



THE GLOBAL COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND THE CORE GROUP OF STATES

1. The Commission is an independent body. It carries out its tasks in full political, analytical and managerial independence. Commissioners and Co-chairs act in their personal capacity only.
2. Following a proposal by the United Nations Secretary-General in July 2003, a Core Group of interested States convened for the purpose of preparing the establishment of the Commission. Switzerland and Sweden, together with Brazil, Morocco and the Philippines, developed an initial draft of the Commission mandate, which was reviewed further by an expanded open-ended Core Group that currently includes 22 governments.¹ With the creation of the Commission on 1 January 2004, the Core Group acts as an informal consultative body for the Commission.
3. By participating in the Core Group, governments:
 - support the creation of the Commission as initially suggested by the Secretary-General;
 - endorse the purpose of the Commission;
 - follow and support the work of the Commission; and
 - are available for on-going consultations with the Commission.
4. The working relationship between the Commission and the Core Group is as follows:
 - The Core Group serves as a reference point for government consultations by the Commission in order to receive input for its activities.
 - The Commission keeps the Core Group informed of overall work in progress, through interim reports and by organising meetings at regular intervals with all Core Group members. Such meetings normally take place with Permanent Missions in Geneva. Meetings can also be held in New York.
 - The Commission may consult with individual Core Group members, including the two Co-chairs of the Core Group, Switzerland and Sweden.
 - Interested Core Group governments may offer diplomatic, logistical and financial support to the Commission in the preparation and organisation of Regional Commission Meetings that will involve other governments, international institutions and the non-governmental sector (academia, corporate sector, NGOs, media, etc.)
 - Irrespective of the region where Regional Commission Meetings are held, Core Group members will be invited through their respective local representatives and/or otherwise.
 - No financial commitments arise from participation in the Group. Interested Core Group governments may, however, consider making available financial support to the Budget of the Commission, to ensure the functioning of the Secretariat and the work of the Commission.

¹ Australia, Bangladesh, Brazil, Belgium, Canada, Egypt, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran, Japan, Mexico, Morocco, Netherlands, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Philippines, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, United Kingdom, Holy See and the EC/EU. The Core Group is chaired by Switzerland and Sweden. The Group is open-ended.