

THE PRESIDENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

21 July 2016

Excellency,

The General Assembly, by its decision 70/539 of 22 December 2015, decided to convene, on 19 September 2016, a High Level Meeting of the General Assembly on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants.

In accordance with the General Assembly resolution A/RES/70/290 which outlined the modalities of the High Level Meeting, there will be a plenary meeting and six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables. Each round table will normally be presided over by two co-chairs. The same resolution requested me to appoint co-chairs of the round tables in consultation with regional groups and with due regard for geographical balance.

The themes of the six round tables are as follows:

Round table 1: Addressing the root causes of large movements of refugees;

Round table 2: Addressing drivers of migration, particularly large movements, and highlighting the positive contributions of migrants;

Round table 3: International action and cooperation on refugees and migrants and issues related to displacement: the way ahead;

Round table 4: Global compact for responsibility-sharing for refugees; respect for international law;

Round table 5: Global compact for safe, regular and orderly migration: towards realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achieving full respect for the human rights of migrants;

Round table 6: Addressing vulnerabilities of refugees and migrants on their journeys from their countries of origin to their countries of arrival;

Round tables 1, 2 and 3 will be held in parallel, each running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and round tables 4, 5 and 6 will be held in parallel, each running from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

I invite the Chairs of the Regional Groups to nominate two co-chairs for the above-mentioned round tables by providing following information by 8 August 2016.

i) Name of Country

ii) Name of Head of State or Head of Government

iii) Preferred Round Table

iv) Focal point at the Permanent Mission with contact information.

In case there is a high level of interest among Member States to co-chair the round tables, I will explore ways to accommodate the wish of Member States.

My Office remains at your disposal if any additional information is needed. Mr. Ramis Sen (<u>sen1@un.org</u>, Phone:+19173676943) and Ms. Wen Li (<u>li34@un.org</u>, Phone: 9173673421) can be contacted to that regard.

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

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