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Subject: Brief report from KD's meeting with [REDACTED], ICMPD Monday 1 March
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Dear [REDACTED], in below some notes from the meeting earlier, in case useful.

Best,

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DG K. Doens (KD) met [REDACTED] the International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD). [REDACTED]
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Main issues discussed

- Update from ICMPD: Germany joined in 2020 as member of ICMPD, and membership of Greece as well as Denmark under way. Africa and the Silk routes regions are particular priority regions for ICMPD. Recently ICMPD signed an MoU with AU which they hope will lead to further engagements on migration with them.
- KD welcomed the cooperation with ICMPD, solid partner on EU migration policy implementation. New Migration Pact: INTPA very much involved in the external dimension. NDICI with 10% migration target translates the importance attached to the issue. We are looking to design strong portfolios with partner countries as part of Partnership approach on migration. Programming is ongoing on the ground through our delegations, migration priority countries fully embedded in this discussion. We are seeking coherence between national, regional and global level responses. The Team Europe approach is a key feature, spearheaded by INTPA to reinforce joint European responses to COVID-19, but approach relevant for all areas including migration. Convinced about need to combine our EU+MS forces, leading to achievements bigger than the sum of its parts. In the area of migration, the Spain TEI proposal is a good start.
- [REDACTED] recalled their engagement in innovative project in Nigeria focusing on building skills and providing job opportunities, including for returned migrations, underlining this is a good basis for a Team Europe initiative. EIB has recently joined with EUR 6 million for the Industrial Park. GIZ is also ready to provide funding to ICMPD for the skills training, and there are promising discussions with Danish companies and possibly DK funding. The initiative foresees skills training for around 100 000 persons per year. Could become a model to be expanded to other countries as well.
- KD confirmed interest in this initiative as a potential Team Europe model. He encouraged ICMPD to continue engagement with INTPA HQ teams as well as with EU delegation. Nigeria is a real priority for the EU, including for the issue of return and reintegration, but partnership goes beyond that, as confirmed by Ministerial conference last year. Job creation and support is key as part of the overall EU package, but needs to go hand in hand with other developments, including on readmission negotiations.
[REDACTED] informed about other areas of ICMPD engagement, including in the work on EU Talent partnerships, where they are looking at future opportunities to engage further with additional countries in Africa. Also, in the current pandemic context, ICMPD is working with WHO on the mobility of health care workers. Support for migration dialogues and processes (Khartoum, Rabat, Budapest, Prague processes), continues to be a main area of engagement for ICMPD, including the support for migrant resource centres in partner countries, including Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq. Finally, he underlined the MIEUX

programme and the Global Diaspora Facility as key initiatives for implementing a Team Europe approach.

Conclusions/next steps

- KD welcomed the meeting as timely and encouraged continued engagement between ICMPD and INTPA teams to ensure innovative Team Europe approaches in the NDICI programming.
- ■ looked forward to continued and possibly increased cooperation, as a first step in the context of the Nigeria project, which could potentially serve as a model for other countries.