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From: High-Level Working Group on Asylum and Migration

On: 29 and 30 April 2015

To: **Delegations**

Subject: Summary of discussions

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1. **Information by the Presidency**

The **Chair** provided information on the following HLWG related developments:

- the extraordinary joint meeting of the Ministers of Foreign and Home Affairs, held in Luxembourg on 20 April 2015, in the margins of the Foreign Affairs Council, as well as on the extraordinary European Council, held on 23 April 2015, which focused in particular on how to address the situation of migratory pressure in the Mediterranean region;
- the signature of the Joint Declaration on a Mobility Partnership between the Federal Republic of Nigeria and the European Union and its participating Member States, which took place on 12 March 2015, in the margins of the Justice and Home Affairs Council;
- on the Eastern Partnership Summit, which will also address subjects concerning the Global Approach to Migration and Mobility, to be held in Riga on 21-22 May 2015;

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DG D 1B LIMITE on the Trio proposals concerning the organisation of the Council preparatory bodies,
 which were endorsed by the Permanent Representatives Committee at its meeting on 4
 March 2015, as well as on their follow-up.

2. Implementation of the Global Approach

The **Commission** referred to the GAMM update, which outlines the state of play of dialogues and processes under the Global Approach (the GAMM update is set up in the Annex to this Note).

Specific information was provided on the following items:

- By PT and the Commission, on the outcome of the meeting of the Steering Committee
 of the Rabat process, held in Lisbon on 15-16 April 2015;
- By the Commission, EEAS and IT, on the outcome of the meeting of the Steering
 Committee of the EU-Horn of Africa Migration Initiative (Khartoum process), held in
 Sharm El-Sheik (Egypt) on 23-24 April 2015;
- By the Commission, on the outcome of the College meeting of the European
 Commission with the African Union Commission, held in Brussels on 22 April 2015;
- By PL, on the outcome of the 4th Core Group Meeting of the Prague Process, held in Warsaw on 22 April 2015;
- By the Commission, on the outcome of the second meeting of the Visa Working Group in the framework of the ACP-EU Migration Dialogue, held in Brussels on 9 April.

In relation to the "Global Initiative on Migrants in Countries in Crisis", the **Commission** provided information on the EU-funded regional consultation for Asia, held in Manila on 22-23 March 2015, and on the forthcoming regional consultation to be held in Brussels on 25-26 June 2015.

Finally, **IT** and **NL** informed the Group that they have taken the lead of, respectively, the Regional Protection and Development Programme for Northern Africa and the Regional Protection and Development Programme for the Horn of Africa.

3. Dialogues on Migration and Mobility

The **Chair** and the **Commission** provided information on the meeting launching the negotiations for a Joint Declaration on a Mobility Partnership EU-Belarus, held in Minsk on 26 March 2015. In this framework the **Chair** noted that, should negotiations be successfully completed in time, the signature of the Joint Declaration could take place in the margins of the Justice and Home Affairs Council on 15-16 June 2015.

The **Commission** provided information on the results of the meetings of the follow-up committees of the Mobility Partnerships EU-Morocco and EU-Tunisia, held respectively in Rabat on 20 April and in Tunis on 21-22 April 2015.

Finally, the **Commission** provided information on the outcome of the first technical missions to Lebanon, held on 2-6 March 2015 in the context of the EU-Lebanon Dialogue on Migration, Mobility and Security, which focused on the management of international protection and on legal migration.

The **Group** had an exchange of views on the above subjects.

4. New Moroccan policy on migration and asylum and Moroccan strategy for Moroccans residing abroad

Representatives from the Ministry of Moroccans residing abroad, of the Ministry of Home Affairs and of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs provided detailed information on the Moroccan new policy on migration and asylum.

The **Group** had an exchange of views on this subject.

5. EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility

The **Commission** and **EEAS** provided information on the outcome of the second High-Level Meeting of the EU-China Dialogue on Migration and Mobility, held in Beijing on 9 April 2015, as well as on next steps. The **Group** had an exchange of views on this subject.

The **Chair** invited the Commission to take note of the comments submitted by the Member States and to inform the **Group** on any relevant developments concerning this dialogue.

6. Cooperation on migration with Niger

The **Commission** and **EEAS** provided information on the plans for providing a follow-up to the mission to Niger, held on 11-13 January 2015.

Delegations agreed on the reinforcement of relations with Niger in the area of migration and underlined that priority should be given to short and medium-term concrete cooperation measures, including the establishment of a Joint Working Group EU-Niger.

7. Cooperation on migration with Kazakhstan

The **Commission** and **EEAS** provided information on their contacts with the Kazakh authorities for developing cooperation in the area of migration.

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8. Cooperation on migration with Indonesia

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Indicators for the evaluation of the GAMM instruments

The **Group** had an exchange of views on the definition of indicators for the evaluation of the GAMM instruments, on the basis of a preliminary analysis submitted by the Commission services. **Delegations** acknowledged that this is a very complex exercise, as indicators should take into account, in a balanced way, quantitative and qualitative data.

The **Chair** concluded that this subject will be further addressed at the next HLWG meeting.

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