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Dear Mrs. Sabharwal,

I wish to refer to your letter No. 048/20/RCO dated 10 June 2020 requesting confirmation from the Royal Thai Government on its willingness to become a Champion Country of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration (GCM).

I am pleased to inform you that Thailand confirms its willingness to join GCM implementation efforts as a Champion Country. It is our intention to share insights, lessons learned and positive practices in two primary areas, namely, (1) access to health care and services for migrant communities and (2) alternatives to detention in the Immigration Detention Centres for migrant children. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs looks forward to acting as the focal point in this endeavour and to discussing this issue further with the International Organization for Migration (IOM) as Chair of the UN Migration Network Working Group.

As a country of origin, transit and destination, promoting positive narratives around closer international collaboration on migration is a priority for Thailand. It is also our hope that sharing experiences and positive practices will lead to enhancing implementation of the GCM and cooperation on global migration governance.

I look forward to working closely with you and the IOM on this important project and other future areas of collaboration.

Yours sincerely,

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