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Introduction

Section 1 describes actions implemented by the Technical Secretariat (TS) from March 2018 to May 2018, including general support for meetings relating to the work of the RCM, participation at various meetings, and support provided to the Government of Panama in its capacity of Presidency Pro-Tempore (PPT), among other activities.

Section 2 includes the financial report, including TS' budget execution for the period of March 2018 to May 2018, and the status of contributions of the Member Countries to the budget of the TS and the fund to assist the return of intraregional migrants in highly vulnerable situations – managed directly by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).



Section 1: Activities

During this period, the Technical Secretariat (TS) actively participated in joint activities with governmental and non-governmental bodies; as well as in the meetings previously scheduled within the framework of the RCM.

1.1 Activities within the RCM Framework

1. *Workshop for the Development of the Counter-Smuggling Work plan of the Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons (San José, March 13th-14th, 2018)*

In 2016, the International Organization for Migration (IOM) developed and submitted to the RCM a set of Recommendations for Strengthening the Regional Strategy against the Smuggling of Migrants and Trafficking in Persons. This document represents an effort to make available tools for persons in charge of the development of public policies and programmes to address migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons. Among the set of recommendations and actions to combat migrant smuggling, the establishment of a regional action plan against the smuggling of migrants should be highlighted.



In this context, IOM organized and financed a workshop to contribute to the development of the Counter-Smuggling Work Plan of the Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking, of the Regional Conference on Migration, with the aim of promoting medium- and long-term strategic policies and actions at the regional level.

The report emanating from this Workshop was distributed to all the RCM Member Countries and is available through the following link: <http://portal.rcmvs.org/en/events/development-counter-smuggling-workplan>

2. *Virtual Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Extra-regional Migrants (April 12th, 2018)*

With the aim of discuss the positioning of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Extra-regional Migrants for the RCM-SACM plenary meeting, review the V Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Extra-regional Migrants agenda and following steps, a virtual meeting of this Ad Hoc Working Group was held on April 12th. Delegates from the following countries took part in this occasion: Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, The United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Panama and the TS of the RCM.

3. Virtual Meeting in preparation of the RCM-SACM Plenary Meeting (April 18th, 2018)

On April 18th, it was made a virtual meeting with delegates from the following countries: Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and the TS of the RCM. The main objective of the meeting was to talk about an intervention of Member Countries on their positions during the intergovernmental negotiation phase of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration; review of Day 1 of the agenda for the RCM-SACM Plenary Meeting. Also, to made comments on the expected outcomes of the RCM-SACM Plenary Meeting with respect to the Global Compact.

4. Workshop on Consular Protection for Migrant Workers (Panama City, April 25th-26th, 2018)



In the region, the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), through its Liaison Officer Network for Consular Protection, has integrated this issue into its agenda, recognizing that the promotion and protection of migrant workers rights is a task that needs to be addressed through dialogue and cooperation between countries.

For this reason on June 21st, 2017, the Liaison Officer Network for Consular Protection, met in San Salvador, El Salvador, and agreed to "suggest to the Group on Regional Consultation on Migration (GRCM) the approval of the following new activities within the framework of the RCM:

- a. *Regarding the Workshop on the consular protection of migrant workers, to reaffirm the interest of countries to carry it out with the support of ILO and IOM, which will circulate concept note through the Technical Secretariat to confirm the needs of the countries in question in this topic, and possible contributions to co-finance the face-to-face workshop. To take note of the offer made by the ILO and IOM to develop an online training module on this subject."*

The main objective of the workshop was to contribute to the improvement of the defense, promotion and protection of the rights of migrant workers and members of their families as carried out by consular entities in the region, by strengthening its officials' technical and cross-sectional competencies and technical skills. The workshop used a mixed methodology, including presentations by international experts to share cases of success as well as good practices, group sessions and group work, and facilitators' intervention in introducing and concluding each topic.

The final report arising from this Workshop was shared by the TS with all the Member Countries, and can be accessed through the following link: <http://portal.rcmvs.org/en/events/workshop-consular-protection-migrant-workers>

5. *Plenary meeting between The Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) and The South American Conference on Migration (SACM) (Montevideo, May 8th-9th, 2018)*

Following up on Decision #15, point C resulting from the XXII Vice-Ministerial meeting, the Plenary Meeting between the RCM and the SACM was held on May in Montevideo, at the Latin American Association for Integration (ALADI).

