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The secretariat of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) presents its compliments to the members of the Commission and has the honour to refer to the letter from Ms. Armida Salsiah Alisjahbana, Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations and Executive Secretary of ESCAP, and Mr. António Vitorino, Coordinator, United Nations Network on Migration and Director-General of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), dated 3 June 2020, informing the members of the Commission of the preparations for organizing the Asia-Pacific Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, scheduled from 18 to 20 November 2020, and to complete the voluntary GCM review on migration (survey).

The secretariat has the honour to inform the members of the Commission that following consultations through the Advisory Committee of Permanent Representatives, during which member States indicated their preference that the Regional Review of the Global Compact be moved to next year, and taking into account the likely continuation of travel restrictions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, the above-mentioned Regional Review of the Global Compact will be re-scheduled to take place from 10 to 12 March 2021. This has already been reflected in the schedule of ESCAP intergovernmental meetings to be held in 2021, sent as the note verbale OES/B/1 on 15 July 2020.

The secretariat has the honour to inform the members of the Commission that the new date will allow more time for completion of the voluntary GCM review on migration. Should members of the Commission wish to complete this survey, responses received by 31 October 2020 will be considered for inclusion in the background documentation for the Asia-Pacific Regional Review Meeting.

The secretariat avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the members of the Commission the assurances of its highest consideration.



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Members of the Commission