**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)**

**Meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM)**

**San Jose, Costa Rica**

**November 18 – 19, 2013**

The Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), at a meeting held on November 18 -19, 2013 in the city of San Jose, Costa Rica with the participation of representatives from Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, the United States of America, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic reached the following:

# CONCLUSIONS

1. To accept the TS Activity and Financial Report for the May – October 2013 period.
   1. Take note of the report on the participation of the TS Coordinator in the Regional Latin American and the Caribbean Meeting of Experts on International Migration, in preparation for the High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development held in July in Santiago, Chile.
   2. Thank the TS Coordinator for the explanation regarding future actions for selection of the new coordinator.
   3. The TS will incorporate in its Activity and Financial Report, the report on the Protocol for the Management of the RCM Fund for Assistance to Intra-Regional Migrants in Highly Vulnerable Situations prepared by IOM. Furthermore, the TS will submit quarterly reports on execution of the Fund.
2. To take note of reports on the following activities:
   1. Seminar on Migrant Children and Adolescents held in La Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala on August 27th – 28th, 2013.
   2. Regional Workshop on Policies, Practices and Conclusions for the Return, Reintegration and Integration of Migrants held in San Jose, Costa Rica on September 17th – 18th, 2013.
   3. Meeting of the Regional Coalition against Trafficking in Persons, held in San Jose, Costa Rica on October 11th, 2013.
3. To thank and take note of the document presented by RNCOM on joint actions by the RCM-RNCOM Ad-hoc group. The TS will circulate the document and request Member Countries to submit their input.
4. To thank Mexico for its update on the progress of the Ad-hoc Working Group to discuss, analyze and define objectives regarding extra-continental migration flows in the region. Countries that have not yet confirmed attendance to the Meeting of RCM and consuls of countries of origin should do so as soon as possible. Countries are urged to submit the matrix on extra-continental migration flows to contribute to systematizing the information by RCM.
5. To take note of the proposal by Costa Rica regarding the information matrix on Cuban migration flows in the region, which will be circulated by the TS for comments by Member Countries.
6. To thank the representative of the *State of the Region on Sustainable Human Development* program for a presentation on Climate Change in Central America as a contribution to the discussion on migration and natural disasters.
7. To thank the Dominican Republic for its presentation on the *Mano Amiga (Friendly Hand) Emergency Plan* in response to Haitian earthquake of January 2010.
8. Approve the reports of the Liaison Officers Network for Consular Protection and the Liaison Officers Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons.
9. To thank and congratulate Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and the United States of America for presenting their advancements on migration policies and procedures.
10. Take note, thank and recognize the Dominican Republic for its announcement regarding the Regularization Plan for Foreigners, which is about to be launched.
11. Take note and thank Costa Rica for their presentation on the High Level Dialogue and Migration and Development held in New York on October 3-4, 2013. The leadership of Mexico was highlighted in the negotiations of the “Declaration of the High-Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development”.

Take note of the proposal made by the PPT that the final declaration of the *UN High Level Dialogue on International Migration and Development* be analyzed by RCM Member Countries for consideration of its content within the framework of the Conference.

1. Thank Costa Rica for its presentation on the results of the *Regional Workshop on Policies, Practices and Recommendations for the Return, Reintegration and Integration of Migrants*, held in San José, Costa Rica on September 17th – 18th, 2013.

Take note of the proposal made by Costa Rica regarding the drafting of a document to establish strategic lines of action on reintegration, integration and return of migrants in order to receive feedback through the TS and be presented at the next meeting of the RCGM.

1. Thank Costa Rica for its presentation “Migration Assessments in the Negotiations of Free Trade Agreements.”
2. Thank Guatemala and Honduras for their update on efforts made regarding mechanisms for identifying missing migrants.
3. Thank Guatemala for its presentation on the conclusions and recommendations of the *Seminar on Migrant Children and Adolescents* held in La Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala on August 27-28, 2013. Take note of the Canadian presentation “Border Procedures for the Removal or Detention of Minors.”
4. Take note of the proposal made by Guatemala to submit for consideration the document “Outline and Principles for a Possible Regional Mechanism for the Comprehensive Protection of Migrant Children,” which will be circulated by the TS for feedback from Member Countries within a two-month period.
5. Take note and thank Costa Rica for its presentation on the project “Regularization of Indigenous Migrants.”
6. Take note and thank the respective reports and recognize the cooperation provided in the region by:

* the International Organization for Migration (IOM)
* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
* the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

1. Take note of the following proposed activities:

* The invitation from the Dominican Republic to participate in a meeting of migration directors of the Americas and a possible meeting of the Regional Coalition against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling, as well as a workshop on that same topic, which should be held on April 2014, within the framework of the 75 anniversary of the General Directorate of Migration and Foreigners.
* The proposal from Canada to hold a workshop on “Unscrupulous Immigration Consultants.” Canada will send the TS the conceptual document in due course. Guatemala offered to consult about the possibility of cosponsoring this event.
* The proposal from Costa Rica to hold a workshop on trafficking in persons focused on labor exploitation in order to strengthen the capacity of government institutions to coordinate, detect, identify, refer and assist victims.

Recommendations:

1. Consider the establishment of an Ad-hoc working group on migrant children.
2. Consider the approval of the *Guide for Secretariats and Ministries of Foreign Affairs in Central America and Mexico to Address Trafficking in Persons.*