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Dear Mr. Sutherland,

On behalf of the Secretary-General, I wish to express his appreciation for the copy of the Evaluation Report on the first meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development. The success of the meeting in strengthening dialogue on migration and development is most encouraging. Such progress contributes to the efforts in the implementation of the Secretary-General's economic, social and development agenda. As such, the work of the Global Forum will remain of considerable interest to him.

Once again, I would wish to express appreciation for your tireless work on this important issue.

Yours sincerely,


Vijay Nambiar
Chef de Cabinet

Mr. Peter Sutherland, KCMG
Chairman
Goldman Sachs International
London

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to CDD

Global Forum on Migration and Development

Draft Letter from SG

Dear Parfait,

Please find attached following draft letter for SG's signature.

Cheers,

Khalil Rahman
11 sep 2007

Thanks Khalil,
Could you kindly build in the draft
some of the key outcomes of the meeting if
any?

Cheers, Parfait

Parfait,
This is not about reference of the meeting,
but evaluation of the outcome. So
I thought, he could politely acknowledge,
and underline, as requested by the Southsides,
that the meeting was successful. I don't
think reference to substance is necessary.
HK

I trust your judgement.
Thanks
Parfait

KR pls prepare a reply from
the SG 5/8/07 (on behalf)
2 SG (w/ reply)



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03/09/2007 10:59 AM

To "Wai Tak Chua" <chuaw@un.org>
cc <orrr@un.org>
bcc
Subject Message from Peter Sutherland



Dear Wai Tak,

I would be grateful if you could pass this message and attachment to the Secretary General.

Dear Secretary General,

I enclose the Evaluation Report on the Global Forum meeting. I hope that you will agree with my conclusion that the results are outstanding. Your presence was very important.

Kind regards,

Peter

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EVALUATION REPORT ON THE FIRST MEETING OF THE GLOBAL FORUM ON MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT

(Brussels, 9 - 11 July, 2007)

This document was compiled by the task force created by the Government of Belgium for the preparation of the first meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, in close consultation with the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the United Nations.

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1. INTRODUCTION

1. Scope and objective:

The taskforce set up by the Belgian Government for the preparation of the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) designed this evaluation questionnaire for the first meeting held in Brussels (Belgium) from 9 to 11 July, 2007. The questionnaire, which was distributed during the closing plenary session of the Forum (July 11), was intended to gather the points of view of the participants and observers on the Forum and its first meeting. The results of the evaluation are intended to reinforce this new process.

2. Methodology:

The questionnaire, produced in English, French, Dutch and Spanish, is composed of five sections:

- I. Reception
- ii. Preparation of the Forum and its first meeting
- iii. Organization of the Forum
- iv. Progress of the meeting
- v. Results of the Forum.

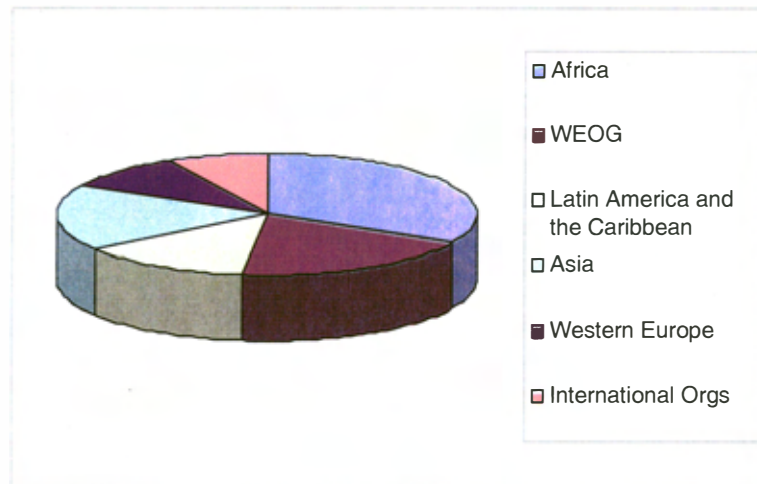
Each section consists of specific questions which offer the respondent the opportunity to make comments. The anonymity of the respondents was respected. The classification of the states was based on the regional groups of the United Nations.

Each questionnaire was initially given an identification code (number) for data processing; the answers obtained were then indexed in data tables. In a second pass, a quantitative analysis of this data (see the details in the appendix) was carried out in the form of tables and graphical summaries, whose analysis of the principal trends are the subject of this report.

II. RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION:

Identification of the respondents:

In total, 104 questionnaires were filled out by the states (96) and the observers (8). As shown in the graph below, the geographical distribution of the official respondents is balanced, although there is a certain preponderance of the group of African states.



Distribution of the respondents' groups

Concerning the distribution by government departments represented at the meeting, it appears from the data that a broad range of government departments took part in this first meeting with a particular accent on the Ministries of Foreign Affairs.

