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His Excellency
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Excellency,

RE: UAE Candidacy for the XIII GFMD 2020 Chairmanship

It is an honour to write to you in your capacity as Chair in Office of the Global Forum for Migration and Development (the GFMD) to submit to you the candidacy of the UAE to Chair the XIII GFMD in 2020.

This would be the first time that a Gulf State has chaired GFMD. The UAE hosts the world's fifth largest migrant population, and migrants in the UAE remit approximately \$20 billion a year to their countries of origin, making a significant contribution to development. The UAE will also, from October of this year, Chair the Fifth Ministerial Consultation of the Abu Dhabi Dialogue, which presents an opportunity to streamline the work of a major regional consultative processes with that of the GFMD.

The UAE has been a strong supporter of the GFMD since its inception. We have been a member of the Steering Group since 2009. We have co-Chaired a Roundtable every year (except one) since then. We have also been closely involved in GFMD Working Groups, including the 2018 Working Group on Communications and the current Working Group on Sustainable Development and International Migration.

The UAE is committed to ensuring the sustainability of the GFMD. At a sensitive moment for global migration governance, we believe that the GFMD has particular value as the only state-led global process where all stakeholders involved in – and affected by – migration governance can meet as partners and equals and examine how governments can improve their migration policies.



Should we be accepted as next Chair of the GFMD, we would prioritise the deepening and strengthening of relations between Member States and the three mechanisms, alongside a range of other pertinent measures to ensure the capacity of the GFMD to continue into the future.

The Government of the UAE is confident that you as Chair the GFMD will advance the matter according to the relevant procedures of the Troika.

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



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