This Intergovernmental Conference is convened under the auspices of the General Assembly of the United Nations and held pursuant to resolution 71/1 of 19 September 2016, entitled “New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants”, which decided to launch a process of intergovernmental negotiations leading to the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration. The modalities for the Conference were further elaborated in resolutions 71/280 of 6 April 2017 and 72/244 of 24 December 2017.

SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE CONFERENCE: Ms. Louise Arbour, UN Special Representative for International Migration, Secretariat of the United Nations, New York

LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION: The Intergovernmental Conference will be held at the highest political level, including Heads of State or Government.

OUTCOME: The adoption of an intergovernmentally negotiated and agreed outcome, entitled “Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration”, for which the negotiations shall be concluded by July 2018, in accordance with its resolution 71/280.

EXPECTED PARTICIPANTS:

1. All States Members of the United Nations and all members of specialized agencies that have observer status with the General Assembly
2. Intergovernmental organizations and other entities having received a standing invitation to participate as observers, and organizations and bodies of the United Nations to participate as observers
3. Other interested intergovernmental organizations that apply to the General Assembly for accreditation to the Conference, in accordance with the procedure followed in previous United Nations conferences. (More information will be available on Conference website soon. Application deadline is 30 September 2018)
4. Non-governmental organizations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council that have registered with the UN Secretariat
5. Non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, academic institutions, the private sector, diaspora communities and migrant organizations that have applied for special accreditation to attend the Conference and received no objection from Member States. Apply on conference website by 26 March 2018.
6. National human rights institutions compliant with the Paris Principles are invited to register in order to participate in the Conference. (Online registration will be available through the conference website)
7. Associate members of UN regional commissions
8. Representatives of the specialized agencies and related organizations and representatives of interested United Nations organs

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