1. Preparation of the Forum and its first meeting:

Except in some rare cases (because of either lack of knowledge or information), the majority of the states and international organizations (88%) *designated a focal point considered by the majority to be useful for the process.*

Almost half of the respondents considered the role of the "Friends of the Forum" to be useful for the process. A few suggest that the role of the focal points should be increased; *others propose that the frequency and even the duration of the meetings of the "Friends of the Forum" should be increased.*

Half of the states and the observer respondents took an active part in the preparation of a round table session. In general, the quality of the preparatory documents for the meeting is considered to be "very good" or "good". However, certain respondents from the states noted that not all the documents were translated into their normal working language; *others suggest that the abovementioned documents should be sent earlier in order to facilitate a more active participation in the work of the Forum.*

In a global way, the respondents (74%) come to a favourable conclusion about the proposal to invite high level civil servants, whom they consider appropriate.

* Except for one respondent from the Africa region, who judged the quality of the documents to be bad based on the fact that they were in English. In our opinion, this evaluation is not well-founded, because all the preparatory documents had been translated into several languages.

2. Reception of the participants:

The large majority of respondents feel that the host country provided good reception services to the participants in the meeting. The evaluation of 91% of the respondents varies from “good” to “very good”.

3. Organization of the Forum:

The respondents find that the *involvement of the international organizations and civil society is appropriate*, insofar as they bring their expertise on questions of migration and development. However, certain respondents suggest a much more active participation from migrant associations on the civil society day; other respondents wish that the international organizations would participate more in the financing of the Forum.

Concerning the “Marketplace proposal”, the expectations of those who took part were “satisfied” as a whole. However, although information is available on the Forum website, some countries did not know about the existence of the Marketplace: this explains their non-participation, in spite of their professed intention to submit proposals for a project.

Concerning the Forum website, almost all respondents rated this initiative positively, which they regard as useful, practical and conducive of exchange and communication. Since its launch on April 19, 2007, the Forum website has raised a lot of interest on the part of states, with a high numbers of visits during June and July 2007. In total, 7,259 Internet surfers from 174 states visited the site several times. The majority of these visits (81%) did not require the use of a search engine or an Internet link. The most visited pages were focused primarily on the Forum agenda and the registration of participants. At the geographical level, the majority of the visitors originate in the WEOG group.

4. Progress of the meeting:

The majority of respondents (89%) feel that the meeting was organised “very well” or “well”, and that it allowed interaction in the debates with an increased level around questions on migration and development. In the same way, the vast majority of respondents think that a balance of themes was achieved during the sessions.

On the question of whether the integration of the horizontal topics (human rights, gender, root causes of migration, capacity building) were adequately respected in the sessions, 63% of respondents are favourable, versus 24% giving a contrary opinion. At the regional level, it should be noted that the answers given by the Latin America and the Caribbean Group – as well as the international organizations – are rather divergent, while the general tendency of the other groups favours this integration (see the table in the appendix).

On the question of whether the geographical balance was respected during the meeting, the answers vary from one group to another. While the Asia and WEOG groups consider almost unanimously that this distribution was respected, the opinions differ in the Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean groups, as well as among the international organizations and, to a lesser extent, the Africa group.

5. Results of the Forum:

The majority of respondents considered that the first meeting of the forum has strengthened the dialogue on migration and development, and has generally achieved the anticipated results. The general impression from the answers provided on the expectations of participants and observers varies from “satisfactory” to “very satisfactory”. However, certain remarks and suggestions by respondents should be brought to the attention of the Forum organisers. These include in particular the following:

- the Forum meeting should be held every two years;
- the governmental days would gain in effectiveness if they were lengthened to 3 days instead of 2;
- particular attention should be given to South – South migration;
- given the interest that the Marketplace has stimulated among the participants, it should continue to exist.

III. CONCLUSION:

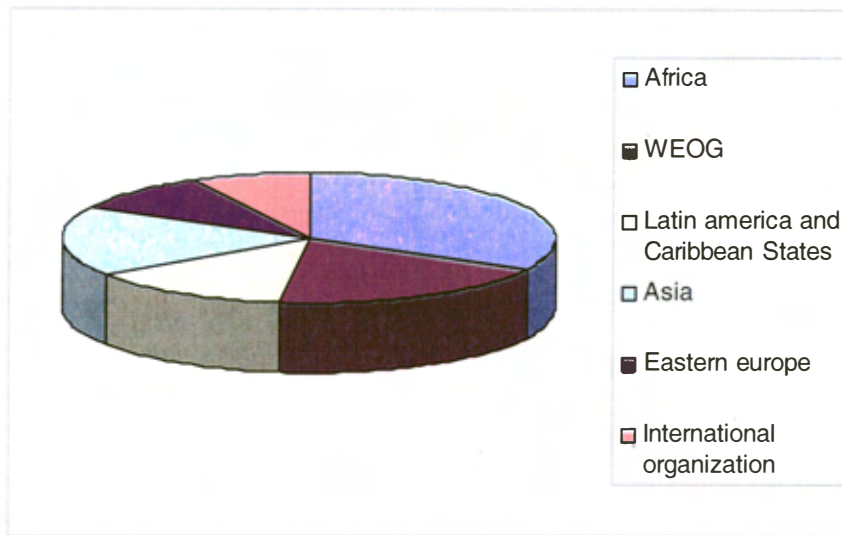
From the analysis of the questionnaires, it appears that the first meeting of the Global Forum on Migration and Development was very successful, to the credit not only of the organizing country, but also of all participants involved in this new global process.

