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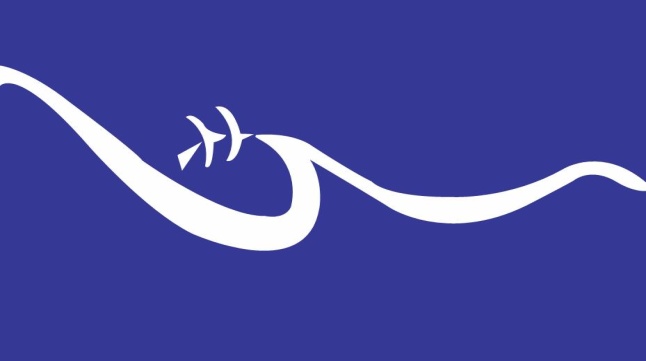
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**Managua, Nicaragua**

**June 24th – 27th, 2014**

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

**XIX RCM Meeting**

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**Activity and Financial Report presented by the Technical Secretariat**

**Period: November 2013 to May 2014**

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# Introduction

**Section 1** describes actions implemented by the Technical Secretariat (TS) from November 2013 to May 2014, including general support for meetings relating to the work of the RCM, participation at various meetings, and support provided to the Government of Nicaragua in its capacity of Presidency Pro-Témpore (PPT), among other activities.

**Section 2** includes the financial report, including TS budget execution for the period from November 2013 to May 2014, the budget approved for 2014, and the status of contributions by RCM Member Countries to the budget of the TS and the fund to assist the return of migrants in highly vulnerable situations – managed directly by the International Organization for Migration (IOM).

The **Annex** includes a table with the percentages of the total TS budget covered by Member Countries, also used to establish the respective contributions to the above mentioned Fund.

# Section 1: Activities

The main activities, in which the Technical Secretariat (TS) participated in the period comprehended from November 2013 to May 2014, are listed below:

## General Coordination Meetings with Governments

The TS held meetings with some governments for the coordination of joint activities, information exchange, presentation and updates on the RCM, among others. Detailed information on the meetings follows:

1. **Nicaragua (April 28th – 29th, 2014):** Logistics coordination and organization of the agendas in view of the activities scheduled by the PPT for 2014, specifically the XIX RCM Meeting. This work was jointly coordinated with representatives from the General Directionate of Migration, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Security.
2. **Honduras (May 22th – 23th, 2014):** the TS Coordinator met with the new Sub-Secretary of State at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The meeting intended to familiarize the new authorities on the responsibilities associated with the dynamics of the RCM. Furthermore, he met with the General Directionate of Migration in order to negotiate Honduras’ pendant contributions.
3. **Costa Rica (May 30th, 2014):** An initial meeting was held with the Vice-Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Interior in order to familiarize them with the TS structure and explain the RCM structure and operational system. The invitations sent by the PPT to participate in the upcoming RCM meeting were personally delivered.

## Activities within the Framework of the RCM

* Dialogue meeting between RCM member countries and some countries of origin of extra-continental stranded and vulnerable migrants, held in Washington, D.C., on November 26th, 2013. A report on this meeting has already been circulated among the RCM Member Countries.

## External Activities to the RCM

The TS participated in two activities outside the RCM during the period of this report.

* “South American Conference on Migration – SACM”, held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on December 3-5, 2013. The TS Coordinator participated accompanying the PPT and prepared a report for this meeting.
* “Mexico-US-Central American Working Committee on Migrant Children and Youth, held in Washington, DC, on January 28th, 2014. The TS coordinator prepared a report for this meeting, which has been already circulated among the RCM Member Countries.

## Improvements and Changes to the Virtual Secretariat (VS)

**Private Site**

* Under “Meetings”
  + A virtual space was created for the XIX Regional Conference on Migration, including the agendas, logistical information and the corresponding working documents.
  + The final documents of the past meeting of the RCGM were posted, as well as presentations and pictures from that meeting.
* Under “What’s New”:
  + Schedule of activities relating to topics addressed by the RCM, prepared by the TS.
* Other changes:
  + The information for each RCM Member Country is constantly being updated, in accordance with the data sent to the TS by each country.

**Public Site**

* + The final documents of the RCGM meeting were posted.
  + The schedule of activities within the framework of the RCM for 2014 was posted.

