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The United Nations Network on Migration, presents its compliments to the Permanent Missions of Member States and Permanent Observers in Geneva, and on behalf of the Coordinator of the United Nations Network on Migration, has the honour to follow up on the Proposed framework to assist Member States in the organization of regional reviews of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM) that was shared by the United Nations Network on Migration (Network) on 26 February 2020 (ODG/219/2020).

The regional reviews of the GCM pave the way for the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) to be held in 2022 and present a first opportunity to collectively discuss GCM implementation. In proposing this framework, the Network has considered the following elements:

- the regional reviews are a Member State-led process and the GCM acknowledges multiple formats for the regional reviews;
- a degree of consistency of the approach within and between regions is desirable;
- although the content of the reviews will vary, all should follow both the GCM's 360degree approach and its guiding principles.

While every effort has been made by the Network to support Member States within existing resources, additional funding is necessary. The Migration Multi-Partner Trust (Migration MPTF) has agreed to channel the required additional resources through a separate window dedicated to supporting the review process, including the regional reviews. Donor contributions strictly earmarked for this purpose (and only those contributions) will be pooled under the GCM review and follow-up window and made available to support the regional reviews.

The initial funding request for the regional review predates the COVID-19 pandemic, and largely focused on travel to ensure appropriate participation in the reviews, in line with the GCM guiding principles. With many of the regional review discussions now scheduled to take place virtually, the Network is currently working on an updated funding request reflecting the need for inclusive virtual platforms that accommodate online interpretation. An initial draft budget is attached for your kind consideration alongside concept notes for the reviews per region.

The United Nations Network on Migration would be grateful if the Permanent Missions and Permanent Observers could consider support to the regional reviews, including through supplemental financial assistance. This will be vital in ensuring that this first stage in the GCM's follow-up and review can take place successfully, ensuring broad participation – including the meaningful engagement of all relevant stakeholders – as we seek to inform the IMRF scheduled for 2022.

The United Nations Network on Migration remains available for any questions or comments on this proposal through Ms. Azrah KARIM RAJPUT (araiput@iom.int), or through the Migration MPTF Fund Management Unit (migrationmptf@iom.int).

The United Nations Network on Migration avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Permanent Missions of Member States and Permanent Observers in Geneva, the assurances of its highest consideration.

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