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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United Nations Office and other International Organizations in Geneva presents its compliments to the International Organization for Migration and has the honour to transmit herewith the copy of the enclosed letter of Mr. Vusal Huseynov, Chief of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan addressed to H.E. Mr. Antonio Vitorino, Director General of the International Organization for Migration.

The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Azerbaijan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the International Organization for Migration the assurances of its highest consideration.

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**Mr. António Vitorino**  
**Director General of the International**  
**Organization for Migration**

**Dear Mr. Vitorino,**

On behalf of the State Migration Service of the Republic of Azerbaijan (SMS) I would like to present my compliments to the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and express satisfaction of successful and effective cooperation on issues of mutual interest.

We would like to thank the IOM for the invitation to join the "Champion countries" initiative, launched under the auspices of the UN Network on Migration for the implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) and would like to deliver the intent of the Republic of Azerbaijan to join the initiative.

Azerbaijan has long been involved in complex human mobility at the interregional level and is making efforts to introduce positive practices to support regular migration. Azerbaijan has been a strong supporter of the GCM since its inception and will also step up efforts to ensure its effective implementation in the future. Establishment of the efficient dialogue among people, countries and communities is particularly important for Azerbaijan in terms of regulation of cross border migration, and effective implementation of GCM is obvious indicator of that. Moreover, the draft Migration Strategy of Azerbaijan, which, inter alia, includes integration activities through respecting multicultural values and diversity of migrants, will also contribute to the effective implementation of GCM in the country.

Azerbaijan is among the first countries in the region to establish UN Network on Migration at national level and has contributed with a comprehensive report for voluntary review of GCM. Recently, with vital support of the IOM we have initiated the establishment of the Regional Training Center on Migration which aims to enhance capacities in migration management not only in Azerbaijan, but also other countries in the region. Furthermore, taking into account the active engagement and efforts of our country in migration management at both national and regional levels, Azerbaijan has been elected as a member of the Steering Group of the Global Forum on Migration and Development.

To this end, Azerbaijan has a good practice that should be shared with other "Champion countries", as well as with states that have not yet joined the initiative. We believe

that Azerbaijan's role in "Champion countries" will create positive value and serve as an effective model of migration management for other countries in the region.

With the anticipation of Your positive consideration and support, we would like to express our strong hope that Azerbaijan's membership will contribute to the work of "Champion countries" initiative and we look forward to further cooperation with UNNM and other Member States on moving forward the role of "Champion countries", as well as promotion of the GCM.

Once again, I would like to express my appreciation to the IOM for our effective cooperation existing in the migration field.

Sincerely,

Service chief

*V. Huseynov*  
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