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**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE**

**LIAISON OFFICER NETWORK TO COMBAT MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS**

**Tegucigalpa, Honduras**

**June 8, 2016**

The Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons of the RCM Member Countries held its meeting on June 8, 2016 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras, with participation of representatives from Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and the United States of America. The Network submits its report to the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) for consideration, as follows:

1. To thank the delegations of Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and the United States for their reports on new efforts and best practices in combating migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons.
2. To thank the delegations for their contributions concerning the advances of the countries in implementing the Palermo Protocol, using the indicators developed by IOM.
   1. The interested countries that have not submitted the document are currently working in order to submit it to the Technical Secretariat within a period of two months, at the latest. IOM will assist as requested.
   2. We urge countries to use online tools such as the tool of UNODC to provide the information.
3. To thank the delegations for their input for updating the comparatives matrixes of legislation on migrant smuggling and trafficking and next steps.
4. IOM offered its specialized technical capacity to RCM Member Countries in order to expedite the process of updating the comparative matrix of legislation on migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons, an analysis of key obstacles that hinder the actions to combat migrant smuggling. To this end, this will be submitted to the Technical Secretariat to enable the Member Countries to share relevant information.
5. Based on the systematization of data above on migrant smuggling, the Network will subsequently determine the need for a work plan.
6. To thank the Technical Secretariat (TS) for the information on the Multiannual Indicative Programme for Latin America 2014 – 2020 of the European Commission and the terms of cooperation in migration matters for RCM Member Countries.
   1. Costa Rica expressed its interest in labour migration programmes or projects.
   2. To take note of the proposal by IOM to establish synergies with the Central American Integration System (SICA).
7. To thank the Regional Coalition against Trafficking in Persons for the report on a *Regional Strategy for the Assistance and Accompaniment for victims of trafficking and in the RCM Member Countries* that was presented.
8. To thank RNCOM for the dialogue, comments and proposals to identify a mechanism for exchange of experience and cooperation. The countries took note of the importance of including civil society,with an effective participation in national and regional spaces involved in the matter.
9. To thank the delegations for their input concerning the proposed new activities.
   1. Costa Rica proposes to promote actions to address the issue of combating migrant smuggling in a more comprehensive manner according to the international instruments as ratified by Member Countries related to the Protocol against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air.