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Migration Dialogue for Southern
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INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION
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REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON MIGRATION, POVERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

Note to the United Nations High Level Dialogue of the General Assembly on Migration and Development – addressed to H.E. the President of the 60th Session.

Excellency,

The Migration Dialogue for Southern Africa (MIDSA), the non-binding and informal Regional Consultative Process (RCP) established for Southern Africa in 2001, held a Workshop on Migration, Poverty and Development in Windhoek, Namibia on 24-25 April 2006. Participants from the governments of Angola, Botswana, Comoros, and Democratic Republic of the Congo, Lesotho, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, South Africa, Seychelles, Swaziland, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe attended the workshop. Other participants included the African Union (AU), Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secretariat and Parliamentary Forum, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), European Commission, Australian High Commission, and the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA), SAMP and IOM.

The first day of the workshop focused on the linkages between migration, poverty and development, and included presentations of new research conducted by the Southern African Migration Project (SAMP).

The second day of the programme focused on preparations for the upcoming United Nations High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development (UNHLD). Participants received a comprehensive briefing on the procedures and themes of the UNHLD. Participants engaged in extensive discussions concerning the ways that MIDSA, and the interests of the Southern African region, could be reflected in this important debate.

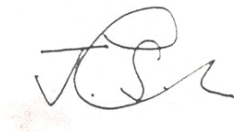
Participants were appreciative of the recognition by the UN of the role of Regional Consultative Processes (RCPS) such as MIDSA in enhancing coordination and cooperation on issues of global migration. Participants also acknowledged, and wished to express thanks to the UN of the invitation contained in Resolution 60/227 on International Migration and Development, which expressly invites RCP's to contribute to the UNHLD.

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In this respect, participants concluded that this Covering Letter, along with the attached MIDSAs Report and Recommendations and Conclusions, would be forwarded to the President of the General Assembly for consideration along with other submissions from regions throughout the world. While underscoring the informal and non-binding nature of the MIDSAs process and its recommendations and outcomes, Workshop participants undertook to ensure that national governments and regional institutions would be fully briefed on the opportunities to engage in the HLD.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of our highest consideration.

Sincerely,

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Professor Jonathan Crush
Director SAMP

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Mr. Hans-Petter Boe
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