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Excellency,

Please find attached letter dated 29 April 2016 from Her Excellency Dina Kavar, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations and His Excellency David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, in their capacity as co-facilitators of the high-level meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly to address the large movements of refugees and migrants.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kamal Amakrane'.

Kamal Amakrane  
Officer-in-Charge

To All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York



Permanent Mission of Jordan  
to the United Nations



Buan-Mhisean na hÉireann chun na Náisiun Aontaithe  
Permanent Mission of Ireland to the United Nations

New York, 29 April 2016

Excellency,

We have the pleasure in forwarding a revised version of the draft resolution on modalities for the high-level meeting on 19 September 2016 on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants.

This draft will be considered at the next informal meeting, which will take place at 10.00 a.m. on Thursday May 5 in the Trusteeship Chamber. Attached to the draft is a list of revised themes for the interactive multistakeholder round tables.

Bearing in mind the acute time constraints for the opening session, and while noting the suggestions made for additional speakers at our last meeting, we believe it is preferable to envisage a shorter list of speakers at that segment.

We hope that it will be possible to make progress at the meeting on 5 May with a view to agreement on the draft resolution and on the themes for the interactive multistakeholder round tables.

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

HE Dina Kawar  
Permanent Representative of the  
Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations

HE David Donoghue  
Permanent Representative of  
Ireland to the United Nations

All Permanent Representatives and  
Permanent Observers to the United Nations  
New York

**Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly**

**High-Level Plenary Meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants on 19 September 2016**

The General Assembly,

*Recalling* its decision 70/539 of 22 December 2015, in which it decided to convene a one-day high-level meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly on addressing large movement of refugees and migrants, on 19 September 2016,

1. *Decides* that:

- (a) The high-level meeting on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants shall consist of a plenary meeting and six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables and that the organisational arrangements will be as follows:
  - (i) The plenary meeting will be held from 8.30 a.m. to 8p.m.;
  - (ii) Round tables 1, 2 and 3 will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
  - (iii) Round tables 4, 5 and 6 will be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;
  - (iv) The high-level meeting will be co-chaired by the President of the General Assembly and the President of the General Assembly at its seventieth session.
- (b) The opening plenary meeting will feature statements of up to five minutes each by the President of the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly at its seventieth session, the Secretary General, the President of the World Bank Group, a member of the migrant community, a member of a refugee community, a representative of civil society and a representative of the private sector.
- (c) The outcome document for the High-Level Meeting will be adopted during the plenary meeting.
- (d) The plenary meeting will hear statements, if necessary in parallel sessions of equal status, by Member States, Observer States and intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, the list of speakers to be established in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practices of the General Assembly and the time limit for these statements to be three minutes.
- (e) The themes for each of the six round tables will be as follows (*please see attached*):

- (i) Round table 1 will focus on ...;
  - (ii) Round table 2 will focus on ...;
  - (iii) Round table 3 will focus on ...;
  - (iv) Round table 4 will focus on ...;
  - (v) Round table 5 will focus on ...;
  - (vi) Round table 6 will focus on ...;
- (f) Each interactive multi-stakeholder round table will be presided over by two co-chairs, to be appointed by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with regional groups and with due regard for geographical balance.
- (g) The time limit for statements by participants in the interactive multi-stakeholder round tables will be five minutes.
- (h) Each interactive multi-stakeholder round table will reserve at least two seats for non-governmental actors.
- (i) The Secretary General will deliver closing remarks which will include a summary of the plenary debate as well as of the interactive multi-stakeholder round tables;
2. *Invites* Member States, Observer States and intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly to be represented at the highest possible level;
3. *Also invites* the United Nations system, including programmes, funds, specialized agencies and regional commissions, relevant special rapporteurs, special representatives and special advisers, as well as the Bretton Woods institutions to participate in the high-level meeting including in the interactive multi-stakeholder round tables and preparatory process;
4. *Also invites* non-governmental organisations that are in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to register with the Secretariat in order to participate in the high-level meeting including in the interactive multi-stakeholder round tables and preparatory process;
5. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of other relevant representatives of relevant non-governmental organisations, civil society organisations, academic institutions and the private sector who may participate in the plenary meeting and interactive round tables, taking into account the principles of transparency and of equitable geographical representation, and with due regard to the

meaningful participation of women, and to submit the list to Member States for their consideration on a non-objection basis<sup>1</sup>;

