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Excellency,

Following the General Assembly briefing on the preparations for the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development which took place on 13 April 2013, I am pleased to attach a draft concept note for the Panel discussion on international migration and development which takes into account Member States' comments made on 13 April.

If you have comments or suggestions, you are kindly invited to forward them to Mr. Joao Dourado Quintaes, douradoquintaes@un.org by Friday, 3 May 2013.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.


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Panel discussion on international migration and development
25 June 2013

Preparatory event for the 2013 High-level Dialogue on
International Migration and Development

Draft Concept note

Introduction

In accordance with General Assembly resolution A/67/219, the General Assembly will hold a second High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development on 3 and 4 October 2013. In order to prepare for this high-level meeting and as invited by the same resolution, the President of the General Assembly will organize a panel discussion with a focus on the overall theme of the High-level Dialogue. The panel discussion will be organized with the assistance of the Secretariat and with support from interested Member States, the United Nations system, and other stakeholders. It will be complementary to the other preparatory initiatives relating to the High-level Dialogue.

Timing

The panel discussion is scheduled to take place at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on Tuesday, 25 June 2013. The timing of the panel discussion will allow Member States, civil society, the Secretariat and other stakeholders to take into account the results in preparing for the 2013 High-level Dialogue.

Focus

The panel discussion will focus on the overall theme of the 2013 High-level Dialogue, which is *to identify concrete measures to strengthen coherence and cooperation at all levels, with a view to enhancing the benefits of international migration for migrants and countries alike and its important links to development, while reducing its negative implications*. In particular, the panel will (a) take stock of lessons learnt and progress made in advancing the global migration debate since the first High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development, held in 2006, (b) identify concrete recommendations for the 2013 High-level Dialogue and its follow-up, and (c) provide fresh perspectives on the future of migration and its relation with development.

Format

The morning session will be opened by the President of the General Assembly, followed by a keynote speaker. The session will include two panels which will focus on identifying emerging migration trends, offering fresh perspectives on the relationship between international migration and development, and discussing measures to promote safe, orderly and legal migration.

Panellists will address how poverty and inequality, labour markets, population dynamics, humanitarian crises and other key migration drivers will affect future

migration patterns. The panellists will review the economic and social impact of international migration in countries of origin and destination, and identify measures to mitigate the costs of migration and enhance its benefits for countries and migrants alike. Speakers will review the role of bilateral, regional and global cooperation mechanisms on migration and mobility in promoting safe, orderly and legal migration.

The session will feature leading experts and practitioners dealing with various aspects of international migration. The panellists will make short presentations. A moderator will introduce the speakers and guide the interactive discussions. A rapporteur will wrap up the main findings of the session.

The afternoon session will assess how the United Nations, the International Organization for Migration, the Global Forum on Migration and Development and other key institutional stakeholders have advanced dialogue and cooperation on migration since the 2006 High-level Dialogue. It will take stock of good practices and lessons learnt in harnessing the benefits of migration and in reducing its costs and propose ways and means to strengthen coherence at the national, regional and global level. The session will discuss the follow-up to the 2013 High-level Dialogue, including by, inter alia, integrating migration into the post-2015 United Nations development agenda.

The session will feature an interactive panel with senior representatives of key institutional stakeholders on migration, including the United Nations, the International Organization of Migration (IOM), the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) and civil society. A moderator will introduce the speakers and moderate the interactive panel. A rapporteur will wrap up the main findings of the session.

Participation

The panel discussion will be open to Member States to the United Nations, observer States and observers having received a standing invitation to participate as observers in the work of the General Assembly as well as representatives of intergovernmental organizations. Representatives of non-governmental organizations will also be able to participate.

Outcome

The President of the General Assembly will prepare a succinct summary of the panel discussion highlighting main findings and key recommendations.

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