



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

11 May 2016

Excellency,

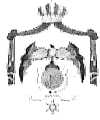
Please find attached letter dated 11 May 2016 from Her Excellency Dina Kavar, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations and His Excellency David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, in their capacity as co-facilitators of the high-level 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 dark ink, appearing to read 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

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



Permanent Mission of Jordan
to the United Nations



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

New York, 11 May 2016

Excellency,

We are writing to confirm that the next informal meeting on the organisational modalities for the high-level meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants will take place on Friday, 13 May at 3pm in Conference Room 1. (Due to competing demands that day, unfortunately it may not be possible to have interpretation facilities.)

We attach a revised draft of the modalities resolution and roundtable themes. This will be considered at the informal on Friday (i.e. it is not being circulated under silence procedure). An issue which we are considering at present is the desirability of providing additional time for the high-level meeting in order to enable all member states to intervene in the plenary. One option, as you are aware from our most recent draft, is to provide for the plenary meeting to be held simultaneously in two chambers, if necessary. Another would be to provide an additional day for the high-level meeting.

We look forward to fruitful discussions of this and any other outstanding issues at the meeting on Friday with a view to reaching final agreement there on the text of the draft resolution. We will propose on Friday a new date for moving to the substantive part of our negotiations.

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

HE Dina Kavar
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 on 19 September 2016 a high-level meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants,

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 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 in parallel, each running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
 - (iii) Round tables 4, 5 and 6 will be held in parallel, each running 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 session of the plenary meeting will feature statements of up to three minutes each by the President of the General Assembly, the President of the General Assembly at its seventieth session, the Secretary General, the High Commissioner for Refugees, the Director General of the International Organization for Migration, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Representative of the Secretary General for International Migration, the President of the World Bank Group, a member of a 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 simultaneously in two chambers, 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:

- (i) Round table 1 will focus on addressing the root causes of large movements of refugees;
- (ii) Round table 2 will focus on addressing drivers of large movements of migrants and highlighting the positive contribution of migrants;
- (iii) Round table 3 will focus on international action and cooperation on refugees and migrants: the way ahead;
- (iv) Round table 4 will focus on responsibility sharing for refugees and respect for international law;
- (v) Round table 5 will focus on a 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;
- (vi) Round table 6 will focus on addressing vulnerabilities of refugees and migrants on their journeys;

(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 with relevant expertise to register with the Secretariat in order to attend the high-level meeting and to participate 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 attend the high-level meeting and participate in the 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 basis¹;
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 hold open, transparent and inclusive intergovernmental negotiations with all Member States, through the appointed co-facilitators, with a view to agreeing an outcome document for the high-level meeting;
10. *Decides* that:

¹ The list of proposed as well as final names will be brought to the attention of the General Assembly. The source of the objection will be made known to the office of the President of the General Assembly. A Member State which is host to an organisation or representative to which an objection has been made, may request the Office of the President General Assembly to make known to it the source or the general basis of the objection relating to that organisation or representative.

- (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) relevant stakeholders including civil society, scientific and knowledge institutions, parliaments, local authorities and the private sector will be able to contribute views, in particular through informal dialogues to which they would be invited by the co-facilitators. The intergovernmental nature of the negotiations, however, will be fully respected;

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

Annex: Themes for roundtables – version 11 May 2016

1. Addressing the root causes of large movements of refugees

Examples include regional instability; armed conflicts; forced displacement (issue of internally displaced persons may be relevant).

Prevention and preparedness; conflict prevention and resolution; good governance.

2. Addressing drivers of large movements of migrants and highlighting the positive contribution of migrants

Social and economic causes including poverty and inequality; climate change; natural disasters; good governance and rule of law; highlighting the positive contribution of migrants and integrating migrants into host societies; 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; guiding principles of humanitarian assistance; 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; addressing human trafficking, smuggling and international criminal networks; 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 refugee situations; resilience; self-reliance; resettlement; integration; access to education, health-care and livelihoods; obligation of all States to re-admit their own nationals ; recognizing positive contribution of refugees and tackling xenophobia; non-refoulement.

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

Governance of international migration; 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 of refugees and migrants on their journeys

Protection across entire chain of movement including reception and arrival; human rights; unaccompanied minors; women and children in vulnerable situations; smuggling; human trafficking; public perceptions; respect for international law.