6. *Requests* the President of the General Assembly, as part of the preparatory process for the High-Level Meeting, to organize, no later than July 2016, and to preside over, a one-day informal interactive multistakeholder hearing, which would be attended by representatives of Member States, Observer States and intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, as well as by non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, invited civil society organizations and the private sector; and further requests the President to prepare a summary of the hearings;
7. *Decides* that the members of refugee and migrant communities who will make statements in the opening session of the plenary meeting may be selected by the President of the General Assembly during the informal interactive multistakeholder hearing, in consultation with the Secretary General and with Member States;
8. *Decides* that the representatives of civil society and the private sector who also will make statements in the opening session of the plenary meeting, and who will participate in the roundtables, may be selected by the President of the General Assembly in consultation with Member States during the informal interactive multistakeholder hearing;
9. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly to provide for open, transparent and inclusive intergovernmental negotiations among all Member States with a view to agreeing an outcome document for the high-level meeting, these negotiations to be led by the co-facilitators of the high-level meeting;
10. *Decides* that:
  - (a) the process of intergovernmental negotiations on the outcome document will be in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practices of the General Assembly;
  - (b) the initial draft of the outcome document will be prepared by the co-facilitators on the basis of views provided by Member States;
  - (c) the relevant stakeholders including major groups, civil society, scientific and knowledge institutions, parliaments, local authorities and the private sector will be able to contribute views. The intergovernmental nature of the negotiations, however, will be fully respected;

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<sup>1</sup> The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly, noting the general basis of any objections

11. *Envisages* that these negotiations will give due consideration, inter alia, to the forthcoming report of the Secretary General on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants, as well as relevant summits and high-level meetings.

## Annex: Themes for roundtables

- 1. Addressing the root causes of large movements of refugees**  
Regional instability; violent conflicts; forced displacement; internally displaced persons; prevention and preparedness.
- 2. Assessing drivers of large movements of migrants and the positive contribution of migrants**  
Climate change; natural disasters; social and economic causes including poverty and inequality; good governance and rule of law; promoting the positive contribution of migrants; impact on development; cultural impact.
- 3. International action and cooperation on refugees and migrants; the way ahead**  
Realizing the 2030 agenda for sustainable development as it relates to refugees and migrants; Secretary General's report recommendations; World Humanitarian Summit follow-up; strengthening of crisis management at the global level; dialogue within and between regions to promote cooperation on refugees and migrants; partnerships between countries of origin, transit and destination; improved IOM-UN relationship; exchange of best practices.
- 4. Responsibility sharing for refugees and respect for international law**  
Strengthening international cooperation, humanitarian and development assistance to refugee-hosting countries; implementing international refugee law; strengthen cooperation between countries of origin, transit and destination; promoting legal pathways for admission; support for host governments and communities; protracted displacement; resilience; self-reliance; resettlement; integration; access to education, health-care and livelihoods; re-admission; xenophobia; non-refoulement.
- 5. Global compact for safe, regular and orderly migration: towards realizing the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development and realizing the human rights of migrants**  
Human rights; protection gaps within the legal frameworks; ensuring non-discrimination and inclusion; xenophobia; marginalized groups; promoting the development of voluntary guidelines for the treatment of vulnerable migrants.
- 6. Addressing vulnerabilities in transit for refugees and migrants**  
Protection in transit, reception and arrival; human rights; unaccompanied minors; women and children in vulnerable situations; smuggling; human trafficking; public perceptions; respect for international law.