**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)**

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

**Managua, Nicaragua**

**June 24, 2014**

The Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons held its regular meeting in Managua, Nicaragua, on June 24, 2014, with participation of representatives from Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States of America.

The Network submits the report to the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) for consideration. The report includes the following:

1. Thank the delegations from Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Nicaragua for sharing their progress made in the fight against migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons since the last meeting of this network.
2. Regarding the progress of RCM Member Countries on the implementation of the indicators elaborated by the IOM, at the request of the RCM, in compliance of the Palermo Protocols against Trafficking in Persons, the following was agreed to:
   1. Urge Member Countries to send their progress reports to the TS in a two-month period.
   2. The TS will request Member Countries to provide information with regards to focal points in order to complete these indicators.
3. Thank Nicaragua in its position as the Presidency of the Regional Coalition against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling, for the progress report regarding the agreements and work of the Coalition.

Take note of the request from El Salvador and Guatemala for the Coalition to formally request from the Member Countries the designation of a representative to address Migrant Smuggling, before the Coalition.

1. Thank the Regional Network of Civil Organizations on Migration (RNCOM) for its presentation on progress in the fight against trafficking in persons and take note of the challenges and recommendations made during their presentation.
2. Thank the IOM for the presentation on these researchs:
3. Trafficking in persons for Labor Exploitation in Central America
4. Progress of study on existing vulnerabilities in Central America around the illegal removal of organs.
5. Take note on the proposal of new activities:
   1. Update of the comparative matrices on legislation against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling, led by the IOM. The Technical Secretariat will request Member Countries to designate a focal point as a contact with IOM.
   2. The Technical Secretariat will submit, in writing, for the consideration of the OAS meeting of national authorities regarding Trafficking in Persons, the indicators that the RCM utilizes as a best practice instrument for the compliance of the Palermo Protocol in this topic.
   3. Regional Seminar “Capacity Building of Regional Authorities for the identification and prevention of Trafficking in Persons with the purpose of labor exploitation”, to be tentatively held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on a date to be determined, with the support of the IOM and the Regional Coalition against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling.
6. Take note of the need to continue to move forward on the topics of:
   1. Migrant Children
   2. Illegal organ extraction and its potential connection to Trafficking in Persons.