



THE PRESIDENT
OF THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY

1 November 2016

Excellency,

Please find attached a letter dated 31 October 2016 from H.E. Mr. Jürg Lauber, Permanent Representative of Switzerland, and H.E. Mr. Juan José Gómez Camacho, Permanent Representative of Mexico, as co-facilitators leading open, transparent and inclusive consultations with States with a view to the determination of modalities, a timeline, the possible holding of preparatory conferences and other practicalities relating to the intergovernmental negotiations leading to the adoption of a global compact for safe, orderly and regular migration to be presented at an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018, including the integration of the Geneva-based migration expertise.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Thomson', written in a cursive style.

Peter Thomson

To All Permanent Representatives
and Permanent Observers to the United Nations
New York



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TO THE UNITED NATIONS



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Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the United Nations

New York, 31 October 2016

Excellencies:

As co-facilitators of the modalities for the process for adoption of the Global Compact for safe, regular and orderly migration, we are pleased to invite you to the first informal briefing, to be held on Friday, 4 November at 15:00 in Conference Room 2 of UN Headquarters.

The President of the General Assembly, in accordance with Annex II of the New York Declaration on Refugees and Migrants (A/RES/71/1), has appointed us to lead open, transparent and inclusive consultations with States, with a view to the determination of modalities, a timeline, the possible holding of preparatory conferences and other practicalities relating to the intergovernmental negotiations, including the integration of Geneva-based migration expertise.

The global compact would be elaborated through a process of intergovernmental negotiations, for which preparations will begin immediately. The negotiations, which will begin in early 2017, are to culminate in an intergovernmental conference on international migration in 2018 at which the global compact will be presented for adoption.

In this light, we would like to present to you the roadmap for the upcoming modalities process, which is meant to be finalized no later than 31 January 2017. In the coming weeks and months, it is important to have active engagement from all Member States. We strongly encourage participation at the Permanent Representative level at the briefing

Please receive, Excellencies, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,


Juan José Gómez Camacho
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Mexico to the United Nations


Jürg Lauber
Ambassador and Permanent Representative
of Switzerland to the United Nations