Dear Director General Vitorino,

Thank you for your invitation to become a “Champion” country for the Global Compact for Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration (GCM). Canada is honoured to be considered for this opportunity and has strongly supported the GCM since inception.

We are pleased to inform you that we will accept this role and look forward to continuing to work with the United Nations Network on Migration and other States in the promotion of the Compact’s 23 objectives and the positive benefits of managed migration. Canada views this as an opportunity to further promote its existing areas of leadership in international migration management, and to influence other States to adopt best practices in priority areas that are aligned with the GCM including, but not limited to: the promotion of safe, regular and orderly migration pathways, thereby reducing the incidence and negative impact of irregular migration; gender responsive migration policies; and social cohesion and integration.

We look forward to further discussions with the Network on the role of “champion” countries moving forward.

Sincerely,

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