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**REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON
IRREGULAR AND MASSIVE MIGRATION**

28 September 2020

The Working Group on Irregular and Massive Migration held an online meeting on 28 September 2020, with participation of representatives from the following countries: Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States.

The Working Group submits its report to the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), as follows:

1. To thank Costa Rica as President pro tempore (PPT) for the report on advances in respect of the activities of the Working Group.
 - a. To thank the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for the support in the development of the Training Programme on Migration Policy, held on 22 July - 12 August.
2. To ask the RCM Member Countries to submit their comments on the following documents by 28 October, at the latest:
 - a. Consolidated Protocol on Assistance to Populations in Vulnerable Situations: It is proposed to update the Regional Guidelines for the Preliminary Identification and Referral Mechanisms for Migrants in Vulnerable Situations of the RCM (2013).
 - To take note that the RCM Member Countries appreciate the importance of the fact that the activity is based on the updating of existing instruments in order to have a previously agreed baseline.
 - b. An inventory of actions aimed at reducing extraregional irregular migration.
 - To invite the RCM Member Countries that have not already done this to make their contributions as soon as possible. The PPT will send a reminder to the relevant countries.
 - c. A comprehensive regional campaign on the risks related to irregular migration.
 - To thank IOM for the support in the development of the proposal for a regional campaign;
 - The results from the campaign will be shared in late October.
3. To ask IOM for support in the development of Regional Guidelines for Assistance for Massive Migration Flows in order to present advances at the next meeting of the Working Group, to be held in the first week of December.



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4. In regard to the proposed new actions aimed at complying with the Strategic Plan:
 - a. To thank Mexico for the suggestion to develop a mechanism for communication between the countries to provide better assistance to caravans and other massive migration flows.
 - b. To thank the United States for the proposal of holding quarterly meetings of this Group, and to take note that the RCM Member Countries support this proposal.
 - c. To take note of the suggestion of Mexico to strengthen more initiatives based on dialogue between the countries, instead of documents, in order to promote observing the migration flows to foresee these flows, including contingents of migrants.
 - d. To consider the request of Mexico that the RCGM make a political declaration on irregular migration, particularly on the massive migration of contingents.
5. To thank the observer organizations of the RCM for their reports, recommendations and analyses, especially ICRC and IOM, and to recognize their cooperation in the region. To thank IOM for the offer to disseminate the Guidelines on Migrants in Vulnerable Situations through training efforts.
6. To thank the Regional Network for Civil Organizations on Migration (RNCOM) for the recommendation to conduct an analysis of transcontinental migration flows through Central America toward the United States and also, of specific groups with habitual migration dynamics and how these movements can be regularized. In addition, to promote – in discussions and experience sharing – mechanisms to reflect on assisted and/or involuntary return and deportations, settlement and other topics related to massive and irregular migration flows.