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

**Panama City, Panama**

**December 4th, 2012**

The Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons held its regular meeting in Panama City, Panama, on December 4th, 2012, with participation of representatives from Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, the United States of America, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama, submits the report to the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) for consideration. The report includes the following:

1. Thank delegations from Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, the United States of America, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama for their reports on country updates on combating Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling since the last meeting.
2. Thank UNODC for their presentation and recognize their mandate in monitoring the implementation of the UNTOC and its Protocols. Encourage UNODC to continue to participate in this forum.
3. Thank IOM for its proposal requested by this Network in June 2011 regarding indicators to reflect objectives stemming from the Palermo Protocol to combat Trafficking in Persons, as a useful tool aimed at the evaluation of comprehensive understanding of trafficking in persons and assess the progress made concerning the implementation of such.

The Central American countries and Mexico informed that they will consider applying this tool in each country and share their results of these indicators with the RCM Technical Secretariat in order to report back with this network.

1. Thank Costa Rica for its presentation on the report on the Regional Work Meeting of Consular Departments, held in San José, Costa Rica, 28-29 August, 2012.
2. Thank Costa Rica as the Technical Secretariat of the Regional Central American Coalition against Trafficking in Person for its progress and challenges report, and take note of the invitation to the Dominican Republic to become part of the Coalition. Canada, Colombia, Ecuador and the United States were invited to consider joining the Coalition as observer countries.
3. Thank the RNOCM for their presentation and take note of its specific proposals:
4. that the RCM Member Countries join the effort of participation in the Third Latin American Congress against Trafficking in Persons to be held in Colombia, on July 17-19, 2013 as an opportunity to exchange experiences and best practices with participating countries;
5. El Salvador or Nicaragua was proposed as possible hosts for the Fourth Latin American Congress against Trafficking in Persons (TiP).
6. Take note of the IOM`s following publications: “Towards a specialized legislation on Trafficking in Persons: Legal analysis of IOM”, “Trafficking of Women: a Manifestation of Violence against Women”.
7. Take note of the Dominican Republic`s suggestion to discuss a possible meeting of RCM Migration Directors and the South American Conference on Migration; and the IOM`s proposal to organize a regional meeting on the identification of victims of labor exploitation in the first quarter of 2013.