As agreed between the Troikas of the RCM and the SACM, the plenary meeting covered two major topics:

- 1) Global Compact for a Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
- 2) Extra-regional and extra-continental migration flows



The meeting was held with the aim of prepare the basis for a common position at the bi-regional level for the intergovernmental negotiation phase of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, expressed in common principles, commitments and understandings. Also, to exchange experiences in the approach of extra-regional and extracontinental migration flows.

The participation was of high level representatives of the Member Countries of the RCM and the SACM. The minimum level of participation was technical with decision-making authority.

The agenda and the final report can be found at the following link:

<http://portal.rcmvs.org/en/events/i-plenary-meeting-rcm-and-sacm>

6. *Workshop oriented toward the Liaison Officer Network for the Protection of Migrant Boys, Girls and Adolescents. (Guatemala City, May 22nd-23rd, 2018)*

The TS of the RCM and UNICEF together with an organizing Committee, which included UNHCR, IOM, Save the Children, held the Workshop on the processes of return, reception and reintegration of migrant and refugee children and adolescents in Guatemala City. The workshop was directed to the Liaison Officers Network for the Protection of Migrant Girls, Boys and Adolescents and organizations that are Observers of the RCM. The main objective was to reinforce the knowledge on regional and global standards for the return, the reception and the



reintegration of migrant children and adolescents. Also, to identify good practices in this regard and gaps to be addressed.

Based on a request of the Liaison Officers Network for the Protection of Migrant Girls, Boys and Adolescents (virtual meeting, November 2017), the workshop included, with the support of civil society organizations working directly with migrant children and adolescents, the participation of representatives of this minor population, who shared their experiences as well as their viewpoints on the topics of the workshop. Adolescents participated in consultations prior to the workshop, as well as parallel and integrated sessions with adults during the workshop. The shared spaces provided an opportunity for joint reflection and dialogue between the adolescent and adult participants.

The related documents for this Workshop can be found at: <http://portal.rcmvs.org/en/events/workshop-return-reception-and-reintegration-migrant-and-refugee-boys-girls-and-adolescents>

7. Extraordinary meeting of the Liaison Officer Network for the Protection of Migrant Boys, Girls and Adolescents. (Guatemala City, May 24th, 2018)

In order to define the priorities of the Network Strategic Plan 2017-2022, was held on May 24th in Guatemala City the Extraordinary meeting of the Liaison Officer Network for the Protection of Migrant Boys, Girls and Adolescents. The activity had the logistical and financial support from UNICEF.



The concept note, agenda and the final report of this meeting can be downloaded from: <http://portal.rcmvs.org/en/events/workshop-return-reception-and-reintegration-migrant-and-refugee-boys-girls-and-adolescents>

8. Webinar presentation of the project "Support to the countries of Mesoamerica in the implementation of Sustainable Development Goals". (Virtual Meeting, May 29th, 2018)

In the context of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda and the importance in the international migration, also taking into account that the development of the SDG related to migration is a process to build in the coming years, the Presidency Pro-Tempore of the Regional Conference on Migration, in charge of Panama, considered crucial to improve the governance of migration around the world as a central theme of his presidency: Sustainable Development Goals: towards to the "Governance of the Migrations".



The initiative of this project is driven by Panama and is part of the efforts undertaken by the Pro-Tempore Presidency of the CRM, as a focus in its work agenda.

In that sense, a webinar was programmed aimed at offering a space for the presentation of the project "Supporting the countries of Mesoamerica in the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals" and present the schedule of project activities.

The webinar was conducted in a virtual way through the platform Blue Jeans and had the participation of Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico and Panama.

9. Field visit to the Darién Province (Darién, May 31st, 2018)

At the request of the PPT in charge of Panama was carried out a field visit to the Province of Darien, border with Colombia. It was coordinated by the Government of Panama and the RCM Technical Secretariat.



A visit to the shelters for migrants in Peñitas and to the facilities of the National Border Service (SENAFRONT, Spanish acronym) was programmed. That was an opportunity for some governmental institutions to share best practices.

10. V Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group on Extra-Regional Migrants (Panama City, June 1st, 2018)



RCM held the five meeting of the Ad-Hoc Group on Extra-Regional Migrants. This meeting took place in the Wyndham Panama Albrook Mall, Panama City.

The proposal of the work plan of the Ad Hoc Group was discussed, which is grouped into three main axes:

- 1) Information
- 2) Coordination
- 3) Cooperation

The main objective of the event was to exchange information and best practices in attention and governance of extra-regional migrant flows and define the next steps of the Ad Hoc Working Group.

