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SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Mr. José Miguel Guzmán is the Chief of the Population and Development Branch of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA). He holds a Ph.D. in Demography from the University of Montreal, Canada. Before joining UNFPA, he was the Chief of the Population and development Area of CELADE-Population Division of ECLAC. He has also worked at his country of origin (Dominican Republic) at the national Planning Office and at the University of Santo Domingo. He was designated in 1993 as the ECLAC Adviser on Population and Development at the UNFPA Country Support Team for Latin America and the Caribbean, where he worked until 2001, providing technical assistance in these areas to all Latin American countries. His work experience covers several areas, such as: Population dynamics, urbanization, ageing, fertility transition; child and maternal mortality and health; population and gender, international migration; population and poverty linkages; natural disasters impacts; surveys/census and information systems. He has an extensive series of publication in books and population journals. He is a member of the International Union for the Scientific Study of the Population (IUSSP) in which he has participated in several working groups.

Mr. David Koschel joined the New York Office of the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) since January 2008. As a trainer and programme coordinator, he is in charge of the negotiation trainings for diplomats at UN Headquarters and the courses on current topics in international law and policy. He has designed and facilitated workshop for diplomats on a variety of issues, including effective negotiating in multilateral conferences; negotiating international peace and security; elections to UN organs; and climate change diplomacy. Prior to joining UNITAR, David was Programme Coordinator at Transparency International, the international anti-corruption watchdog with Secretariat in Berlin/Germany, where he was responsible for capacity-building and advocacy programmes in the Middle East and Africa. Other work experiences include the German Parliament and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Germany. David holds Master degrees in International Relations (Berlin) and International Peace Studies (Dublin).

Ms. Hania Zlotnik is Director of the Population Division of the United Nations. She joined the Division in 1982 and became Chief of the Mortality and Migration Section in 1993. In 1999 she was named Chief of the Population Estimates and Projections Section and became Assistant Director of the Division in 2003. Before joining the United Nations, she worked for the National Research Council of the United States as staff member for the Committee on Population and Demography. She holds a Ph.D. in Statistics and Demography from Princeton University and is a graduate of the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México (UNAM). Her work has spanned the field of demography, covering the analysis of fertility, mortality and migration with especial emphasis on their quantitative aspects. She has prepared manuals on demographic estimation techniques and on the collection of international migration statistics. She drafted the United Nations Recommendations on International Migration Statistics. She was responsible for the substantive preparation of the High-level Dialogue on International Migration and Development that the General Assembly of the United Nations conducted in 2006. She is the author of numerous works. She has edited or written several reports published by the United Nations on a wide variety of topics including international migration and development, female migration, levels and trends in urbanization, population distribution and migration, and population estimates and projections. She has published over 35 articles in books or refereed journals and has collaborated in editing books on international migration and international migration statistics. She has been an active member of several professional associations, serving as Board Member for the Population Association of America and as Vice-President of the International Union for the Scientific Study of Population (IUSSP).

Mr. Frank Laczko has been the Head of the Research and Publications Division at IOM Headquarters in Geneva since 2000. His previous posts with IOM were in Budapest and Vienna. Prior to joining IOM, he held a number of different academic posts and worked for a short time for UNHCR. IOM's research and publications programme has grown substantially in recent years.

IOM's "Research Compendium for 2005-2007" lists over a 100 research projects and the latest IOM Publications Catalogue contains information about more than 400 publications. During 2007, Frank Laczko led a team which conducted a feasibility study on behalf of the European Commission to establish a first African "Migration and Development/Mobility Centre" in Mali. Frank Laczko's most recent publication is a book, co-edited with Christine Aghazarm, entitled *Migration, the Environment and Climate Change: Assessing the Evidence*. Currently he is working with IOM's research team to prepare the 2010 World Migration Report entitled the "Future of Migration: Building Capacities for Change". Frank Laczko is also the editor of a new Global Migration series of books to be launched by IOM and the commercial publisher Springer, later this year.

Ms. Koko Warner heads the UNU-EHS Section on Environmental Migration, Social Vulnerability, and Adaptation. She supervises 7 researchers, including three Junior Academic Officers, two Research Associates, two PhD Scholars, and trainees. Major projects and activities: coordinate Munich Climate Insurance Initiative and its projects and participation in UNFCCC meetings and conferences. European-Commission funded projects including first global scoping of environmentally induced migration (EACH-FOR), manage the Munich Re Foundation Chair on Social Vulnerability (network of high-profile endowed professors working at the nexus of environmental change, social vulnerability, and adaptation) and the annual Summer Academy on Social Vulnerability. These projects examine the interaction of poverty, climate change, and opportunities for adaptation and resilience building for the poor. Manage section budget of approximately 1.3 million Euro (over multiple years, the majority are externally funded project resources).

