Third Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Group on Migrant Children of the

Regional Conference on Migration (RCM)

El Salvador, San Salvador

18 - 19 August, 2015

Objectives:

* Review the achievements of Member Countries in the protection of migrant and refugee children and identify remaining challenges and necessary measures to address them.
* Move forward with the drafting of a regional manual on the protection of migrant and refugee children to implement the RCM document approved in 2014: "Toward a Regional Mechanism for the Comprehensive Protection of Migrant and Refugee Boys, Girls and Adolescents".
* Move forward on sharing key information on migrant and refugee children at national and regional level to promote their protection.

Tuesday, 18 August, 2015

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| Schedule | Activity |
| 8:00-8:30 | Registration of participants |
| 8:30-9:00 | ***Opening session***  Opening remarks from a representative of the Presidency Pro-Témpore (Mexico)  Opening remarks from the Vice-Minister for Salvadorans Abroad, Liduvina Magarín |
| 9:00-9:15 | ***Revision of the agenda and presentation of methodology***  RCM Technical Secretariat |
| 9:15-9:30 | ***Background***: Summary of previous meetings and main agreements reached during the past meeting of the Ad-Hoc Group, held in Mexico, in April 2015.  Facilitator: Oliver Bush, Expert on the Rights of Migrant Children |
| 9:30-9:45 | Coffee Break |
| 9:45-11:15 | Session One:  ***The experience of migrant and refugee children***  Group discussion with young migrants  Moderator: Representative from El Salvador |
| 11:15-1:00 | Session Two  ***Achievements and challenges in the protection of migrant children: current and future scenarios***  A set of guiding questions will be posed to identify achievements and challenges in the work of each country for the protection of children.  Guided discussion.  Moderator: Agueda Marín (IOM) and Luis Diego Obando (UNHCR). |
| 1:00-2:00 | Lunch |
| 2:00-3:30 | Session Two continues |
| 3:30-4:00 | "Toward a Regional Mechanism for the Comprehensive Protection of Migrant and Refugee Boys, Girls and Adolescents".  Facilitator: Sofía Salas, IOM |
| 4:00-4:30 | Coffee Break |
| 4:30-5:00 | Conclusions of the day |
| 5:00 | Closing |

Wednesday, 19 August, 2015

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| 8:00-8:30 | ***Summary of the previous day***  Summary of conclusions, agreements and key ideas of the previous day.  Facilitator: RCM Technical Secretariat |
| 8:30-10:30 | Session Three  **Presentation of the draft regional manual for the protection of migrant children**  Inputs from participants  Facilitator: Tita Escalante (IOM Consultant) |
| 10:30-10:45 | Coffee Break |
| 10:45-12:15 | Session Four  Exchange of key information on migrant children at the regional level  How to improve the exchange, coordination, monitoring and joint evaluation of information to avoid the re-victimization of children.  Moderator: Representative of the PPT (Mexico) |
| 12:15-1:00 | ***Conclusions***  Summary of the meeting.  Moderator: RCM Technical Secretariat |
| 1:00-2:00 | Lunch |