**MEETING OF THE REGIONAL CONSULTATION GROUP**

**ON MIGRATION (RCGM) OF THE**

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)**

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The Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) formulated the following conclusions at the meeting held on June 8 and 9, 2016, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras with the participation of representatives from Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and the United States of America:

# CONCLUSIONS

1. In regard to the report of the RCM Technical Secretariat (TS), the following conclusions were reached:
2. To accept and thank the TS for the Financial and Activity Report. The TS was asked to disaggregate the per diem and travel expenses for 2015 and the current year. In addition, RCM Member Countries were urged to pay their outstanding contributions.

It was requested that the content of the Financial and Activity Report of the TS be restructured in order to reflect the actions implemented by the TS in line with the Conclusions emanating from each meeting. In this regard, the report should link activities to priorities established by Member Countries.

The TS was asked to update the list of focal points of Member Countries, Vice-Ministers and Observer Organizations, for subsequent dissemination.

1. With regard to the invitation to participate in the VI Global Meeting of Regional Consultation Processes, to be held in Geneva, Switzerland on October 13, 2016, the TS will submit the corresponding information to the PPT for consideration with regard to participation.
2. The TS presented its proposed Work Plan, in response to the request of the United States. The TS indicated that the document is based on the conclusions from the meetings of the RCM of the past 3 years, with the objective of supporting and facilitating the dialogue process and the coordination of mechanisms with observers.
3. To recommend that the Work Plan of the TS be reformulated to focus on specific activities, recognizing the need to stay within existing resources.
4. With regard to the document on compilation of procedures and practices of the RCM, Member Countries were asked to submit their input to the TS within four weeks, with the purpose of revising the document. For Member Countries that do not submit any input, it is understood that they agree with the document that was shared.

The document is a compilation from existing RCM documents which is not intended to be regulatory but to serve as a reference document.

Once all the input has been incorporated, the document will be shared with all Member Countries. The revised version will be distributed for Member Countries’ reference before the Vice-Ministerial Meeting in November 2016 and updated as required.

1. To thank the delegations of Costa Rica and the United States for the presentation on the Migrants in Countries in Crisis (MICIC) Initiative. The focus of this initiative is in line with the theme of Shared Responsibility established by the current PPT. The United States and Costa Rica requested Member Countries’ support for this Initiative, to be launched at the UN in New York on June 15 and on June 28, 2016 in Geneva.
2. To thank the delegation of Mexico for the presentation on actions relating to Return, Reintegration and Integration as an example of best practices. Interested Member Countries were urged to implement similar initiatives.
3. To thank Costa Rica for the presentation of the document developed by the Nansen Initiative: “Protection for Persons Moving across Borders in the Context of Disasters: A Guide to Effective Practices for RCM Member Countries”. The TS will send the printed version to Member Countries.
4. To thank the IOM for the presentation of the report on Women, Migration and Violence. The report includes a systematization of the information that is available in the region and an assessment of the results, which will continue to be disseminated with the objective of generating guidelines for the benefit of migrant women. The final version is expected to be finalized in mid-July 2016.
5. To thank the IOM, UNHCR and UNICEF for the presentation on the review of the documents generated as a result of the Workshop on Validation of Documents on Migrant Boys, Girls and Adolescents. The following documents are available:
   1. Consular Protection Recommendations for Unaccompanied and Separated Migrant Boys, Girls and Adolescents including those in Need of International Protection.
   2. Common Indicators for the Registration of Unaccompanied or Separated Migrant Boys, Girls and Adolescents in Consular Actions by Member Countries of the Regional Conference of Migration.
   3. Regional Guidelines for the Comprehensive Protection of Boys, Girls and Adolescents in the Context of Migration.

The final version of these documents has already been submitted to the Technical Secretariat. The documents are expected to be submitted to the delegations in the near future.

1. To acknowledge the TS report on the review of the work of the Ad Hoc Group on Migrant Boys, Girls and Adolescents. The RCM Technical Secretariat presented some preliminary results and noted that the document will subsequently be submitted to the Member Countries for their consideration and input.
2. Taking note of UNICEF’s technical opinion regarding the relevance of establishing a Liaison Officers Network for the Protection of Migrant Girls, Boys, and Adolescents as part of the work structure of the RCM, the Member Countries agreed to recommend to Vice-Ministers to establish the Network.

The operating mechanism of this Network will be proposed by the Troika and sent for Member Countries’ consideration, in order to agree on a proposal, to be submitted at the meeting in November 2016.

1. To thank the IOM for the presentation of the Handbook for the Development of Migration Policies on Reintegration of Returned Migrants and to request that this document be submitted to the Technical Secretariat for distribution to the RCM Member Countries.
2. To thank the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SICA) for the presentation on the various tools related to migration that exist in this organization. SICA offered to make the various tools available to RCM Member Countries.
3. To reactivate the Ad Hoc Working Group to discuss, analyze and define objectives on the topic of Extra-Continental Flows in the Region. Member Countries will be invited to attend a meeting which Panama offered to host on 14-15 July, 2016. The need was identified to effectively address this issue. All Member Countries are invited to participate.
4. To thank Costa Rica for the presentation on the current situation of extra-continental migration, as well as on the conclusions from the XLII Ordinary Meeting of the Central American Commission of Directors of Migration (OCAM), held in Panama on 2-3 June, 2016.
5. To thank Canada for the presentation on “Irregular Migration Trends for Canada”.
6. To take note of the intervention of RNCOM in the dialogue with RCM Member Countries.
7. To thank the IOM for the presentation of the report on projects implemented by the IOM in the region.
8. To thank the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for the presentation on advances in the region regarding international protection of refugees.
9. To thank the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for its intervention. The ICRC reiterated its support for the region in order to continue working together with relevant authorities in each country, with a humanitarian approach.
10. To thank UNICEF for its intervention. UNICEF reiterated its commitment to continue to participate in the RCM and took note of the topics discussed at this meeting in order to analyse potential contributions.
11. With regard to the proposed new activities:
    1. Canada updated Member Countries on the upcoming workshop on Migration Health to be held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on 28-29 September 2016, and asked Member Countries and civil society organizations to provide input on the agenda. In addition, Canada expressed that funding will be sought to enable as many countries as possible to attend the workshop.

In this regard, the IOM expressed its interest in providing technical assistance and financial support for this initiative.

* 1. A workshop on Civil Society, Migration and Development will be developed. The workshop will be held in Honduras on August 30-31, 2016 with support from CAMMINA.
  2. The IOM offered to conduct a workshop to provide technical training on comprehensive assistance to migrant girls, boys, and adolescents and consular protection. Guatemala offered to host the workshop.

1. To thank the Government of Honduras for its hospitality in organizing the work of the RCGM.

**Recommendations**

1. In order to strengthen the RCM, it is recommended that the Vice-Ministers consider granting observer status to the International Labour Organisation (ILO).
2. To welcome the document *‘Protection for persons moving across borders in the context of disasters. A guide to effective practices for RCM member countries’* and recognize that the new *‘Platform on Disaster Displacement’* may offerto carry out national or regional workshops and other training activities in coordination with the Technical Secretariat of the RCM to deepen the study and knowledge of the contents of that document.
3. To create the Liaison Officer Network for the Protection of Migrant Girls, Boys, and Adolescents as part of the work structure of the RCM.