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Excellency,

We have the honour to solicit the submission of voluntary inputs to contribute to the Regional Review for the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

In resolution 73/195, the United Nations General Assembly endorsed the GCM as a non-legally binding, cooperative framework on international migration. Considering that most international migration takes place within regions, paragraph 50 invites relevant subregional, regional and cross-regional processes, platforms and organizations, including the United Nations regional economic commissions or regional consultative processes, to review the implementation of the GCM within the respective regions beginning in 2020, alternating with discussions at the global level at a four-year interval, in order to effectively inform each edition of the International Migration Review Forum, with the participation of all relevant stakeholders.

In resolution 73/326, the General Assembly requested the Director General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), as Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration, to assist, upon the request of Member States, in the preparation and organization of regional reviews.

IOM, in its capacity as Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration, with the support of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), within its mandate and activities in the area of migration and as mandated by Decision 13 of the UNECE Executive Committee of 29 May 2020, and with the active participation of other members of the United Nations Network on Migration, will provide support for the preparation and organization of the regional review.

The regional review will:

- Enable governments to undertake a first assessment of progress made, in line with the guiding principles laid down in resolution 73/195, and with the participation of relevant stakeholders;
- Serve as a forum in which challenges and opportunities will be highlighted, gaps identified, regional priorities discussed and resource requirements identified;
- Provide a common platform for interaction among all relevant stakeholders, the exchange of lessons learned and best practices;
- Consider the impact of the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) pandemic on the governance of international migration;
- Facilitate the formulation of key findings and recommendations to inform the 2022 International Migration Review Forum.

To that end, the UNECE and IOM, as Coordinator of the Network, seek the submission of voluntary inputs on experiences to date by Member States on the points above. We would be grateful if submissions, at a maximum of 5000 words, could be submitted to Ryan.Kennedy@un.org at UNECE by 30 September 2020.

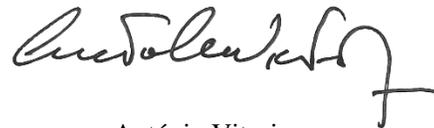
These submissions would inform a voluntary regional review meeting to take place at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, in late October 2020 (adjacent to the IDM). In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, a virtual modality may be used for the meeting.

Please find a template, developed by the United Nations Network on Migration, as a voluntary guide to national inputs.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.



Olga Algayerova
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