Ms. Sarah Rosengärtner recently joined UNDP's Bureau for Development Policy as Migration and Development Specialist. Her portfolio includes follow-up to the 2009 Human Development Report on *Overcoming Barriers: Human mobility and development* and the coordination of UNDP's

Chairmanship of the Global Migration Group (GMG). Prior to that, from 2005 to 2009, Sarah served as Training Associate in the New York Office of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), where she spearheaded the Institute's activities in the area of migration and development, including UNITAR's chairmanship of the GMG in 2009, and the coordination of a series of policy dialogues on migration and development at UN headquarters. Sarah also developed, implemented and facilitated UNITAR training activities for the New York diplomatic community on topics such as peace, security and international criminal justice; UN reform; multilateral negotiations; and international trade. Before joining the UN, Sarah gained professional experience at the German Federal Parliament (Bundestag) in Berlin, the European Forum for Urban Safety (EFUS) in Paris and the Society for Intercultural Education and Training (SIETAR) in Vienna. Sarah has written and published on the topics of international migration, and children and youth in armed conflict. She holds graduate degrees in Political Science from *Sciences Po* Paris and the *Freie Universität*, Berlin.

Dr. A.K. Abdul Momen is the Bangladesh Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the UN in New York since August 26, 2009. Prior to that, he was the Chairman of the Business Administration and Economics Department at the Framingham State College, Massachusetts. Until Riyadh was rocked by successive bomb blasts in 2003, he was working there as an expert (Economic Adviser) under the Saudi Ministry of Finance and National Economy for few years. Prior to that, he worked as a faculty in few colleges in Massachusetts namely the Merrimack College, the Salem State College, the Northeastern University, the University of Massachusetts, Cambridge College and the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. He also worked at the MIT and the World Bank, Washington D. C. for couple of years. He has been teaching courses in economics and business administration for years. Dr. Momen has developed an administrative and political management program known as TGS to achieve accelerated development of Bangladesh or developing countries. He

presented a paper at the 20th Congress of the Political Scientists that was held in Santiago, Chile in July 2009. Professor Momen has a PhD in economics and an MBA from the Northeastern University (Boston), an MPA in public administration, public policy and international economics from the Harvard University (Cambridge), an LLB in Law, an MA in development economics and a BA (Honours) from the University of Dhaka.

Mr. Sami Areikat is an environmental engineer and sustainable development officer with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Division. He holds a Bachelor degree in Civil Engineering from University of Jordan at Amman, Jordan and a Masters degree in Water Resources and Environmental Engineering from University of Texas at Austin, USA. Mr. Areikat's current responsibilities in the Sustainable Development Division (UN-DESA) include working on enhancing international cooperation in addressing emerging issues on sustainable development, and support developing countries and countries with economies in transition in meeting sustainable development challenges posed by these issues. The areas of focus of his work include Conflict-Sensitive Development, National Sustainable Development Strategies (NSDS), Sustainable Management of Natural Resources and Environmentally Induced Migration.

Ms. Wei-Meng Lim is currently the Deputy Director of the UNHCR office in New York. She arrived in New York on the post of Deputy Director about one and a half years ago, after spending five years in UNHCR Headquarters, Geneva, as Chief of the Protection Policy and Legal Advice Section in the Department of International Protection Services. In that position she oversaw directly the development of UNHCR's global protection policies and standards, including through UNHCR's amicus briefs in UK and US courts as well as the European courts of Human Rights, and led UNHCR's team in the annual negotiations of Executive Committee Conclusions. Prior to that, Ms. Lim spent time in postings in Asia, including India and Thailand, as well as in Africa, including Somalia. A lawyer by

training, Ms. Lim's work for UNHCR has primarily been in the field of protection, which included refugee status determination, advocacy with authorities, promoting refugee issues among civil society partners, and conducting protection training. Ms. Lim has post graduate law degrees from her own country, Malaysia, as well as from the United States.

