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**Agreement concerning the Relationship between the United Nations and
the International Organization for Migration**

*The United Nations and the International Organization for
Migration,*

Bearing in mind the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and of the Constitution of the International Organization for Migration,

Recognizing the need to take into account migration and human mobility in the activities of the two Organizations and for close cooperation among all relevant organizations to strengthen their efforts in coordinating their respective activities related to migration and human mobility,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 47/4 of 16 October 1992 inviting the International Organization for Migration to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer,

Recalling also the Cooperation Agreement between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration of 25 June 1996,

Recalling further General Assembly resolution 51/148 of 13 December 1996 on the cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration,

Recalling the Memorandum of Understanding between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration regarding a Global Safety and Security Management Partnership of 25 June 2013,

Desiring to establish a mutually beneficial relationship whereby the discharge of respective responsibilities of the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration may be facilitated,

Taking note of the International Organization for Migration Council Resolution No. 1309 of 24 November 2015, which, inter alia, requested the Director General of the International Organization for Migration to develop with the United Nations a way in which the legal basis of the relationship between the International Organization for Migration and the United Nations could be improved,

Taking note of General Assembly resolution 70/263 of 27 April 2016 which, inter alia, recognized the need to establish a closer relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration and invited the Secretary-General to take steps to conclude an agreement concerning the relationship between the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration and to submit the negotiated draft agreement to the General Assembly for approval,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

Purpose of the Agreement

The present Agreement defines the terms on which the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall be brought into relationship with each other in order to strengthen their cooperation and enhance their ability to fulfil their respective mandates in the interest of migrants and their Member States.

Article 2

Principles

1. The United Nations recognizes the International Organization for Migration as an organization with a global leading role in the field of migration. The United Nations recognizes that the Member States of the International Organization for Migration regard it, as per the International Organization for Migration Council Resolution No. 1309, as the global lead agency on migration. The foregoing shall be without prejudice to the mandates and activities of the United Nations, its Offices, Funds and Programmes in the field of migration.

2. The United Nations recognizes the International Organization for Migration as an essential contributor in the field of human mobility, in the protection of migrants, in operational activities related to migrants, displaced people and migration-affected communities, including in the areas of resettlement and returns, and in mainstreaming migration in development plans.

3. The United Nations recognizes that the International Organization for Migration, by virtue of its Constitution, shall function as an independent, autonomous and non-normative international organization in the working relationship with the United Nations established by this Agreement, noting its essential elements and attributes defined by the Council of the International Organization for Migration as per its Council Resolution No. 1309.

4. The International Organization for Migration recognizes the responsibilities of the United Nations under its Charter and the mandates and responsibilities of other United Nations organizations and subsidiary organs and agencies, including in the field of migration.

5. The International Organization for Migration undertakes to conduct its activities in accordance with the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations and with due regard to the policies of the United Nations furthering those Purposes and Principles and to other relevant instruments in the international migration, refugee and human rights fields.

6. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration will cooperate and conduct their activities without prejudice to the rights and responsibilities of one another under their respective constituent instruments.

Article 3

Cooperation and coordination

1. The United Nations and the International Organization for Migration, recognizing the need to work jointly to achieve mutual objectives, and with a view to facilitating the effective exercise of their responsibilities, agree to cooperate closely within their respective mandates and to consult on matters of mutual interest and concern. To that end, the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration shall cooperate with each other in accordance with the provisions of their respective constituent instruments.

2. The International Organization for Migration agrees to participate in, and to cooperate with, any body or bodies that have been established or may be established by the United Nations for the purpose of facilitating such cooperation and coordination at the global, regional or country level, in particular through membership in:

(a) The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination and its subsidiary bodies (the High-level Committee on Programmes, the High-level Committee on Management (including the Inter-Agency Security Management Network), and the United Nations Development Group and its regional and country teams);

(b) The Inter-Agency Standing Committee;

(c) The Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs;

(d) The Global Migration Group;

(e) Country-level security management teams.

The International Organization for Migration agrees to participate in such bodies in accordance with their established rules of procedures and to contribute to their cost-shared budgets, as per established cost-sharing arrangements.