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Subject: - **SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE GLOBAL
ALLIANCE TO COUNTER MIGRANT SMUGGLING**

Second International Conference on the Global Alliance to Counter Migrant Smuggling will be held on 10th December, 2025 in Brussels. Minister for Interior & Narcotics Control will attend the subject conference. Draft declaration is enclosed.

2. Ministry of Foreign Affairs is requested to vet the declaration from diplomatic/ political point of view.


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Joint Declaration on the Global Alliance to Counter Migrant Smuggling

Brussels, 10 December 2025

We, representatives of the European Union and partner countries [list of countries], and International Organisations [list] gathered in Brussels on 10 December 2025 for the second international conference of the Global Alliance to Counter Migrant Smuggling;

Acknowledge the growing challenges posed by migrant smuggling as a transnational crime that endangers the lives and dignity of migrants, fuels criminal networks operating across borders, and undermines national migration systems;

Reaffirm our commitment to the full implementation of the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime and its Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea, and Air, alongside other relevant international law, including human rights instruments;

Confirm our joint determination to strengthen international cooperation in implementing a comprehensive and coordinated global response under the Global Alliance to Counter Migrant Smuggling, launched in November 2023, to address smuggling in all its forms, in a 'whole of route' approach, in the spirit of shared responsibility, and guided by the three pillars of the Call to Action of the Global Alliance to Counter Migrant Smuggling: better prevention, stronger response, and alternatives to irregular migration, including legal pathways;

Recognise that migrant smuggling networks are often linked to trafficking in human beings, exploitation, violence, and human rights violations, as well as to other transnational organised crimes, and reaffirm the importance of coordinated efforts that uphold human rights and dignity;

Highlight the -widespread misuse of digital technologies and online platforms by criminal networks to facilitate migrant smuggling at all stages of the crime, and emphasise the need to strengthen cooperation, including with online platforms, to effectively counter these illegal activities and develop targeted initiatives along all three pillars of the Global Alliance.

[On prevention of migrant smuggling, we:]

Reaffirm the need for strong national legal and institutional frameworks that criminalise migrant smuggling in line with international standards;

Highlight the importance of collecting and sharing situational awareness data to improve our understanding of smuggling patterns and enhance preventive measures against irregular departures and border crossings;

Support awareness-raising campaigns to counter the narratives of smugglers, and inform about risks and the safe, regular, and accessible pathways for legal migration, including economic opportunities in countries of origin and transit and possibilities for voluntary assistance and reintegration along the main migratory routes;

Enhance collaboration with transport operators, authorities, and stakeholders to counter the use of commercial transport for irregular migration, such as in air transport;

[On response to migrant smuggling, we:]

Strengthen operational cooperation along migratory routes at all levels, involving law enforcement, customs, border authorities, and justice systems, in particular through joint investigations and judicial cooperation in criminal matters;

Enhance measures aimed at strengthening legislative, investigative and judicial responses to effectively prevent, deter, and combat the smuggling of migrants, particularly into states party to the UN Convention against Transnational Organised Crime and its Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea, and Air, including disrupting the supply chains used by criminal networks;

Intensify cooperation with digital platforms and tech providers, to detect, prevent and remove illegal content online related to migrant smuggling, ensuring transparency and regulatory accountability, as well as building capacities of national authorities in this field, raising awareness, facilitating information exchange and promoting and developing best practices and operational tools in addressing these challenges;

Step up financial investigations to trace, seize, and confiscate smuggling proceeds, including cryptocurrency, and dismantle the economic infrastructure of smuggling networks;

Combat corruption and fraud facilitating migrant smuggling, in line with the UN Convention Against Transnational Organised Crime and its Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea, and Air, and the UN Convention Against Corruption, to fight against any form of corruption and fraud enabling these crimes;

Enhance capacity-building, technical assistance, regional dialogues, and peer-to-peer cooperation—working closely with the UN agencies, and in particular the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and relevant regional and international actors;

Recall that, in line with international law, and without prejudice to rules of national law relating to unauthorised entry in the territory of the State concerned, migrants shall not be subjected to criminal prosecution for the sole fact of having been smuggled;

Reaffirm our commitment to facilitating the safe, and dignified return of migrants not entitled to remain on the territory of the destination country, while supporting their sustainable reintegration.

[On alternatives to irregular migration, we]

Reaffirm our commitment and determination to promote safe and regular migration pathways for people in need of international protection, resettlement, humanitarian admission, and complementary pathways for work and education;

Ensure efforts to facilitate legal and orderly migration by supporting training and skills' development, international labour mobility, and labour market integration through mutually beneficial partnerships, taking into account labour market needs and respecting national systems;

Recognise the importance of strengthening protection and support within countries of origin and neighbouring regions, enabling individuals to find safety, security, and opportunity without the need for dangerous, long-distance migration journeys and by offering young people tangible future opportunities in countries of origin through job creation and vocational education and training.

We, the representatives of the partner countries and international organisations, endorse this Declaration and reaffirm our commitment to work in solidarity, responsibility, and partnership to prevent and combat migrant smuggling globally.

We reaffirm that the Global Alliance and this Joint Declaration shall remain open for endorsement by other partner countries and international organisations that share our commitment to advancing collective efforts to counter migrant smuggling worldwide.

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