



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

19 October 2017

Excellency,

Further to my letter dated 28 September 2017, please find enclosed herewith a letter from the co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the global compact, the intergovernmental conference as well as their preparatory process, H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico and H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the United Nations.

The co-facilitators' letter transmits the Logistical Note for the stocktaking meeting of the preparatory process towards the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, to be held in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, on December 4-6, 2017. The Logistical Note is also available at: <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/stocktaking-phase>.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written in a cursive style.

Miroslav Lajčák

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



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Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations

New York, 18 October 2017

Excellency,

We are pleased to attach the “Logistical Note 1” for the stocktaking meeting of the preparatory process towards the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, to take place in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, from December 4 to 6.

This information complements the Preliminary Information Note, available at <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/stocktaking-phase>.

Inside, you will find information regarding travel, hotels, registration, and other matters. A supplementary note will be issued in November.

Please recall that a UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) to support the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular migration is available primarily to support the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries. Information on this trust fund is provided through the Office of the Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference on International Migration: <http://refugeesmigrants.un.org/travel-support>.

We will continue to provide the membership with updates and will convene an informal briefing on the meeting in the coming weeks. We look forward to welcoming you in Puerto Vallarta.

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

Juan José Gómez Camacho
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Mexico to the United Nations

Jürg Lauber
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Switzerland to the
United Nations

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GLOBAL COMPACT FOR SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR MIGRATION

Logistical Note 1

**Stocktaking meeting
Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico 4-6 December 2017**

DATES AND VENUE OF THE MEETING

The stocktaking meeting in the preparatory process towards a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration will take place on 4-6 December 2017 at the Puerto Vallarta International Convention Center.

Address:

Av. Paseo de las Flores N. 505
Col. Villa las Flores,
Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, México
<http://cicpuertovallarta.com>



ABOUT PUERTO VALLARTA

Puerto Vallarta Jalisco is located in a particularly dynamic area of the Mexican Pacific coast, with excellent infrastructure and air, maritime and ground connections. Its hospitality sector offers over 22,500 rooms with categories ranging from Luxury, Boutique, 5 stars to more traditional hotels that suit all budgets.

Puerto Vallarta is known, among other things, for the friendly, open and welcoming attitude of its local citizens who received visitors from abroad for many years.

Beyond the formal stocktaking meeting, delegates will be able to enjoy a variety of activities. To view the considerable list of tourism opportunities right in Puerto Vallarta, go to: <http://visitpuertovallarta.com>.



GETTING TO PUERTO VALLARTA

Travel by plane to Puerto Vallarta takes about one hour from Mexico City and two hours from Monterrey. Most of the Mexican airlines have direct flights. Furthermore, direct flights are also available from a number of international destinations, including the United States, Canada and Europe. The airport code is PVR.

Delegations are encouraged to arrive between Friday, 1 December and Sunday, 3 December in order to obtain accreditation documents and become familiarized with Puerto Vallarta in general and the hotel venues. The hotels are located a short taxi ride away from the airport.

The four suggested hotels are The Westin, the Velas Vallarta, the Marriott, and the Melia. Details are listed below.

A welcome booth will be at Puerto Vallarta International Airport to assist delegations and answer any immediate logistical questions, including those regarding the transportation.

REGISTRATION



As stated in the preliminary information note, access of national delegations to the meeting venue will be limited to a format of 1+3. A *note verbale* will be sent shortly containing all of the relevant information about registration. The process will be electronic in nature, as personalized badges will be issued for the meeting. It is foreseen that delegations may pick up their badges in New York or at the Westin Hotel in Puerto



Vallarta, where an accreditation center will be set up. As mentioned, more information will be circulated by the Secretary General of the Intergovernmental Conference on International Migration.

Registration is vitally important to attend the meeting. Only those who have the correct passes will be allowed on the buses that transport participants to and from the conference center as well as into the venue itself.

