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The Secretary-General of the United Nations presents his compliments to the Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations and has the honour to invite the representatives of their Governments to attend a high-level side event on "Strengthening cooperation on migration and refugee movements under the new development agenda", which will take place at United Nations Headquarters on Wednesday, 30 September 2015, from 3 to 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

The high-level side event will provide a unique opportunity for global leaders to bring together different policy areas related to migration and refugee flows, and discuss enhanced cooperation across these areas. These include the implementation of migration and integration policies, the creation of adequate channels for orderly, safe and regular migration with full respect for human rights, the humanitarian admission of refugees, and the improvement of cooperation and effectiveness in law enforcement operations aimed at combatting transnational organized crime.

A concept note for this high-level side event is enclosed. Background documentation is available on the event's website at the following link: http://www.un.org/en/development/desa/population/migration/events/ga/2015/index.html The full programme for the event will be uploaded to the site as soon as it is finalized.

The Permanent Representatives and Permanent Observers to the United Nations are invited to inform Ms. Lourdes Quiogue, the point of contact at the Executive Office of the Secretary-General, of the names and titles of the representatives of their Governments who may wish to make a statement at this high-level side event, by e-mail at quiogue@un.org.

The Secretary-General of the United Nations avails himself of this opportunity to renew to Permanent Representatives of Member States and to the Permanent Observers of Non-Member States to the United Nations the assurances of his highest consideration..

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