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Letter dated 5 April 2004 from the Permanent Representative of El Salvador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a note dated 17 March 2004 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, María Eugenia Brizuela de Ávila, concerning your initiative to launch the Global Commission on International Migration under the chairmanship of Mr. Jan Karlsson and Mrs. Mamphela Ramphele, with a view to discussing and finding ways of resolving the various problems that result from international migration (see annex).

I should be very grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session.

(Signed) Víctor Manuel **Lagos Pizzati**
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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I am writing to send you my best wishes for peace and success in your important work as head of our world organization.

We have learned of the Secretary-General's welcome initiative to launch the Global Commission on International Migration under the chairmanship of Mr. Jan Karlsson and Mrs. Mamphela Ramphele, with a view to discussing and finding ways of resolving the various problems that result from international migration.

The Government of El Salvador welcomes this important initiative, which will assuredly produce important results on one of the most important issues on the agenda of nations in various parts of the world. El Salvador also wishes to inform the Secretary-General that it takes a keen interest in the work to be done by this Commission and that it would therefore like to be taken into account when the time comes for the Commission to undertake relevant regional consultations, so that it can provide its input on the subject.

El Salvador is no stranger to the problem of migration, for a substantial portion of the population of El Salvador lives outside the country and we have in the region common problems relating to migration. The foreign policy of El Salvador has been marked by a definite concern for these issues. We have taken various kinds of actions and have adopted public policies designed to promote respect for the human rights of migrants and their families, consular protection for fellow nationals abroad and regional coordination of the various public policies between the States touched by migration, whether as countries of origin, countries of transit or countries of destination.

El Salvador would therefore like to express its support for the work to be done by this Commission. It hopes that it will be able to provide an input to the Commission whenever the latter deems that appropriate.

(Signed) María Eugenia **Brizuela de Ávila**
Minister for Foreign Affairs