THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

17 March 2015

Dear Mr. Sutherland,

I wish to thank you for your letter of 26 February 2015. I am pleased to learn that work is progressing on your proposed report on how we can improve cooperation on migration. This is a commendable and welcome initiative, as I have noted in our earlier discussions.

I have taken note of the proposed outline of the report, including those parts which will be publicly available and those that will be your own personal recommendations to me as Secretary-General. The concluding part of the public report could benefit from a discussion of the challenges and opportunities of migration going forward and how best to respond to them.

The consultations you are undertaking with a broad range of experts, representatives of United Nations Member States, civil society, and other stakeholders will be most valuable. I am sure that the Global Migration Group members will also have useful contributions to make. The Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) could facilitate a series of consultations with key stakeholders, and stands ready to provide any other assistance you may require. I believe that your report will benefit from this open and transparent series of consultations.

I look forward to hearing more about the progress of the report at our next meeting. In the meantime, DESA is available to assist you in developing a concept note for the report.

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my congratulations on your recent election as President of the International Catholic Migration Commission and commend you, once again, for your tireless work on migration issues.

Yours sincerely,

BAN Ki-moon

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Dear Secretary General

I write as we find ourselves in the midst of yet another series of heartbreaking crises in the Mediterranean that have led to the deaths of hundreds more migrants in recent weeks. The situation highlights the need for all of us to redouble our efforts to ensure the safety and improve the prospects of migrants, asylum seekers, and refugees.

As we have discussed, I am developing a report on how to improve international cooperation on migration, grounded in my decade of experience as your Special Representative. While this is very much a personal report, as I will be the sole author, I am hoping it will be a catalyst for broad action by states, the international system, and other stakeholders.

The report, on which I am working closely with Michael Doyle (who authored a similar report for your predecessor in 2003), will be completed in the first half of 2016. It will aim to:

- Capture the progress that has been made since 2006 in advancing the rights of migrants and promoting international cooperation, including the creation of the GFMD, the successful convening of two HLDs, the Domestic Workers Convention, and the momentum generated on migration in the Post-2015 agenda and on migrants in crisis.
- Assess the state of play with respect to international migration today, including the evolution of migration flows, how states and other stakeholders are responding, and what the impact is on the lives of migrants, their families, and our communities more broadly. In connection with this, I will propose actions that can be taken at national level.
- Propose priorities for international cooperation at the bilateral, regional, and global levels, outlining the goals such cooperation should aim to achieve. This will include potential institutional reforms that could improve the capacity of the international system to generate knowledge, provide leadership, and improve cooperation related to international migration.

This latter part of my assessment will be submitted to you personally and privately, not as part of the public report. Subsequently, it might be worth convening an internal UN task force to assess the validity of what I will recommend; this is something you can determine once you receive my report.

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In developing the report, i have been and will continue consulting with a very broad range of experts, UN member state representatives, civil society, and other stakeholders.

I also wanted to share with you that i soon will be committing more of my time to my role as SRSG, subsequent to my reduction in other responsibilities in order to enable this.

In this context, and in order to better coordinate with you and your staff, I would like to see if we might be able to meet in the coming weeks. At the moment, I am planning to be in NYC on March 30th and 31st and would be delighted to see you then. If these dates do not work, perhaps your office might propose other possibilities.

i thank you very much, as always, for your time and kind consideration.

Yours sincerely

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