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**New York**  
**USA**

**All Member States and stakeholders  
participating at the XII GFMD Summit,**

19<sup>th</sup> December 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: INVITATION TO ATTEND THE YOUTH FORUM TO BE HELD PRIOR TO THE  
GLOBAL FORUM FOR MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT AND REQUEST TO INCLUDE  
YOUTH DELEGATE IN OFFICIAL DELEGATION TO THE SUMMIT AND PRIOR YOUTH  
FORUM**

It is an honour to reach out to you as a Member State or stakeholder regarding the Global Forum for Migration and Development due to take place in Quito in January 2020. As the youth constituency represented by the United Nations Major Group for Children and Youth (UN MGCY), we share your commitment to ensuring effective international cooperation in the topic of migration and development. For this reason we are organizing a Second **Youth Forum**, in partnership with **IOM and UNICEF**, following up on last year's Youth Forum at the Intergovernmental Conference on Migration in Marrakech. It will gather youth from all over the world who are at the forefront of the implementation of the GCM, as migrants or as nationals of the country they are in, who are volunteering their time or working as professional with and for migrants. The Forum will take place at the Centro de Convenciones Metropolitano on the **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of January**. The concept note and programme are transmitted in this communication.

We are writing to you to **extend an invitation** to your Member State or stakeholder delegation attending the GFMD Summit to engage with the youth constituency at the Youth Forum. In particular, we invite you to attend the **Panel discussion "Youth For Migration: Key outcomes from Youth Forum"**, from 16:45 to 17:30 on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January. Further details on the plenary rooms will be send in due course. Four youth panelists from different regions will present the outcomes of the Youth Forum, including youth priorities and policy recommendations across four of the key themes of the GFMD Summit: *Providing regular pathways from crisis to safety with attention to mixed migration flows, Shaping public narratives on migrations and migrants, Facilitating social and economic inclusion of migrants, and Supporting arrival locations (cities,*

*ports, nations) and sending places (including rural areas).* The aim of this session is to engage Member States and other GFMD stakeholder delegations in an interactive and substantive dialogue with youth that informs discussions by all GFMD stakeholders in the following days during the Summit; there will therefore be ample space for questions and interventions from Member States and other stakeholders.

We would also like to invite you to include a **youth delegate** in your government's or stakeholder official delegation to the Summit, and extend our invitation for these delegates to participate in the Youth Forum. With 32% of the world's migrants aged under 30, youth representatives are of great importance to these political processes, such as the GFMD, discussing the challenges and opportunities of migration. Youth representatives are a key stakeholder in the overall implementation, follow up, and review of the GCM as well -- and an integral part of each and every GFMD stakeholder group.

Should you have any questions, or would like to RSVP, please contact Marta Verani, the Chair of the Youth Forum and our GFMD Focal Point, at [marta.verani@unmgcy.org](mailto:marta.verani@unmgcy.org).

As we look forward to receiving your delegation at the forum, we wish to extend our sincere appreciation to your government or stakeholder for your support and for recognizing the very important role young people are playing in making migration work for all.

Sincerely,



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