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GLOBAL MIGRATION GROUP

Summary of activities and achievements

*GMG Chairmanship
1 July – 31 December 2007*

1. Meetings at the Principals level

UN/DESA organized one meeting at the Principals level, which took place on 9 November. The meeting was attended by four Principals (IOM, UN/DESA, UNCTAD, and UNHCR).

2. Meetings at the working level

UNDESA organized two meetings at the working level, which were held on 1 October and on 4 December.

3. New members

At the Principals meeting of 9 November, it was decided to admit four new members: UNESCO, UNICEF, the Coordinator of the United Nations Regional Commissions, and UNITAR. The Chair of GMG, Under-Secretary-General Sha, informed the Principals of these four entities that they had been admitted as new members of GMG.

4. Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD)

a. First meeting of the GFMD

- Under-Secretary-General Sha attended the first meeting of GFMD, which was held in Brussels, Belgium from 9 to 11 July and delivered a statement on behalf of GMG.

- UN/DESA prepared a matrix with recommendations and outcomes from the Brussels meeting.

b. Preparations for the second meeting of GFMD

- At their meeting on 9 November, the GMG Principals endorsed a proposal for an *International Partnership on Migration and Development*. Following revisions made by the working level, the draft proposal was shared with the Chair-in-Office for discussion during of the GFMD Steering Group on 19 November. The Steering Group deferred its consideration of the proposal.
- UN/DESA launched an initiative on *Migration Governance*, which was endorsed by the GMG Principals. UN/DESA created an electronic forum to discuss and contribute to the project (<http://ittmig.wetpaint.com/>). GMG members were invited to participate.
- On 26 November, Under-Secretary-General Sha met Under-Secretary Conejos and Ambassador Declercq to discuss how the GMG could contribute to the GFMD. On 4 December, UN/DESA briefed the GMG working level on these meetings.
- The first meeting of the Friends of the Forum under the Chair of the Government of the Philippines took place on 17 December in Geneva, Switzerland. UN/DESA prepared and delivered a statement on behalf of GMG.

5. Other outputs

a. GMG Workspace

UN/DESA created an electronic GMG Workspace to serve as a central place for all official GMG documents (<http://public.bscw.de/bscw/bscw.cgi>). The GMG Workspace also allows for collaboration on drafting documents, such as minutes of meetings. All official GMG documents produced since the creation of the Group (minutes, outputs, correspondence, etc.) were posted on the Workspace. All GMG members at the working level have access to the Workspace.

b. Discussion forum

UNDESA developed an electronic discussion forum for the Migration Governance project (<http://ittmig.wetpaint.com/>).