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Tegucigalpa, M.D.C., April 26, 2016

Dear Ms. Nitza Seguí,

I am pleased to contact you to make reference to Letter RD/006/2016 sent by Ms. Cristina Perceval, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean – UNICEF, in response to our request on the relevance to create a Network on Migrant Children and Adolescents, as part of the working structure of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM). This organization has expressed its consent to supporting this initiative.

In this regard, I kindly request the corresponding communication sent by Ms. Cristina Perceval, Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean – UNICEF can be shared with all RCM Member Countries.

I take the opportunity to thank you and to convey to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

María Andrea Matamoros Castillo

Undersecretary of State

Presidency Pro Témpore RCM

Ms. Nitza Seguí

Coordinator

RCM Technical Secretariat

Letter No. 283-DGAC-2016

Tegucigalpa, M.D.C., April 26, 2016

Dear Director,

I am pleased to contact you to confirm reception of Letter RD/006/2016, in response to our request on the relevance to create a Network on Migrant Children and Adolescents, as part of the permanent working structure of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), in which you mention your consent and support for this initiative to become a permanent Network since its mechanism positions the Migrant Children and Adolescents issue as a priority topic in the agenda and institutionalization of the RCM and its Member Countries. This communication will be sent to the Member Countries.

In this regard, I would like to express my appreciation for the invaluable support that the organization you represent provides us in the integral protection for this vulnerable population. Furthermore, I reiterate the commitment of Honduras to enrich this initiative and any other mechanism that, within the framework of our Presidency Pro Témpore, may be developed at a regional level in favor of migrant children; as well as the diligent work Honduras internally performs.

I take the opportunity to convey to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

María Andrea Matamoros Castillo

Undersecretary of State

Presidency Pro Témpore RCM

Ms. Maria Cristina Perceval

Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean – UNICEF

RD/006/2016

Panama, March 16, 2016

María Andrea Matamoros Castillo

Undersecretary for Consular and Migration Affairs

Secretariat of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

Government of Honduras

Dear Ms. Matamoros,

Greetings from the Regional Office of the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) for Latin America and the Caribbean, which I have the honor to direct since beginning of March.

Regarding your letter on February 11, 2016 and as the Presidency Pro Témpore 2016 of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), I am pleased to refer to the following:

* Recognize the efforts that the RCM has provided regarding the comprehensive protection of migrant and refugee children and adolescents in the region from the works of the Ad-hoc Group and through an inclusive and inter-sectorial participation focused on human rights.
* The RCM has been providing its Member Countries high-valuable instruments intended to the compliance of the international standards for the protection of migrant and refugee children and adolescents, regarding the consular protection and assistance.
* The Ad-hoc Group has been promoting the association on the protection, attention and assistance among the RCM Member Countries, through a networking platform, information exchange and dialogue, which strengthens the development of effective measures for the comprehensive protection of children and adolescents in the migration processes.

We have analyzed the RCM request resulting from the *Declaration in Mexico City on Integration, Return and Social Productive Reintegration of Migrants* from November 2015, which requests the opinion of UNICEF on the relevance to create a Network on Migrant Children and Adolescents as part of the working structure of the RCM, in which:

* We consider that any mechanism, that positions the subject of migrant children and adolescents as a priority in the agenda and institutionalization of the RCM –as well as in its Member Countries, is a positive step towards the comprehensive protection of the rights of migrant and refugee children and adolescents.
* We reiterate our willingness to collaborate closely with the RCM and its Technical Secretariat in this regard and from our mandate, for which we appreciate the recent approval for UNICEF to become an Observer Organization.

I take the opportunity to convey to you the assurances of my highest consideration.

Ms. Cristina Perceval

Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean