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**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE LIAISON OFFICER NETWORK ON CONSULAR PROTECTION**

**Panama City, Panama**

**June 19, 2012**

The Liaison Officer Network on Consular Protection held its regular meeting in Panama City, Panama, on June 19, 2012, prior to the meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), with the participation of representatives from the following countries: Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States.

The Network submits to the consideration of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) its report, consisting of the following points:

1. Thank the governments of Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States, for the reports on efforts related to consular protection.
2. Take note of the progress towards the adoption of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for the Establishment of the Consular Protection and Humanitarian Assistance Network of Central America and the Dominican Republic, in Mexico, which has been forwarded to the Central American Integration Secretariat (SICA) for its approval. The Technical Secretariat has requested a copy of the MoU as presented to SICA, for sharing with the RCM member countries.
3. Thank the Technical Secretariat for its report on activities in the area of migration and health by IOM, UNFPA and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).
4. Thank the delegation of Nicaragua for its detailed report on the *Seminar/Workshop on Strengthening the Capacities of the Consular Authorities in the Protection of the Labor Rights of Migrant Workers*, hosted in Managua, Nicaragua on 3-4 May 2012, with IOM support as part of a Canadian-funded project *Improving Labour Migration Administration in Central America and the Dominican Republic*.
5. Thank RNCOM for its presentation, and take note of its observations related to consular protection in the region.
6. Thank El Salvador for its *Proposal for the establishment of mechanisms for monitoring and evaluation of results and agreements reached within the framework of the Network*. The Technical Secretariat will circulate the proposal to gather comments from member countries for discussion at the next meeting