Ms. Zehra Aydin joined UNEP in September 2006 as the UNEP Liaison to the UN Development Group – a system wide mechanism to coordinate operational activities in the field and to support UN country teams. Prior to UNEP she was with the UN Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), where she worked in the Division for Sustainable Development, managing the relationship of the Commission on Sustainable Development with civil society and the private sector (1993-2006). Before DESA, she was with the former UN Centre on Transnational Corporations where she worked on environment and business issues (1990-1992). During her assignment in DESA, she was seconded twice: first to the Executive office of the Secretary-General (EOSG) for 18 months and next to the UN Non-governmental Liaison Service (NGLS) for 12 months. In the EOSG, Aydin supported the work of the Secretary-General's Panel of Eminent Persons on UN-Civil Society Relations (known as the Cardoso Panel). In UN-NGLS she was the Deputy Coordinator and Chief of the Service's New York office. Ms. Aydin's UN career has largely focused on environment and development, partnerships with role of civil society and private sector, and inter-agency relations. Her work with civil society and private sector has generated new participatory practices in the UN Commission on Sustainable Development, such as the multi-stakeholder dialogues, and shaped the World Summit on Sustainable Development (Johannesburg, 2002) as an unusually participatory event. She also assisted the Cardoso Panel to develop proposals on improving how the UN collaborates with civil society, and in NGLS she managed the first ever hearings of the General Assembly with civil society and the private sector in 2005. A Turkish national, she conducted advance studies in psychology (organizational and clinical focus) and political

science (international relations, and political economy focus).

Dr. Dessima Williams is the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Grenada to the United Nations and Chair of the 43-member Alliance of Small Island states (AOSIS), following issues of climate change. Dr. Williams previously served as Ambassador to the Organization of American States, along with assignments to the World Bank and the Inter-American Commission of Women. Dr. Williams holds a Ph.D. in International relations and has taught at university level for over a decade. Dr. Williams spent the past two decades in global campaigns for human rights, women's rights and gender equality, trade rights for Caribbean banana producers, children's education and sustainable development in Grenada.

Ms. Michelle T. Leighton, L.L.M., J.D., is the Director of Human Rights Programs, Center for Law and Global Justice, at the University of San Francisco School of Law. She is a specialist in international human rights law, desertification, climate change and migration and counsels nonprofit organizations, government and intergovernmental agencies. She has served as a consultant on these issues since 1992 and has advised the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, U.N. Environment Program, International Organization for Migration and the United States Congressional Commission on Immigration Reform. Ms. Leighton teaches courses on International Human Rights, Sustainable Development and Corporate Accountability. In addition to the University of San Francisco law school, she has taught at UC Berkeley's Boalt Hall School of Law, Golden Gate University and John F. Kennedy University. She currently is the United Nations University Munich Re Foundation Chair on Social Vulnerability and serves as a member of the German Marshall Fund's transatlantic study team on the impacts of climate change on human migration. Ms. Leighton has authored articles for law reviews, books and U.N. reports, and recently contributed to IOM's "Migration, Environment, and Climate Change: Assessing the Evidence (2009). She received her LL.M degree from the London

School of Economics and Political Science, J.D. from Golden Gate University Law School with honors and B.A. from the University of California at Davis. In 1989, Ms. Leighton Co-Founded the nonprofit organization, the Natural Heritage Institute, www.n-h-i.org, and the People and Global Resources program, serving as Senior Attorney for 15 years. Prior to joining the University of San Francisco Law School, she served as the Acting Dean of John F. Kennedy University School of Law.

Mr. Hansjoerg Strohmeyer is currently Chief of the Policy Development and Studies Branch at the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA). As such he is the principal policy adviser to the Emergency Relief Coordinator on enhancing effective humanitarian action through adherence to humanitarian norms and principles, developing strategies and tools in support of humanitarian field operations, and advocating for humanitarian concerns in all areas of the United Nations' work. Until December 2006, Mr. Strohmeyer served as Chief of Office of the United Nations Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs/Emergency Relief Coordinator and as Head of the Secretariat of the Executive Committee on Humanitarian Affairs at OCHA. Mr. Strohmeyer served in several United Nations missions, including most recently as Chief of Staff and Senior Political Adviser to the United Nations Independent International Inquiry Commission (UNIIC), based in Beirut, where he was responsible, *inter alia*, for cooperation matters with Syria. From August 2004 until May 2005 he was Chief of Staff of the United Nations Mission in Sudan (UNMIS), and, in 2003, he served in Liberia as Chief of Staff and Special Adviser for Protection to the Special Humanitarian Coordinator. Moreover, from October 1999 to July 2000 he served as the Acting and then Deputy Principal Legal Adviser to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET); from June to August 1999 as the Legal Adviser to the Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Kosovo (UNMIK); and, from 1996 to late 1998 as adviser on war crimes, human rights, and legal reform issues within the Offices of the High

