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

**San Pedro Sula, Honduras**

**November 15, 2016**

The Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons held its regular meeting in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, on November 15, 2016, 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 following report to the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) for consideration:

1. Thank the delegations from Canada, United States, El Salvador, Honduras, Panama, Guatemala, Mexico, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic and Nicaragua for sharing their updates, on their new efforts and best practices to combat human trafficking and migrant smuggling, from a shared responsibility perspective.
2. Regarding the update of the Comparative Matrices of the Legislation in RCM Member Countries relating to Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons, and the presentation on the Compliance Indicators of the Protocol to prevent migrant smuggling by land, sea and air:
   1. Thank IOM for the update of the comparative matrices on legislation on migrant smuggling and for the presentation on the analysis of key obstacles hindering progress in combating migrant smuggling. IOM indicated that this study is currently only available in Spanish and assumed its commitment to translate it into English.
   2. Thank IOM for its presentation on the “Compliance Indicators of the Protocol to Prevent Migrant Smuggling by Land, Sea and Air”; and urge Member Countries to use them as a tool for monitoring their progress on this topic. In order to follow up on these indicators, countries will propose contact points who will participate in a virtual meeting organized by the RCM TS, with the support of IOM during the first two months of 2017. The purpose of the meeting will be to elaborate a Draft Work Plan on Migrant Smuggling for the Liaison Officers Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons. This draft will be presented for analysis and approval during the next meeting of the RCGM.
3. In regards to establishing synergies with SICA for improved cooperation on migration matters, RCM Member Countries agreed that interested countries will request support from SICA for the implementation of projects through the TS.
4. Thank the Regional Network of Civil Organizations on Migration (RNCOM) for its presentation on how to ensure the effective participation of the civil society in national and regional spaces, particularly with regard to combating migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons. Member Countries expressed their interest in continuing to include the civil society in such spaces.
5. Update the format of the Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons in order to include Civil Society. In this respect, request that the RNCOM presents a written proposal on how to strengthen the participation of the civil society in the RCM, so it can be assessed by Member Countries. This proposal will be presented and analyzed during the current meeting of the RCGM.
6. Analyze the report of the “Meeting to follow up and deepen the cooperation agreements between countries and civil society in the context of the RCM,” held in Tegucigalpa, Honduras 26-28 October this year. This document is available at the RCM Virtual Secretariat and it will be submitted to the delegations by the TS.
7. Review the Glossary of the RCM in order to assess the topics that should be modified in this document. Member Countries will submit to the TS their comments to the document in a two-month period. These modifications will be reviewed and discussed during the next meeting of the RCM.