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Excellency,

We 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.

We are already halfway into the intergovernmental negotiations, and we wish to express our gratitude to all delegations for their dedicated and substantive engagement in the first three rounds of negotiations. We trust that delegations will remain committed in the remaining three rounds. We look forward to constructive debates that will lead to a successful outcome reflecting the collective aspiration of the international community relating to strengthened governance of international migration in all its dimensions.

With a view to the upcoming fourth round to take place from 14-18 May 2018, in Conference Room 2, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, we are pleased to inform you about the programme of work.

We will start by finishing the reading of the Draft Rev 1, from objectives 17 to 22, as well as implementation and follow-up and review. Then, similar to the second round of negotiations, the remaining time will be used for in-depth discussions on a number of issues in need of further clarification.

In recognition of the common ambition to shape an actionable and practice-oriented Global Compact, we ask delegations to focus on desired results and public benefits in the deliberation of the following migration policy areas:

- International cooperation and capacity-building
- Pathways for regular migration/regularization
- Natural disasters, climate change and migration
- Fundamental human rights and spectrum of services
- Concept of firewalls
- Integration/contributions of irregular migrants
- Effective and efficient cooperation on return

Delegations are invited to address any outstanding issues that merit further deliberation under any of the above-mentioned areas. In their statements, we encourage delegations to exemplify the purpose and intended outcomes of policy recommendations that should be reflected in the Global Compact, including by drawing on best practices.

A concept note on the capacity-building mechanism is attached to this letter and serves as a basis for discussion. This note lays out proposed essential elements of a capacity-building mechanism as an instrument to facilitate the implementation of the objectives outlined in the Global Compact. It builds on the following considerations:

1. Connect with and capitalize on existing expertise, initiatives and resources, and avoid unnecessary duplication
2. Demand-driven and flexible mechanism for targeted and solution-oriented support, including through peer-to-peer exchange
3. Lean, agile and cost-effective support structure at global level
4. Leverage multi-agency implementation building on comparative advantages in the UN system
5. Promote multi-stakeholder involvement

Kindly note that during this round of negotiations, two informal dialogues with stakeholders will be held on Tuesday, 15 May and on Friday, 18 May from 9:00-10:00 am respectively, in Conference Room 2. Member States are invited to participate and benefit from the inputs by non-governmental partners.

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



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