Representative (OHR) and the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Mr. Strohmeyer completed his academic education in Muenster, Germany with degrees in law and political science. From 1991 to 1996 he served as trial judge in Düsseldorf, Germany and is currently on leave of absence from his judgeship. In 1997 and 1998 he was a member of the German delegation to the International Criminal Court preparatory committee proceedings and the Rome Conference. He is the author of the Secretary-General's first two reports on the protection of civilians in armed conflict and of several academic publications, including "Collapse and Reconstruction of a Judicial System: The United Nations Missions in Kosovo and East Timor", *American Journal of International Law*, January 2001.

Ms. Isabel Pereira is a policy specialist of the Research team that produces the global Human Development Report (HDR) of the United Nations Development Programme. For 2009's HDR, *Overcoming barriers: human mobility and development*, Isabel co-authorship several areas of background research, including in areas of migration policy. Having Economics of Information - incentives and regulation - and Applied Econometrics as major fields of interest, Isabel also contributed and co-authored research in other development areas, such as health, technology innovation, and climate change. Prior to joining UNDP, Isabel was working in academia, as a researcher and professor at Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona (Spain).

Mr. Noel González Segura is a member of the Mexican Foreign Service since 2001, where he has been appointed to the multilateral and economic areas. His academic background covers the international political and economical areas, as a graduate of the Sorbonne University on Political Science, of the University of the Basque Country on Sociology, the National University of Mexico on International Relations and Economics, and a Masters degree on Diplomatic Studies from the Matías Romero Institute in Mexico City. His experience working in multilateral Organizations

begins in 2003 as a delegate of Mexico to the OECD in Paris, where he was in charge of topics including development cooperation; budget and administration; governance and combating corruption and bribery in international business transactions, among others. In 2007, he was appointed to the Permanent Mission of Mexico to the UN in New York where he currently is in charge of the Second Committee, covering the areas of development and macroeconomic issues, as well as since recently environment and sustainable development. His responsibilities include the topics of migration and climate change. Mr. Gonzalez has also complemented his career as a diplomat as a university teacher.

Ms. Ann Pawliczko is Senior Project Adviser in the Technical Support Division at the United Nations Population Fund. She serves as focal point for ageing, migration, and sustainable development and technical adviser to the Fund's project on data collection of resource flows for population activities. She prepares UNFPA's annual Financial Resource Flows for Population Activities and the reports of the Secretary-General to the Commission on Population and Development on international assistance and domestic funding for population activities. Prior to this assignment, Dr. Pawliczko served as Population Affairs Officer at the United Nations Population Division where she worked in the population policy area and contributed to such publications as *International Migration Policies*, *World Population Policies*, *The Challenge of Urbanization: The World's Large Cities*, and *Monitoring of Population Trends and Policies*. Prior to that, Dr. Pawliczko held both teaching and research positions at Fordham University. She also conducted research at The Population Council. Dr. Pawliczko holds a Ph.D. in demography and urban sociology from Fordham University.

Mr. Robert McLeman is Associate Professor of Geography and Coordinator of the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Ottawa. His research focuses on the capacity of households and communities to adapt to the impacts of environmental variability and change. He is particularly interested on the relationship between

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Ms. Valeska Hesse recently joined the New York Office of the UN Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) as Training Consultant. As a trainer and programme coordinator, she is in charge of implementing the "Migration and Development Series", a policy briefing and training series designed to support the global process of dialogue and sharing of ideas and practices on international migration and development. Prior to joining UNITAR, Valeska was Institutional Development Officer at the Mexico based think-tank *Fundar, Center for Analysis and Research*, where she was responsible for the organization's strategic planning and evaluation activities, as well as for the development of a new migration research, advocacy and capacity development programme. Before *Fundar*, she was with the *Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES)*, a non-profit German political foundation engaged in projects in the fields of socio-political development and economic and social promotion. She served as a Junior Programme Manager in the FES Mexico office and as Director of the FES offices of Costa Rica, Nicaragua and Panama. Other work experiences include the OECD Development Center, the Agence Française de Développement and the German Parliament. Valeska holds graduate degrees in Political Science from *Sciences Po Paris* and the *Freie Universität, Berlin* and a postgraduate degree from the German Development Institute (DIE-GDI), Bonn. Valeska has written and published on the subject of poverty reduction, aid effectiveness, migration, and national politics in Mexico and Nicaragua, in English, Spanish and German.