**Meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM)**

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)**

**Managua, Nicaragua**

**November 24-25, 2014**

The Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) met on November 24-25, 2014, in the city of Managua, Nicaragua with the participation of representatives from Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, the United States of America, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the Dominican Republic reached the following:

# CONCLUSIONS

1. Regarding the reports presented by the Technical Secretariat, the RCGM concluded:
   1. To accept the TS Activity and Financial Report for the May – October 2014 period.
   2. Take note of the report on the participation of the TS Coordinator in the Sub-regional Consultation Process Mesoamerica: “Challenges in the International Protection and Opportunities for a New Strategic Framework on Regional Cooperation”, held on July 10-11, 2014, in Managua, Nicaragua.
   3. Take note of the report on the participation of the TS Coordinator in the International Conference on Migration, Childhood and Family, held on July 16-17, 2014, in Tegucigalpa, Honduras.
2. To thank Guatemala in its capacity as occupying the Presidency of the Regional Coalition Against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling, for its report on the meetings of the Coalition in 2014, and its main achievements and advances.
3. To take note of the request from Nicaragua to deliver the report of the meeting of the Regional Coalition against Trafficking, held in Panama City, on 12-14 November, 2014.
4. To thank Nicaragua for its presentation regarding the main topic of the XIX RCM, “For a Region Free of Trafficking in Persons”, and congratulate it on the advances made in its legislation.
5. To take note of the composition of the new RNCOM Executive Committee and to thank it for its contribution and comments on the advances in the region regarding migration matters and combating trafficking in persons.
6. To thank IOM for the study “Assessment of the Vulnerabilities in Central America to the Commission of Crimes Associated with Organ Donation and Transplant with an Emphasis in Trafficking in Persons.”
7. Approve the “Procedure for the Selection of the Coordinator of the Technical Secretariat of the RCM” for its immediate implementation.
8. Regarding the course of action of the Ad-hoc Working Group to Discuss, Analyze and Define Objectives regarding Extra-Continental Migration Flows in the Region, the Member Countries agreed to:
9. Continue to address the topic of Extra-Continental Migration Flows in the Region.
10. Request that the TS send the updated matrix to RCM Member Countries for the organization of the information, no later than December 15th, 2014.
11. Request Member Countries to complete the matrix and send it to the TS by February 15th, 2015.
12. Regarding the matrix drafted by Costa Rica for the organization of the information on Cuban migration flows in the region, the Member Countries agreed to approve the proposed matrix for its completion no later than February 15th, 2015 and its immediate implementation as a tool for analysis in decision making.
13. Approve the reports of the Liaison Officers Network for Consular Protection and the Liaison Officers Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons.
14. Thank and congratulate the following delegations for their presentations:
    1. Nicaragua: “Organization of the Consular Services of Nicaragua.”
    2. United States of America: “Fixing our broken immigration system through executive action.”
15. As per the request of Member Countries, organize a seminar/workshop to be held in Mexico City in order to understand the scope of the measures announced by the Government of the United States of America as well as details of their implementation, to be held in the first quarter of 2015.

Thank IOM for its offer to support the seminar/training workshop.

1. Thank the United States of America and Costa Rica for their update on the “Migrants in Countries in Crisis” (MICIC) Initiative.
2. Thank and congratulate the Dominican Republic on its presentation on the progress and challenges of its National Plan for Addressing the Immigration Status of Foreign Nationals.
3. Thank and congratulate Mexico on its presentation “We are Mexicans Program.”
4. Regarding the topic of migration and health, to thank:
5. Nicaragua for its presentation on its national strategy against Ebola.
6. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) for its presentation on its activities on behalf of migrants.
7. The International Organization for Migration (IOM) for its presentation on “Healthy Migrants in Healthy Communities.”
8. Canada for its presentation on the Concept Note for a Migration Health Workshop and for its offer to co-sponsor this activity with Costa Rica and with technical support from IOM.
9. Regarding the Ad-hoc Group on Migrant Children, the following was agreed:
10. To hold a second meeting on a date to be determined in order to further the conclusions and results from the first meeting with the support of the relevant international organizations and financial support from IOM.
11. To thank ILO and UNHCR for the offer of support.
12. To thank ILO, as a special guest, for the presentation of the Project “Promotion of Decent Work Conditions for Migrant Workers in Costa Rica.”
13. To take note with appreciation of the reports from, and recognize the cooperation provided in the region by:

* the International Organization for Migration (IOM)
* the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
* the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC)

1. Member Countries reiterate the importance to incorporate gender perspectives in the work of this Conference.

**Recommendations**

1. Approve holding a workshop on migration health, to be held in Costa Rica on a date to be determined, co-sponsored by Canada and Costa Rica, with technical support from the IOM.