



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

9 May 2018

Excellency,

Please find enclosed herewith a letter from H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez-Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico and H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland, co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the intergovernmental conference, as well as their preparatory process.

The co-facilitators' letter informs of the programme of work for the fourth round of negotiations which will be held from 14 to 18 May 2018 in Conference Room 2. The letter also transmits a concept note on the capacity building mechanism, proposed as an instrument to facilitate the implementation of the objectives outlined in the Global Compact.

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'M. Lajčák', written over a light blue circular stamp.

Miroslav Lajčák

All Permanent Representatives
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New York



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Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations

New York, 7 May 2018

Excellency,

We write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators to lead the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, the Intergovernmental Conference, as well as their preparatory process.

We are already halfway into the intergovernmental negotiations, and we wish to express our gratitude to all delegations for their dedicated and substantive engagement in the first three rounds of negotiations. We trust that delegations will remain committed in the remaining three rounds. We look forward to constructive debates that will lead to a successful outcome reflecting the collective aspiration of the international community relating to strengthened governance of international migration in all its dimensions.

With a view to the upcoming fourth round to take place from 14-18 May 2018, in Conference Room 2, at United Nations Headquarters in New York, we are pleased to inform you about the programme of work.

We will start by finishing the reading of the Draft Rev 1, from objectives 17 to 22, as well as implementation and follow-up and review. Then, similar to the second round of negotiations, the remaining time will be used for in-depth discussions on a number of issues in need of further clarification.

In recognition of the common ambition to shape an actionable and practice-oriented Global Compact, we ask delegations to focus on desired results and public benefits in the deliberation of the following migration policy areas:

- International cooperation and capacity-building
- Pathways for regular migration/regularization
- Natural disasters, climate change and migration
- Fundamental human rights and spectrum of services
- Concept of firewalls
- Integration/contributions of irregular migrants
- Effective and efficient cooperation on return

Delegations are invited to address any outstanding issues that merit further deliberation under any of the above-mentioned areas. In their statements, we encourage delegations to exemplify the purpose and intended outcomes of policy recommendations that should be reflected in the Global Compact, including by drawing on best practices.

A concept note on the capacity-building mechanism is attached to this letter and serves as a basis for discussion. This note lays out proposed essential elements of a capacity-building mechanism as an instrument to facilitate the implementation of the objectives outlined in the Global Compact. It builds on the following considerations:

1. Connect with and capitalize on existing expertise, initiatives and resources, and avoid unnecessary duplication
2. Demand-driven and flexible mechanism for targeted and solution-oriented support, including through peer-to-peer exchange
3. Lean, agile and cost-effective support structure at global level
4. Leverage multi-agency implementation building on comparative advantages in the UN system
5. Promote multi-stakeholder involvement

Kindly note that during this round of negotiations, two informal dialogues with stakeholders will be held on Tuesday, 15 May and on Friday, 18 May from 9:00-10:00 am respectively, in Conference Room 2. Member States are invited to participate and benefit from the inputs by non-governmental partners.

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



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Concept note – Capacity-building mechanism

Migration Solutions Mechanism

Proposed components and functions

- 1) **Connection Hub** – *facilitation of demand-driven, tailor-made and integrated solutions*
 - a) advising on, assessing and processing country requests for the development of solutions
 - b) identifying main implementing partners within the United Nations system, in line with comparative advantages and operational capacities
 - c) connecting the request to similar solutions for peer-to-peer exchange and potential replication, where existing and relevant
 - d) ensuring effective set-up for multi-agency and multi-stakeholder implementation
 - e) identifying funding opportunities, including by initiating the Start-up Fund
- 2) **Start-up Fund** – *initial financing for the realization of project-oriented solutions*
 - a) providing seed-funding, where needed, to jump start a specific project
 - b) to be complemented by other funding sources
 - c) open for financial contributions by Member States, the United Nations, international financial institutions, and other stakeholders, including the private sector and philanthropic foundations
- 3) **Global Knowledge Network** – *online open data platform / technology solution*
 - a) serving as a repository of existing evidence, practices and initiatives
 - b) facilitating the accessibility to knowledge and sharing of solutions

Proposed institutional support

- 1) Located at global level for effective coordination and overview
- 2) Anchored within the United Nations system, while building upon existing initiatives and fostering cooperation with other partners
- 3) Leading and coordinating role of IOM for the Connection Hub, in cooperation with other relevant United Nations entities to ensure coherent, system-wide implementation
- 4) Country-level multi-agency set-up, in line with the UNDS Reform, to facilitate implementation and capacity-building at national and subnational levels
- 5) Administration of the Start-up Fund to ensure effective and transparent allocation of funding