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Dear Stakeholders in the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE) region,

I have the honour to inform you that the Regional Review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) in the UNECE region will take place on **12 and 13 November 2020, 10:00 – 15:30 CET**. In view of the COVID-19 pandemic and associated travel restrictions in the UNECE region, we are proposing a virtual meeting (a logistics note will follow). A letter to Member States together with a concept note and agenda will be shared as well. They are available on the [website of the United Nations Network on Migration](#). In addition, I would like to invite you to a Multi-Stakeholder Consultation in preparation of the Regional Review on **11 November 2020 from 10:00 – 13:00 CET**.

The intergovernmental meeting will consist of an opening segment, followed by four thematic roundtables, covering all 23 objectives of the GCM, and following General Assembly Resolution 73/326 on the modalities and organizational aspects of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF). It will provide Member States and stakeholders with a space to present and review progress on GCM implementation. A summary report consisting of voluntary written submissions and outcomes of the intergovernmental meeting will be published and inform the IMRF.

I would like to invite interested Member States, stakeholders, representatives of relevant regional and cross-regional platforms and organizations to express their interest in participating in the opening session, the closing session, and in each of the roundtables as speakers and/ or moderators.

Given the new date for the review, we have extended the deadline for submissions of voluntary written submissions by Member States until **31 October 2020**. Submissions from all other stakeholders, also limited to 5,000 words, can be submitted by email: [2020GCMRegionalReviewUNECE@iom.int](mailto:2020GCMRegionalReviewUNECE@iom.int). Please refer to the template and [guidance note](#) on the Website of the UN Network on Migration for further information. Submissions will be made available ahead of the meeting on the [website of United Nations Network on Migration](#).

Following the first regional stakeholder engagement webinar on GCM regional reviews in the UNECE region, which was held on 4 September 2020, I would also like to invite you to a second regional stakeholder briefing on **6 October 2020**. In this event, further details will be provided on the Multi-Stakeholder Consultations, including the agenda, logistics and registration process.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



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