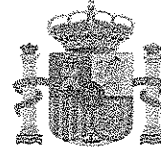




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New York, 16th May 2019

Excellency,

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), we will be traveling to Geneva between the 28th-29th May to meet with UN agencies, civil society organizations, parliamentarians and other non-governmental stakeholders involved in various aspects of migration.

For this purpose, **we are requesting your assistance in inviting interested parliamentarians to an informal consultation on the IMRF**, at which we will inform participants of developments in the process and solicit views on shaping an inclusive, informative and innovative Review Forum.

The meeting will be organized in collaboration with the UN Network for Migration and will take place on **Tuesday 28th May from 11.30am to 1pm, at the headquarters of the International Labour Organization, 4 route des Morillons, Geneva.**

By way of further information, please find in the Annex a list of guiding topics and questions that we have used in our meetings in New York to structure our discussions. These questions are by no means an exhaustive list, and our conversations have not been, and should not be, limited to them alone. Indeed, we encourage participants to go beyond them in offering their perspectives.

Please do not hesitate to convey this invitation to parliamentarians in your country and encourage the participation of parliamentarians dealing with migration.

To capture all of your views as comprehensively as possible, we would appreciate receiving written inputs at UNmigNY@iom.int.

We look forward to meeting with you and hearing your perspectives, and we remain at your disposal should you have any questions or require any further clarification on the process.

Ambassador H.E. Mr. Masud Bin Momen
(Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to the United Nations in New York)

Ambassador H.E. Mr. Agustin Santos Maraver
(Permanent Representative of Spain to the United Nations in New York)

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

Set of questions circulated during the informal consultations with the Member States in New York:

For 1st Informal Consultation:

1. How would you envisage the architecture of IMRF in order to preserve its voluntary nature and maintaining a 360-degree approach to migration?
2. How to keep IMRF modalities practical and purpose-oriented?
3. How IMRF could best incorporate inputs from regional levels and GFMD?
4. How the civil society and other stakeholders could effectively contribute in IMRF? What should be the preferred format?

For the 2nd Informal Consultation:

1. How the inputs from regional review forums and GFMD best feed into IMRF?
2. What should be the exact nature of the 'progress declaration'? How it will be framed?
3. What could be the preferred structure of IMRF?
(duration/venue/general debate + panels)

For the 3rd Informal Consultation:

(A) On Roundtables:

(I) How can we ensure reflections from all four levels (local-national-regional and global) on implementation progress, challenges and opportunities of the GCM?

(II) Should IMRF encourage participation in the roundtables from regional levels and from local authorities?

(III) What are the general views of Member States on the topics for discussion?

(IV) What kind of innovative formats for view exchange /meetings (like TED talks, video conversation etc.) would you like to see in the IMRF?

(B) On Regional input:

(V) Should written inputs from regional level be gathered before IMRF?

(VI) Would participation across geographical regions be valuable for the roundtables?

(C) Guiding the UN System through IMRF:

(VII) How should the IMRF best help guide the UN through the UNMN? Should guidance be part of the Progress Declaration?