



PERMANENT MISSION OF BANGLADESH TO THE UNITED NATIONS



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Excellency,

We write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators to the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations to determine the precise modalities and organizational aspects of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) and articulate how the contributions of the regional review and other relevant processes will inform the Forums, as a means to strengthen the overall effectiveness and the consistency of the follow-up and review outlined in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Paragraph-49 of the same Compact further envisioned IMRF as a global platform where Member States would be able to review its implementation progress and guide the direction of the United Nation's work.

To fulfill this assignment, we, as co-facilitators, would like to convene inter-governmental consultations at the United Nations Headquarters to engage with the Member States. The first of these informal consultations would take place on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2019, 3:30 pm – 6:00 pm at Conference Room-3.


With a view to have focused discussion, we have designed following opening questions:


- (I) How would you envisage the architecture of IMRF in order to preserve its voluntary nature and maintaining a 360-degree approach to migration?
- (II) How to keep IMRF modalities practical and purpose-oriented?
- (III) How IMRF could best incorporate inputs from regional levels and GFMD?

These opening questions are suggestions from our side to kick-off a more structured discussion on IMRF modalities. But our consultation should not be limited to finding the answers of these questions. Member States are encouraged to bring additional elements through their innovative interventions and comments. Based on your ideas and comments, we will frame the zero draft. We would appreciate receiving written inputs from you in timely manner throughout this process.

We envisage an open, transparent and all-inclusive intergovernmental consultation and negotiation process that should conclude by the end of June' 2019, before commencement of this year's High-level Political Forum. As co-facilitators, we would also engage with other stakeholders as appropriate. A more detailed calendar of our activities will be provided in due course.

We look forward to working closely with you to ensure constructive intergovernmental negotiations and a positive outcome, while we remain at your disposal for any clarification on the process.

  
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