Affairs at the Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs of Austria, and H.E. Mr. Andrew Goledzinowski, Ambassador for People Smuggling and Human Trafficking for Australia</p>	

*Day 2: Tuesday, 5 September 2017*

Time	Concept
10.00-13.00	<p><b>PANEL 3: Appropriate identification, protection, and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims</b></p> <p>This panel will examine concrete measures undertaken to enhance protection and assistance of trafficking victims and smuggled migrants, as migrants in vulnerable situations. The panel would focus in particular on issues of (a) identification and referral, such as ensuring an adequate capacity amongst all relevant actors and the availability of information and related resources to migrants regarding rights, access and the extent of various forms of assistance and support; (b) protection, such as ensuring the non-criminalisation of trafficked persons and smuggled migrants, or that specialised responses are linked with a broader protection framework including child protection and asylum procedures, and (c) assistance, including that access to support measures is not made conditional upon cooperation with State criminal justice authorities. The panel will provide examples of tools, highlight specific forms</p>

	<p>of protection and assistance and the roles of various actors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ms. Maria Grazia Giammarinaro, Judge and Special Rapporteur on trafficking in persons, especially women and children</li> <li>▪ Ms. Bandana Pattanaik, International Coordinator, Global Alliance Against Trafficking in Women (GAATW)</li> <li>▪ Ms. Hassiba Hadj Sabraoui, Humanitarian Affairs Advisor, Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF)</li> </ul> <p>Moderators: H.E. Mr. Leigh Turner, Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations in Vienna and United States (representative tbc)</p>	
13:00-15:00	Lunch	Space for Side Events
15.00-17.50	<p><b>SUMMARY PANEL: Synopsis of the main conclusions and outcomes</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Moderators present the key recommendations resulting from their panels</li> <li>▪ Ms. Joy Ngozi Ezeilo, Professor of Law, Department of Public Law, Faculty of Law, University of Nigeria, thematic expert provides a short overview of the main discussions and the interlinkages between the panels</li> <li>▪ Interactive exchange between the moderators, the thematic expert and Member States on the outcomes of the session</li> </ul>	
17.50-18.00	Closing remarks by the co-facilitators	