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RE: Minutes of the meeting with [REDACTED] (IOM, Directeur Régional) and [REDACTED]

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The purpose of the meeting was to have a first contact between the head of Cabinet of Commissioner Avramopoulos and the new Director of the Regional office of IOM based in Brussels.

After some general words on the Head of cabinet explaining that the functioning of the new Commission and how the Commission intends to develop a comprehensive approach to migration, they had a broad discussion on the different aspects of migration policy: how to change the perception of migration in Europe, initiatives on legal migration, link between immigration policy and external policies especially development and also on the concept of circular migration. They also exchanged on the situation of the Syrian refugees.

[REDACTED] stressed that IOM is ready to continue its fruitful cooperation with the Commission and to contribute to the debate/ future development of the European Immigration policy.