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Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations

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Dear Madam or Sir,

We are pleased to write to you in our capacity as co-facilitators of the intergovernmental consultations and negotiations on issues related to the global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration, the intergovernmental conference, as well as their preparatory process.

As you are aware, the first informal thematic session will address *"Human rights of all migrants, social inclusion, cohesion and all forms of discrimination, including racism, xenophobia and intolerance"*, and will take place on 8-9 May 2017 in Conference Room XIX at the United Nations Office in Geneva.

In line with paragraph 8 of the modalities resolution, we are pleased to invite all stakeholders to an informal dialogue with the co-facilitators on 9 May 2017, from 9:00 – 10:00 am, in Conference Room XIX, before the informal thematic session resumes for the second day. This informal dialogue provides stakeholders the opportunity to contribute their views on the subject matters of the first informal thematic session. Members States are invited to attend the informal dialogue.

In accordance with paragraph 6 of the modalities resolution, which stresses "the importance of effective participation of all relevant stakeholders, including civil society, the private sector, academic institutions, parliaments, diaspora communities and migrant organizations in the intergovernmental conference and its preparatory process", non-governmental stakeholders in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council as well as accredited representatives of relevant stakeholder groups are invited to participate in the informal thematic sessions.

Please note that the informal thematic session as well as the informal dialogue with non-governmental stakeholders will be broadcasted and recorded (<u>http://webtv.un.org/</u>).

Further relevant information on the preparatory process in general can be accessed at <u>https://refugeesmigrants.un.org/migration-compact</u>.

We look forward to your active participation throughout the process.

Yours sincerely,

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