



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 April 2016

Excellency,

Please find attached letter dated 31 March 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 'Mogens Lykketoft', written in a cursive style.

Mogens Lykketoft

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



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY



Permanent Mission of Jordan
to the United Nations



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

New York, 31st March 2016

Excellency,

Thank you for your continued interest in the high-level meeting to address large movements of refugees and migrants, which will take place on 19 September 2016.

On the basis of the views expressed during our informal meetings on 2 and 18 March, we have prepared for your consideration the attached draft Decision of the General Assembly on its organisational modalities.

We have pleasure in confirming that a third informal meeting will be held on Thursday, 7 April 2016 at 3 p.m. in the ECOSOC Chamber at which we invite you to share your reaction to the attached draft. Please note that the attached also includes suggested themes for the envisaged round tables, based on proposals made by member states. It is our intention to reach early agreement on the modalities Decision.

We thank you for your support and look forward to your active participation on 7 April 2016.

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

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New York

Annexes: 2

Draft decision 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,

1. *Decides* that the organizational arrangements for the High-Level Meeting on 19 September 2016 on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants shall be as follows:

- (a) The high-level meeting will comprise a plenary meeting and up to six interactive multi-stakeholder round tables;
 - (i) The plenary meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 9 p.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.;
- (b) The opening session of the plenary meeting, which will last from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m., will feature statements by the President of the General Assembly at its seventieth session and the President of the General Assembly at its seventy-first session as co-chairs of the meeting, the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the Executive Director of UN Women on behalf of the Global Migration Group, the Director General of the International Organization for Migration, the President of the World Bank, two members of migrant and refugee communities, a representative of civil society and a representative of the private sector;
- (c) At the conclusion of the opening session, the outcome document for the High-Level Meeting will be adopted;
- (d) The plenary meeting will continue with statements by Member States, Observer States and observers, the list of speakers to be established in accordance with the rules of procedure and established practices of the General Assembly;
- (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 have 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 Deputy 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. *Also decides* that the rules of procedure and established practices of the General Assembly shall apply for the High-Level Meeting unless otherwise decided in the present Decision;
3. *Invites* Member States and Observer States and observers to be represented at the highest possible level;
4. *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 and the International Organization for Migration, and other relevant stakeholders, including the Global Forum on Migration and Development, regional organisations, parliamentarians, academia, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, and the private sector 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, 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 observers, 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;
6. *Invites* intergovernmental organizations and entities that have observer status with the General Assembly, non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council and representatives of non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations that have participated in previous relevant United Nations high-level dialogues to participate in the High-Level Meeting, including its interactive multi-stakeholder round tables;
7. *Decides* that representatives of non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, of civil society organizations and of the private sector, who would be selected (one from each grouping) during the informal interactive hearings in consultation with the President of the General Assembly, shall

also be included in the list of speakers for the plenary meeting of the High-Level Meeting;

8. *Also requests* the President of the General Assembly to provide for open, transparent and inclusive consultations among all Member States with a view to agreeing an outcome document for the High-Level Meeting, to be led by the Permanent Representatives of Jordan and Ireland as co-facilitators;
9. *Envisages* that these consultations will give due consideration, inter alia, to the forthcoming report of the Secretary General on addressing large movements of refugees and migrants.

Annex – roundtable themes

- 1. Prevention: Addressing root causes of large, irregular movements of refugees and migrants (natural disasters, climate change)**
- 2. Prevention: Addressing root causes of large, irregular movements of refugees and migrants (social, economic, conflict causes)**
- 3. Protection of refugees and migrants, particularly women and children in vulnerable situations and ensuring non-discrimination and inclusion, (promoting their human rights, integration)**
- 4. Protection of refugees and migrants, particularly women and children in vulnerable situations and ensuring non-discrimination and inclusion, (addressing protection gaps within legal frameworks, smuggling and human-trafficking, xenophobia)**
- 5. Responsibility-sharing and strengthening the resilience of refugees and host communities**
- 6. A global compact for safe, regular and orderly migration: towards realizing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development**