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Excellency,

We represent the over two dozen Member States that have joined with conviction the UN Network on Migration's **GCM Champion countries** initiative. We are united in our belief that the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) constitutes an indispensable tool of international cooperation that can be used to effectively address the challenges of international migration, while harnessing its benefits for all, including migrants.

The **International Migration Review Forum** (IMRF) is fast approaching. This first IMRF is an opportunity to showcase the progress Member States have made towards implementing the Global Compact and to identify critical challenges that lie ahead. The GCM Champions wish to extend to you and your team our collective support in ensuring that this important event is a success.

First, the GCM Champions are prepared to engage constructively to forge an ambitious Progress Declaration. We believe the Progress Declaration should go beyond a mere reaffirmation of the Compact, and we are willing to test the idea of including some concrete commitments in specific areas, in line with national priorities, to accelerate progress in attaining the GCM's objectives. The co-facilitators you will appoint for this task will have the full support of the Champions in their work.

Second, we believe the IMRF should reflect all ten guiding principles of the GCM, including the whole-of-government approach and the whole-of-society approach. We count on your Office to ensure that the modalities of participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society organizations and local and regional governments, are inclusive and transparent, and in accordance with UN General Assembly Resolution 73/326 on the format and organizational aspects of the International Migration Review Forums. We call upon your leadership to promote broad participation at the Forum and stand ready to assist your Office in ensuring the meeting is attended as widely as possible by supporting the whole-of-government approach and the whole-of-society approach.

Third, we look forward to working with your team to help bring the Forum's preparatory process to fruition. In this regard, we welcome the recent secondment of a staff member from the UN Network on Migration to your Office to facilitate the organization of the IMRF. We kindly request your assistance in facilitating expert-level cooperation between your staff and our missions over the coming months.

Excellency, the GCM Champion countries wish you and your team a healthy 2022, and look forward to a productive Forum in May.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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