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Excellency,

We have the honour to refer to the Latin American and Caribbean Regional Review of Implementation of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

As you are aware, an invitation was sent to you, along with a concept note on the review, on 4 June 2020. Subsequently, in August, a questionnaire was sent to your government to assist in the collection of quality information that would contribute to an initial analysis of the status of implementation of the Compact in the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.

Given the difficulty of completing this task by the deadline of 30 September 2020 amid the current pandemic that has given rise to a host of priorities and needs specific to each country, some governments have indicated that they would prefer more time to conduct and complete the questionnaire. In addition to the above, we have received notification that several meetings related to regional processes, such as the Quito Process, the Regional Conference on Migration, and possibly the South American Conference on Migration, are to be held around the time originally planned for the review meeting in our region (late November 2020).

In light of the foregoing, we have decided to extend the deadline for the receipt of questionnaires from governments and, consequently, to reconsider the date of the regional review meeting. It should be noted that other regions are taking similar measures for the same reason.

In consideration of the preferences indicated by various governments, we wish to inform you that the deadline for the return of the questionnaires has been extended to 20 November 2020 and that the regional review meeting has been postponed to the week of 22 March 2021, on a date to be determined.

Please accept the assurances of our highest consideration.

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