Taking into consideration the encouraging results of this first meeting, one could propose, among other things, that:

- the role of the focal points should be increased for better coordination of the follow-up of Forum activities at the national level;
- additional efforts should be made to enable participants to benefit more from the Forum website;
- the civil society day should be expanded in particular through the involvement of migrant associations;
- the observer role of international organizations should be maintained, but they should also be invited to contribute more to the financing of projects, that can then be submitted to the Forum.

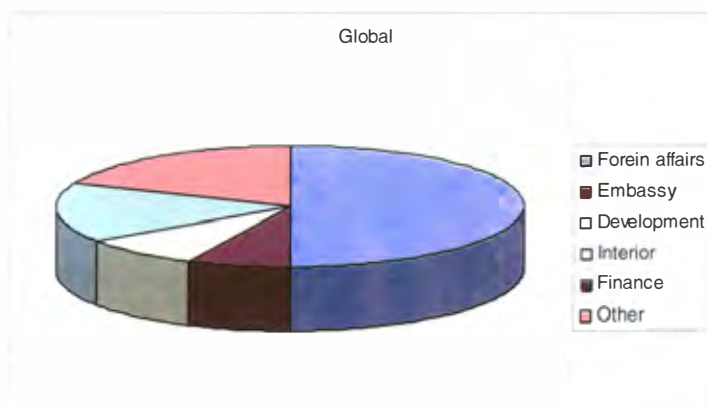
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Regional groups



Africa	WEOG	Latin America and Caribbean States	Asia	Eastern Europe	International organization
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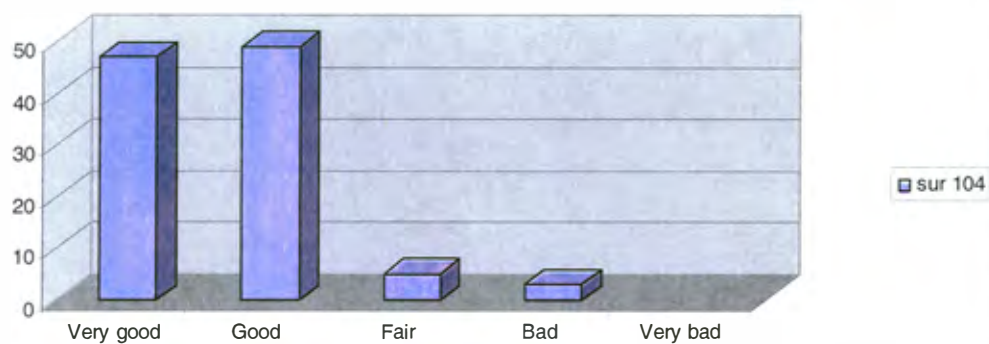
Departments (Total)



	Global
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Embassy	7
Development	8
Interior	15
Finance	0
Other	18

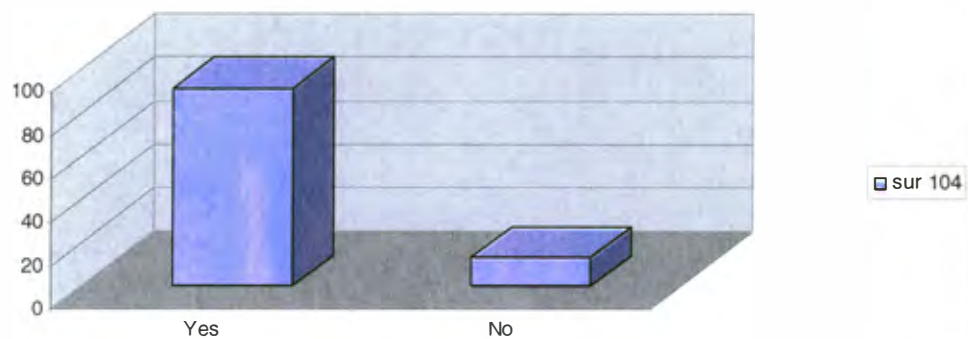
Quantitative analysis of the data

I i. How do you assess the welcome to the meeting?



I i	Very Good	Good	Fair	Bad	Very Bad
of 104	47	49	5	3	0

II i. Has your Government nominated a Focal Point to the Forum?



II i	Yes	No
of 104	91	13