

29 March 2019

**To: All GFMD Steering Group Members<sup>1</sup>**

**RE: Update on the Membership of the GFMD Working Group on Sustainable Development and International Migration**

Dear GFMD Steering Group Members,

At the first preparatory meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) held on 20 February 2019 in Geneva, the GFMD Steering Group endorsed the renewed mandate of the GFMD Working Group (Working Group) on Sustainable Development and International Migration, as defined in the attached Terms of Reference (Annex).

The TORs provide that *“the Membership of the Working Group is on a voluntary basis, comprising between 12 and 15 members, who contribute actively to the work and resources of GFMD and participate regularly in the WG’s meetings.”*

Also at this meeting, Canada expressed its interest to take part in any discussions or mechanisms related to the implementation of the Ten Year Review recommendations. On 6 March 2019, Canada announced to the Chair its interest to become a full-fledged member of the Working Group.

Canada (as an observer) participated in the last meeting of the Working Group held 11 March 2019, wherein it reaffirmed its commitment to provide political and conceptual support towards realizing the mandate and objectives of the Working Group.

Accordingly, the GFMD 2019 Chair Ecuador submit Canada’s request to become a full-fledged member of the Working Group for the consideration of the Steering Group:

In the interest of time, the Chair would like to apply the silence procedure – i.e., comments would be welcome until 5 April 2019; thereafter, if there are no objections,

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<sup>1</sup> As of 21 February 2019, the GFMD Steering Group Members are comprised of 28 countries: Argentina, Australia, Bangladesh, Belgium, Canada, Ecuador, Egypt, France, Germany, Ghana, Greece, India, Indonesia, Israel, Kenya, Mauritius, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates.

the request will be deemed as endorsed by the Steering Group and the TORs of the Working Group will be updated.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and best regards.



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