OFFICIAL ACCOMODATIONS FOR THE CONFERENCE

Puerto Vallarta has hundreds of hotels, but delegations are strongly encouraged to make their bookings at one of the following:

Hotel	Address Contact information and discount code Room rates un USD	Last day to make reservations
<p>The Westin Resort and Spa Puerto Vallarta</p> 	<p>Paseo de la Marina Sur #205. Marina Vallarta</p> <p>DISCOUNT CODE: <u>ONU/ONU03DEC</u></p> <p>Contact: Leticia Aguirre reservations.01090@westin.com Tel: + 52 (322) 226 1100 Ext. 4304/4305</p> <p>Rates: Includes breakfast Single Room: \$ 185.00 Double Room p/p: \$ 211.00</p>	<p>30 November</p>
<p>Velas Vallarta</p> 	<p>Paseo de la Marina Norte 585, Marina Vallarta,</p> <p>DISCOUNT CODE: <u>SREPV17 y/o G-1666</u> Tel MX: 01 800 831 2983 USA & Can: 1 (877) 519-2930</p> <p>Rates: Includes breakfast Single or double room: \$210.00</p>	<p>30 November, subject to availability</p>

<p>Marriot Puerto Vallarta Resort and Spa</p> 	<p>Paseo La Marina Norte 435, Marina Vallarta</p> <p>DISCOUNT CODE: <u>GRUPO ONU</u> Book your group rate for Grupo ONU</p> <p>Rates: Single room: \$162.00 Double room p/p: \$92.00</p>	<p>13 November, through the dedicated website linked here</p>
<p>Meliá Puerto Vallarta</p> 	<p>Paseo de la Marina Sur 7 Marina Vallarta,</p> <p>DISCOUNT CODE: <u>GRUPO ONU</u></p> <p>Contact: Daniel Soto Brito Tel: + 52 322 226 3029</p> <p>Rates: All inclusive Single room: \$173.00 Double room p/p: \$115.00</p>	<p>16 November</p>

IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES

All participants must possess valid travel documents and, when necessary, a visa for entry into Mexico. Delegations are encouraged to take care of visa arrangements in due time. Please note the following procedures to apply for a visa:

- Country nationals that **DO NOT** require a visa to enter Mexico:
http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Paises_No_Visa
- Country nationals that **REQUIRE** a visa to enter Mexico:
http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/Paises_Visa
- Are you a multiple-entry U.S. visa holder? Any holder of a U.S. visa valid multiple entry visa is exempt from obtaining a Mexican visa in advance. All others must apply for a Mexican visa directly through the nearest Mexican [Embassy](#) or [Consulate](#).
- Are you a permanent resident of Schengen Area, Japan or Canada? Residents of any of these countries do not require a visa.
- Visa requests should be submitted via the Mexican Embassy in each country's national capital, or the nearest Mexican Consulate (links above).

DRESS CODE

Business attire, guayabera, or national dresses are all acceptable for participation in the stocktaking meeting. Further details may be provided in Logistics note 2.

ACCESS AND TRANSPORTATION TO THE VENUE



Transportation to the meeting venue will be provided from pre-determined locations (one or more of the four official hotels) to the venue in the morning. Return transportation to the same locations will be provided in the evening. Dining options are available at the venue.

Again, only those with proper passes will be allowed onto the busses carrying participants to and from the venue. Anyone who arrives at the convention center without a pass will be sent to the registration center at the Westin Hotel to collect their pass.

LANGUAGES OF THE MEETING

All meetings in plenary will have simultaneous interpretation into all six official languages of the United Nations.

Subject to final confirmation, the action groups convened on 5 December (day two of the meeting) will have simultaneous interpretation into the official working languages of the United Nations (English and French), as well as the language of the host country (Spanish).

Interpretation services are provided by the United Nations.

SIDE EVENTS

No space will be provided at the conference venue for side events. This is to ensure that the focus remains on the stocktaking meeting itself. Governments, stakeholders and UN agencies that chose to host a side event during the days of the stocktaking meeting are strongly urged to do so only outside of the formal agenda times and in another location than the official meeting venue. The organizers request that any intended side events are registered with the Office of the Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference for International Migration.

GENERAL INFORMATION

- **Time zone:** Puerto Vallarta time zone is GMT - 6 (US Central time).

