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Dear all,

Please see below a short report of **Commissioner Johansson's meeting with the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)** on the 16 May.

Best regards,

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*International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) Director General, Michael Spindelegger and [REDACTED] met with Commissioner Johansson on the 16 May to exchange on Ukraine and the ICMPD's actions for its first line Member States as well as on ongoing cooperation topics between DG HOME and ICMPD.*

*Mr Spindelegger, opened the meeting by thanking the Commissioner for accepting the invitation to the ICMPD's migration conference on 11 October 2022. The Commissioner noted that it was her intention to participate.*

On **Ukraine**. *Mr. Spindelegger* reminded that the ICMPD's work before the war focused on evaluation of border management. Delivering on these needs had however to be delayed in view of more immediate assistance. However, despite the current situation, ICMPD still placed strong emphasis on the importance of effective border management (risk of increased organised crime, etc..). Another concern raised was the integration of Ukrainian refugees in EU Member State labour markets. He suggested to create an entrepreneurship programme to support refugees in finding job opportunities in the private sector, harnessing private sector 'gaps' and matching them with employment needs.

*Commissioner Johansson* welcomed these suggestions. She also emphasized the importance to start preparing for the after war. The Ukrainian context is different to others in that many people intend to return to Ukraine. Beyond helping migrants return home, such preparations will also need to account for the enormous amounts of weapons currently deployed. *The Commissioner* particularly underlined the need to strengthen the Moldovan border and suggested that the Member States and Moldova step up operational cooperation to address these security challenges.

On **Turkey**, *Mr Spindelegger* informed that the country would be interested in receiving EU funds for border management purposes, especially along its Eastern border. He also informed that after bilateral talks with Turkey and Greece, both agreed to a meeting to discuss pushbacks. This will be organised on 7 June in Bulgaria. *The Commissioner* expressed that the EU is ready to finance border management with HOME affairs funds. Turkey should cooperate in intercepting departures from its territory to Cyprus (through the green line) and Italy.

The *Commissioner* raised the case of **Iraq** and the financial support the EU wants to make in return for their cooperation in repatriating +-4000 citizens during the crisis with Belarus. While these funds cannot be provided as a direct 'reimbursement' for the flights, the EU would like the support to be made through EU funds managed by the ICMPD. This would thus take place under the scope of the organisation, while making it clear to Iraq that the money is coming from the EU.

Finally, the importance of promoting **legal pathways** was raised. The ICMPD stressed that they are currently working on different pilot projects with Morocco and Algeria to identify individuals with specific trainings and labour skills to fill labour shortages in Member States, based on a pilot project between Austria and Nigeria, which reinforced the overall migration relationship between the two countries. However, the implementation of these programmes are highly technical and require political will. The Commissioner fully supported such pilot projects, reminding about the recent Skills and Talent Package adopted by the Commission. The Commissioner emphasized that the Commission would be very interested in working with the ICMPD on this.