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The Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for International Migration presents her compliments to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations in New York.

In accordance with OP 31 of A/RES/71/280, a voluntary trust fund has been established for the intergovernmental conference and its preparatory process, primarily to support the travel and participation of representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, and encourages Member States and other potential donors to consider contributing to the trust fund.

Contributions to the voluntary trust fund may be accepted from Member States, regional legislative bodies, inter-governmental organizations, and philanthropic organizations. In order to contribute to the Fund, the Standard Administrative Arrangement with the UN Multi-Partner Trust Fund (MPTF) Office needs to be signed. Contributors are encouraged to provide un-earmarked contributions. Please contact: Andrea Milan, Office of the SRSG for International Migration (milana@un.org) or Amy Muedin, Office of the SRSG for International Migration (amy.muedin@un.org) and Olga Aleshina, MPTF Office (olga.aleshina@undp.org) for further details. Information about the trust fund can also be found on the website: <http://mptf.undp.org/factsheet/fund/MCS00>.

The SRSG for International Migration would also like to encourage representatives from developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, to express their interest in accessing travel support for their participation at the 2018 intergovernmental conference and its preparatory process. Requests for travel support for government representatives must be submitted through a note verbale from their Permanent Representative in New York to GCmigration@un.org, no later than 21 days before the event for which travel support is requested.

For the upcoming informal thematic session on “Smuggling of migrants, trafficking in persons and contemporary forms of slavery, including appropriate identification, protection and assistance to migrants and trafficking victims” (Vienna, 4-5 September 2017), requests can be submitted until Friday, 18 August 2017.

No more than one government representative per country will be supported for each event, and priority will be given to Least Developed Countries (LDCs), taking into consideration resources available in the voluntary trust fund, the timing of submission of the request for support, regional and gender balance, and travel support received for previous sessions.

The Special Representative of the Secretary-General (SRSG) for International Migration avails herself of this opportunity to renew to all Permanent Missions to the United Nations the assurances of her highest consideration.

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