



Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic

Bratislava, 7 December 2018

Dear Secretary-General,

I am writing to you in your capacity as Secretary-General of the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Mandated by the resolutions of the National Council of the Slovak Republic and the Government of the Slovak Republic, I wish to inform you on the following:

Slovakia cannot agree with the final draft of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and therefore, Slovakia withdraws from the adoption process of Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

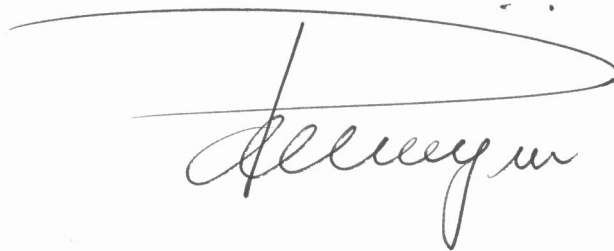
The following concerns are expressed in the resolution of the National Council of the Slovak Republic of 29 November 2018 in relation to the final draft of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration:

- 1. The final draft of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration in its version of 11 July 2018 is inconsistent with the current security and migration policy of Slovakia.*
- 2. Slovakia reiterates its full sovereignty in defining its own national migration policy.*
- 3. Illegal migration motivated by economic factors is a negative phenomenon posing also security threats on national, regional and global levels. Slovakia supports closer cooperation with countries of transit as well as addressing the root causes of migration in the countries of origin.*

4. *Any document addressing the migration cannot be interpreted as limiting the sovereign right of Slovakia to decide who shall be considered regular (legal) and/or irregular (illegal) migrant, and to whom to grant the right to stay on its territory.*
5. *Slovakia reserves its right to adopt migration legislation exclusively in accordance with its own national migration policy.*
6. *Slovakia continues to reject the policy of mandatory migration quotas.*

It is for these reasons that Slovakia is not in a position to participate in the Intergovernmental Conference to Adopt the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and to be part of the consensus to adopt its outcome document.

Please accept, Dear Secretary-General, the assurances of my highest consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Louise Arbor', with a large, sweeping horizontal flourish above the name.

H.E. Ms. Louise Arbor

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