



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

27 May 2016

Excellency,

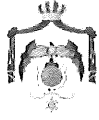
Please find attached letter dated 27 May 2016 from Her Excellency Dina Kavar, Permanent Representative of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the United Nations and His Excellency David Donoghue, Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations, in their capacity as co-facilitators of the high-level meeting of the plenary of the General Assembly to address 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



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

New York, 27 May 2016

Excellency,

The next informal meeting to prepare the high-level meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants will take place on Thursday, 2 June at 10am in Conference Room 4.

A revised draft resolution on modalities for the high-level meeting is attached. This takes account of points made at our last meeting on 13 May. Consultations are continuing on the footnote on OP6.

As previously signalled, the draft resolution will contain only the themes for the round tables and not the "key words". The latter will be finalised in light of points made at our last meeting and will be circulated separately to member states.

We very much hope that it will be possible to reach agreement on the draft resolution by next Thursday. We hope, accordingly, that it will be possible to move into the substantive phase of our work at that meeting and to begin reflections on the content of the outcome document. With that in mind, we will circulate in the next few days a short non-paper suggesting possible elements for inclusion in that document.

We will indicate next Thursday a tentative timetable for our substantive negotiations.

We look forward to a useful exchange of views and thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

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

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 opening plenary meeting will take place in the General Assembly Hall from 8:30a.m. to 9:30a.m.;
- (ii) Following the opening meeting, the plenary meeting will be held simultaneously in the ECOSOC Chamber and the Trusteeship Council Chamber from 9:30a.m. to 7.30 p.m.;
- (iii) Round tables 1, 2 and 3 will be held in parallel, each running from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
- (iv) Round tables 4, 5 and 6 will be held in parallel, each running from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.;
- (v) The closing plenary meeting will take place in the General Assembly Hall from 7:30pm to 8pm;

(b) (vi) 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. The opening 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 Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, 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 opening plenary meeting.

- (d) The plenary meeting will hear statements 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: addressing the root causes of large movements of refugees;
 - (ii) Round table 2: addressing drivers of migration, particularly large movements, and highlighting the positive contributions of migrants;
 - (iii) Round table 3: international action and cooperation on refugees and migrants and issues related to displacement: the way ahead;
 - (iv) Round table 4: global compact for responsibility-sharing for refugees; respect for international law;
 - (v) 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;
 - (vi) Round table 6: addressing vulnerabilities of refugees and migrants on their journeys from their countries of origin to their countries of arrival;

- (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, in consultation with Member States, to finalise the organisational arrangements for the high-level meeting;
6. *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;
7. *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 hearing;
8. *Decides* that the members of refugee and migrant communities who will make statements in the opening 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;
9. *Decides* that the representatives of civil society and the private sector who also will make statements in the opening plenary meeting, and who will participate in the roundtables, may be selected by the President of the General Assembly during the

¹ Footnote subject to further consultation

informal interactive multistakeholder hearing, in consultation with the Secretary General and with Member States;

10. *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;

11. *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) 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 will be invited by the co-facilitators. The intergovernmental nature of the negotiations, however, will be fully respected;

12. *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.