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TO: Olha Harasymchuk

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Deputy Head of Association of Ukrainians in Portugal

Dear Ms. Harasymchuk,

The International Organization for Migration (IOM) Mission in Ukraine presents its compliments to the Association of Ukrainians in Portugal and to you personally and has the honour to thank you for your participation as one of the panelists at the conference "Ukraine and Ukrainians Worldwide: Building Effective Partnerships for Development", organized by the IOM Mission in Ukraine within the framework of the EU-funded project "Effective Governance of Labour Migration and Its Skills Dimensions" implemented in partnership with ILO.

Your participation in the moderated session "The Potential of the Ukrainian Diaspora to Contribute to the Social and Economic Development of Ukraine" and your overview of the diaspora associations as a link between home and host countries, helped to create a better understanding of the present situation with the Ukrainians abroad, the levels of their organization, their potential as well as willingness to participate in the socio-economic life of Ukraine. The conference gathered over 100 guests in attendance and judging from the response, we believe that the topics discussed are increasingly important on the agenda of diverse stakeholders.

We are preparing a conference report and will be happy to share it with you when available.

The IOM Mission in Ukraine avails itself of this opportunity to renew the assurance of its highest consideration and express hope for further successful cooperation.

Yours sincerely,

Manfred PROFAZI

Chief of Mission