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Dear Commissioner, dear colleagues,

Please find below a readout on today's meeting with [REDACTED] the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD).

With thanks to [REDACTED] for the readout.

Best regards,

[REDACTED]

Commissioner Urpilainen met today [REDACTED] the International Center for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) at the latter's request.

During this short friendly meeting, several issues of mutual interest were discussed:

The **Commissioner** briefed [REDACTED] on the **state of play of NDICI-GE programming**. She stressed that in preparing the MIPs **careful attention had been placed to respecting the spending targets** set by the NDICI-GE regulation, and an innovative bottom up and an integrated approach had been followed, with EU Delegations in the lead, and MSs, local actors and IFIs associated since the very beginning of the reflection in the spirit of a Team Europe approach.

She also debriefed him on the common approach being elaborated by all EU Member States to address this **Afghan situation**. She informed him on the ongoing Commission's reflection on the possible use of the NDICI funds originally destined for the MIP Afghanistan, a part of which should be destined to assist Afghan displacement in the neighbouring countries and, when possible, within Afghanistan's territory.

██████████ expressed ICMPD's interest to continue and expand its collaboration with the Commission and INTPA in particular under the new MFF.

He proposed some **immediate actions to step up cooperation in the Silk Route region**, sharing the proposal in annex. He stressed the importance to **work on different complementary strands in parallel**, by **strengthening border management and law enforcement cooperation, assisting the displaced population**, informing them on the risk of engaging on irregular journeys (notably by establishing without delay a third migration resources center in Pakistan, in addition to the two already existing in Islamabad and Lahore), **building better legal pathways of mobility and migration**. The Commissioner indicated that this initiative would be studied with care, and INTPA would revert in due time.

██████████ also provided information on the project that **ICMPD was promoting and coordinating in Nigeria**, involving also the Austrian Development Cooperation and the private sector. He noted that **this project, promoting jobs and investment opportunities, was met with great support by Nigerian authorities and in Austria**. Indeed, interestingly, since the start of the project, Austria's difficulties to obtain cooperation from Nigeria on readmission had been dissolved and the number of the readmitted Nigerians had sharply increased from a few dozens to around 800; this may provide an interesting lesson to learn on the best approach to develop cooperation.

Finally, ██████████ invited the Commissioner to join in some form –if not in person, at least online- the **Vienna Migration Conference scheduled for the 18-20 October** : in particular they wanted to propose her to have a **joint conversation with African Union's ██████████ ██████████ on the EU-AU perspectives of cooperation on migration**. The Commissioner promised to study the feasibility of her participation to the Conference and to reply soon.