- **Weather:** Although December is technically winter in Puerto Vallarta, the weather is still mild thanks to the city's position so close to the Equator. The month is characterized by long, sun-filled days and minimal rainfall. Like the rest of the year, December sees temperatures that can reach 30°C and above during the hottest parts



of the day. On average, you can expect temperatures to remain around 23°C. At night the air cools down considerably, with average low temperatures of 15°C.

Average December Temperatures:

High °F	Low °F	High °C	Low °C
73	59	30	15

- **Exchange Rate:**
US\$1= 18.50 pesos (approx. subject to rate fluctuations)
Euro 1= 21.82 pesos (approx. subject to rate fluctuations)

International credit cards are accepted across the country. ATMs linked to major international credit cards like Visa, MasterCard or American Express are available at most bank branches in the city. Hotels also offer currency exchange services. Taxi services do not accept credit cards, so it is advisable to have Mexican Pesos at hand if taking a taxi locally.

- **Voltage:** Mexico's electricity runs at 110 Volts. Outlets are the same as those in the United States (dual flat prongs Figure I) or dual flat prongs with an earthed third prong (Figure II).

Figure I



Figure II



- **Taxes:** All purchases in Mexico are subject to a 16% VAT charge. This amount is included in advertised prices. For national and international commercial flights, airport tax is US\$17 or its equivalent in Mexican pesos. This tax is included in the price of the airline ticket.
- **Tipping:** Tips are not normally included in hotel charges, or in prices on restaurant menus. At restaurants, it is customary to tip 10% to 15% of the total bill.

ADDITIONAL UNOFFICIAL ACOMODATION

Other options in Marina Vallarta

Hotel	Address Contact information and discount code Room rates un USD	Last day to make reservations
<p>Holiday Inn Express</p> 	<p>Blvd. Francisco Medina Ascencio #3974 Col. Villa de las Flores</p> <p>DISCOUNT CODE: <u>Grupo ONU</u></p> <p>Contact Dalia Sánchez reservaciones@hiepvr.com Tel: +52 322 226 7765</p> <p>Rates: Includes breakfast Single or Double Room: \$80.22 + 19% tax</p>	<p>20 November</p>
<p>Comfort Inn</p> 	<p>Blvd. Francisco Medina Ascencio #3965 Fraccionamiento Marina Vallarta</p> <p>DISCOUNT CODE: <u>GRUPO ONU</u></p> <p>Contact Nallely Gomez Vázquez, Claudia García or Mayra Meza Ventas2@civallarta.com recepción@civallarta.com Tel: +52 322 226 7979</p> <p>Rates: Includes breakfast Single or double room: \$74.97</p>	<p>30 November</p>

<p>HILTON</p> 	<p>Av. De las Garzas 136-1 Zona Hotelera Norte</p> <p>DISCOUNT CODE: <u>ONUMIG</u></p> <p>Contact: PVRPV.reservations@hilton.com Tel: +52 322 1761177 OR 01 800 841 3654</p> <p>Rates: Includes breakfast Single Room: \$130.00 Double Room p/p: \$90.00</p>	<p>30 November, subject to availability</p>
<p>FIESTA AMERICANA</p> 	<p>Bld. Francisco Medina Ascencio km. 2.5</p> <p>DISCOUNT CODE: <u>G18P6B</u></p> <p>Contact Marco Arenas marco.arenas@posadas.com Maricruz Lorente Maricruz.llorente@posadas.com Tel: +52 322 226 21 00 ext. 172 & 341</p> <p>Rates: Includes breakfast Single Room: \$218.00 Double Room p/p: \$143.00 Triple Room p/p: \$109.00</p>	<p>24 November</p>
<p>Sheraton Baganvillas Resort & Convention Center</p> 	<p>Bld. Francisco Medina Ascencio #999. Zona Hotelera Las Glorias</p> <p>DISCOUNT CODE: <u>GRUPO ONU</u></p> <p>Contact reservas@sheratonvallarta.com.mx</p> <p>Rates: Breakfast included Single Room: \$169.00 Double Room: \$182.00</p>	<p>30 November</p>