Documents related to this meeting can be found at: <http://portal.rcmvs.org/en/events/v-meeting-ad-hoc-group-extra-regional-migrants>

Section 2: Financial Report

The following table shows the budget execution of the Technical Secretariat for the period from March to May 2018, in accordance with the Vice-Ministerial Decision #5 of the XXI RCM.

Budget Execution (May – August 2017)

Personal / Staff

Coordinador(a) / Coordinator	\$20,347.65
Especialista en tecnología de información / Information technology specialist	\$18,936.59
Asistente de Proyecto / Project assistant	\$7,186.23
Otro personal de apoyo / Other support staff	\$602.81
Emolumentos terminales (8%) / Terminal emoluments (8%)	\$1,806.47
Subtotal	\$48,879.75

Gastos operativos / Operating expenses

I. Soporte para seminarios y reuniones (traducción e interpretación) / Support for seminars and meetings (translation and interpretation)	\$0.00
1. Traducción escrita / Written translation	\$0.00
2. Interpretación / Interpretation	\$0.00
3. Gastos misceláneos / Miscellaneous expenses	\$0.00
II. Gastos de oficina / Office expenses	\$820.80
1. Renta y servicios de seguridad / Rental and security services	\$0.00 ¹
2. Servicios Comunes / Common services	\$532.05
3. Suministros de oficina / Office supplies	\$288.75
III. Equipo y acceso a Internet / Equipment and Internet access	\$2,202.20
IV. Documentos y traducción / Documents and translation	\$1006.00
V. Viajes y viáticos / Travel and per diem	\$1,992.25
VI. Gastos Misceláneos / Miscellaneous expenses	\$26.27
VII. Costos de administración de la OIM (5%) / IOM overhead costs (5%)	\$1,747.92
Subtotal	\$6,974.64
Total	\$56,675.19

¹ The IOM records the accumulated cost of security services and income every certain period. As of the closing date of this report, no such collection had been recorded.

The status of Member Countries' contributions up to May 2018 is detailed as follows:

Country	Total amount budgeted from 2017	Amount owed to 2016	Contribution Pending 2017	Total amount pending
Belize ²	\$5,500.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$30,500.00
Canada	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$75,000.00
Costa Rica	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,048.39
Dominican Republic	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
El Salvador	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$11,000.00
Guatemala ³	\$5,500.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,500.00	\$16,000.00
Honduras	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
Mexico	\$37,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$37,500.00
Nicaragua ⁴	\$5,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$538.61	\$3,538.61
Panama	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00
United States	\$150,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00
TOTAL	\$306,500.00	\$33,000.00	\$17,038.61	\$349,587.00

² Belize has outstanding payments since 2012 inclusive, with the exception of the 2017 quota.

³ Guatemala is due to pay its contribution for 2013 because it was outside the agreement signed between Guatemala and IOM for the financial support of the RCM and the Reserve Fund for the assistance of intraregional migrants in situations of high vulnerability.

⁴ During 2016 IOM systems recorded the payment of \$2,000 by Nicaragua for the Budget of the TS.

Status of contributions to the Reserve Fund for the assistance of intraregional migrants in situations of high vulnerability:

Country	Annual amount budgeted	Amount owed to 2016	Contribution pending 2017	Total amount pending
Belize	\$1,062.00	\$5,310.00	\$1,062.00	\$7,434.00
Canada ⁵	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$15,000.00
Costa Rica	\$1,062.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Dominican Republic	\$1,062.00	\$0.00	\$1,062.00	\$2,124.00
El Salvador	\$1,062.00	\$0.00	\$1,062.00	\$2,124.00
Guatemala ³	\$1,062.00	\$897.92	\$1,062.00	\$3,021.92
Honduras	\$1,062.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,062.00
Mexico	\$7,080.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,080.00
Nicaragua ⁶	\$1,062.00	\$0.00	-\$938.00	-\$2,176.00
Panama	\$1,062.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,062.00
United States ⁵	\$30,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$30,000.00
TOTAL	\$60,576.00	\$6,207.92	\$4,248.00	\$69,907.92

⁵ Canada and the United States reported their will to direct their contributions to the capacity building of the RCM from the year 2018 onwards.

⁶ During 2016 IOM systems recorded the payment of \$2,000 by Nicaragua for the Fund for the assistance of intraregional migrants in situations of high vulnerability, leaving a positive balance of \$938 dollars. As of May 2018, IOM systems recorded the payment of \$2,300 by Nicaragua for the Fund, leaving a positive balance of \$2,176 dollars.

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