**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)**

**REPORT OF THE LIAISON OFFICER NETWORK TO COMBAT MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING**

**Mexico City, Mexico**

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The Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking of the RCM Member Countries met on November 9, 2015 in Mexico City, Mexico with participation of representatives from Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and the United States. The Network submits its report to the Regional Consultation Group on Migration, proposed as follows:

1. To thank the delegations from Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and the United States for sharing the progress in combating migrant smuggling and trafficking achieved since the last meeting of the Network.
2. In regard to the progress of countries in the implementation of the indicators developed by IOM upon request of the RCM, related to the Palermo Protocol Against Trafficking in Persons, the following was agreed:
	1. To urge Member Countries to submit their progress reports to the Technical Secretariat (TS) by November 30, 2015 using the above-mentioned indicators. Use of the online tool from UNODC may be considered.
	2. During the presentation of the Regional Coalition against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling (El Salvador), it was agreed that the Coalition will coordinate efforts with UNODC regarding the dissemination and prevention mechanism of the campaign presented by the United Nations.
	3. To submit the updated comparative matrices on legislation relating to migrant smuggling and trafficking by November 30, 2015 through the TS, which will send the format to be used to each country.
	4. To update the directory of the Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons of the RCM.
3. Report on the institutional strengthening process of RCM and its components:
4. To take into account the documents developed in Santa Fe in 2011, as well as the terms of reference of the TS and other documents.
5. To take note of the contributions from El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico regarding their repatriation and reintegration programmes, as input for the central theme of the XX RCM.
6. To note the following points made by RNCOM:
7. To thank the representatives of the Regional Network for Civil Society Organizations on Migration for their contributions to this meeting.
8. To highlight that, despite the efforts that have been undertaken, an insufficient number of successful prosecutions has been recorded, compared to the number of reported cases.
9. To request that civil society be more actively involved, given that certain sessions remain closed to civil society.
10. To suggest that a prior analysis be conducted from the perspective of trafficking before adopting any rule or policy to combat trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling.
11. To point out that it is important that administrative staff not perform judicial functions.
12. To suggest that migrants in dangerous situations be identified prior to their deportation.
13. To take note of the increase in the number of migrants who may be eligible for international protection.
14. With the objective of improving dialogue, the Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking and the Regional Network for Civil Organizations on Migration commit themselves (to seeking a mechanism to exchange experiences and analyse cases).