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**REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE**

**LIAISON OFFICER NETWORK FOR CONSULAR PROTECTION**

**Tegucigalpa, Honduras**

**June 8, 2016**

The Liaison Officer Network for Consular Protection held its ordinary meeting on June 8, 2016 inTegucigalpa, Hondurasprior to the meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), with participation of representatives from the following countries:Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panamaand the United States.

The Network submits its report to the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) for consideration, contained in the following items:

1. To thank Costa Rica, Honduras, Canada, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, the United States of America, El Salvador, Guatemala and Panama for their reports on new efforts and best practices relating to consular protection and services.
2. To thank Mexico for its presentation on the Workshop on the Exchange of Best Practices in Consular Assistance for Unaccompanied Migrant Boys, Girls and Adolescents. The experiences of the countries of the Northern Triangle of Central America were shared during the workshop, with the aim of developing specialized tools, identifying obstacles, and potential solutions.
3. To take note of the information provided by Honduras concerning the approval of the *Memorandum of Understanding among the Governments of the Republics of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic on the Establishment of a Network for Consular Protection and Humanitarian Aid of Central America and the Dominican Republic in the United Mexican States.* Honduras informed the Network that the document has been submitted to the Central American Integration System (SICA), and that the SICA General Secretariat has acknowledged receipt of the document.
4. In regard to Costa Rica’s proposal of Costa Rica for a Regional Cooperation Agreement for the Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants in RCM Member Countries, Costa Rica stated that the study on the implementation of the proposal has not yet been conducted due to a change of administration. Therefore, it requested that this item be removed from the agenda and subsequently notify the RCM Technical Secretariat of the adhesion to this. In this regard, the United States asked that the title of the proposed of the afore-mentioned Memorandum be revised.
5. In regard to the dialogue on migration flows of Cuban and extra-continental nationals, Mexico will further address this issue at the meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration.
6. Regarding the concept paper for a proposed workshop to develop general guidelines for consular protection for migrant workers, Nicaragua will be asked, through the TS, to confirm if they again wish to take up this initiative. Should that be the case, Honduras offered to submit a concept paper at the Vice-Ministerial Meeting in November 2016.
7. To thank RNCOM for its presentation highlighting the importance of the Consular Network and the need to strengthen it.
8. To reaffirm the interest of the RCM Member Countries to conduct a regional communication campaign on migration of girls, boys and adolescents. To this end, IOM will establish a group, in coordination with the TS and the liaison officers to be designated by interested governments and other interested stakeholders. The interested Member Countries and civil society – through RNCOM –that have information campaigns on this subject offered to share them to this effect before the meeting of the RCGM in November, 2016.
9. In regard to the dialogue about the possibility of creating a space to exchange best practices in order to advance toward a regional platform of registration of cases of consular protection, IOM requested that interested Member Countries redefine the desired scope of this initiative.
10. The RCM Member Countries asked the General Secretariat of SICA to make a presentation on the initiatives of SICA in migration matters at the meeting of the RCGM on Thursday, June 9, 2016.
11. Canada shared information with the other Member Countries about the Third Global Consular Forum, to be held in South Korea on October 25-27, 2016. Topics relating to consular protection will be addressed at the Forum.