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

**San José, Costa Rica**

**November 18th, 2013**

The Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons held its regular meeting in San Jose, Costa Rica, on November 18th, 2013, with participation of representatives from Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States of America.

The Network submits the report to the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) for consideration. The report includes the following:

1. Thank the delegations from Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and the United States of America, for sharing their progress made in the fight against migrant smuggling and trafficking in persons since last meeting of this network.
2. Regarding the application of the proposed indicators developed by IOM, which aim is to reflect the objectives derived from the Palermo Protocols and show the progress to achieve them, the TS will resend the countries of Central America and Mexico a reminder to submit their advances.
3. Thank Costa Rica, in its position as Technical Secretariat, for the progress report on the Regional Coalition against Trafficking in Persons.
   1. Take note of the announcement regarding the role that Observer Countries will have in the Regional Coalition.
   2. Regarding the request of the Regional Coalition to have a permanent space in this Network, the Technical Secretariat will send the Member Countries the details, as well as the background on the participation of the Regional Coalition in this Network.
4. Thank the Regional Network of Civil Organizations on Migration (RNCOM) for its presentation on progress in the fight against trafficking in persons. Take note of the challenges and recommendations made during their presentation.
5. Thank the IOM for the presentation on the efforts made in the different countries for the implementation of the “Regional Guidelines for the Preliminary Identification of Profiles and Referral Mechanisms of Migrant Populations in a Vulnerable Condition”.
6. Proposal of new activities:
   1. Costa Rica proposes a workshop on Trafficking in Persons focusing on labor exploitation for the purpose of strengthening the capacity of government institutions to coordinate the detection, identification, referral and assistance to victims.