## Other General Activities

Among other tasks, the TS have also been working on the following issues:

* Regular coordination with the RNCOM Technical Secretariat and with some international observers for the coordination of joint activities where financial support from such organizations is received.

# Section 2: Financial Report

## Overview: Incomes and Expenditures of the TS

Table 1 below shows a summary of the incomes and expenditures of the TS, based on the approved budgets for the period of July 1, 2003 – April, 2013.

**Table 1**

**Approved General Budgets against Incomes and Expenditures**

**(2003-2013 / In U.S. Dollars)**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Budget Year | Approved Budget | Contributions Received | Contributions Pending | Contributions Pending,  Accumulated | Operating Costs | Net  Balance | Accumulated  Balance[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| 2003-2004 | $447,635 | $447,635 | $0,00 | $0,00 | $426,341 | $21,294 | $21,294 |
| 2005 | $282,724 | $282,724 | $0,00 | $0,00 | $273,867 | $8,857 | $30,151 |
| 2006 | $282,724 | $282,709 | $15,00 | $15,00 | $273,826 | $8,883 | $39,034 |
| 2007 | $282,724 | $282,764 | ($40,00) | ($25,00) | $296,904 | ($14,140) | $24,894 |
| 2008 | $282,724 | $282,749 | ($25,00) | ($50,00) | $233,845 | $48,904 | $73,798 |
| 2009 | $282,724 | $277,639 | $5,085 | $5,035 | $232,762 | $44,877 | $118,675 |
| 2010 | $282,724 | $273,144 | $9,580 | $14,615 | $276,759 | ($3,615) | $115,060 |
| 2011 | $282,724 | $272,744 | $9,980 | $24,595 | $292,106 | ($19,362) | $95,698 |
| 2012 | $282,724 | $268,042 | $14,682 | $39,277 | $273,868 | ($5,826) | $89,872 |
| 2013 | $282,724 | $267,688 | $15,036 | $54,313 | $294,400 | ($26,712) | $63,160 |
| 2014 | $282,724 | $17,970 | $264,754 | $319,067 | $124,538 | ($106,568) | ($43,408) |

## Budget Execution for 2012

Table 2 shows the budget execution of the TS for the period of January – December 2013.

**Table 2**

**Budget Execution for the period of January – December 2013**

**(Under the new budget structure)**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | |  |  |
|  | | | Approved Budget for 2013 | Expenses during 2013 |
| **Staff *[[2]](#footnote-2)*** | | |  |  |
| Unit Coordinator | | | $78.840,00 | $83,583.04 |
| Information Technology Specialist | | | $45.664,00 | $55,938.82 |
| Project Assistant | | | $22.995,00 | $30,780.05 |
| Other expenses and staff reserves[[3]](#footnote-3) | | | $35.880,00 | $26,275.87 |
| ***Subtotal*** | | | **$183.379,00** | **$196,577.78[[4]](#footnote-4)** |
|  |  |
| **Operating expenses *[[5]](#footnote-5)*** | | |  |  |
| **Support for seminars and meetings (interpreting services, equipment, etc.)** | | | **$37.000,00** | **$28.261,36** |
| * *Equipment* | | | *$14.000,00* | *$18.640,44[[6]](#footnote-6)* |
| * *Translation* | | | *$7.400,00* | *$1,309.90* |
| * *Interpreting* | | | *$13.000,00* | *$4,072.84* |
| * *Miscellaneous expenses* | | | *$2.600,00* | *$4.238,18[[7]](#footnote-7)* |
| Equipment and Internet access | | | $8.000,00 | $4.218,24 |
| **Office expenses** | | | **$41.000,00** | **$41.877,32** |
| * *Rent and security services* | | | *$31.000,00* | *$34,291,80* |
| * *Common services* | | | *$3.300,00* | *$4,121.00[[8]](#footnote-8)* |
| * *Supplies* | | | *$6.700,00* | *$3,464,52* |
| Research studies | | | $1.000,00 | $0,00 |
| Documents and translation | | | $6.000,00 | $6,262,48 |
| Travel and per diem | | | $13.945,00 | $15,187.62 |
| Unforeseen expenses | | | $2.000,00 | $2,014.94 |
| ***Subtotal*** | | | **$108.945,00** | **$97,821.96** |
| ***Total*** | | | **$292.324,00** | **$294,399.74** |

Source: IOM Financial Systems, December 2013.

Table 3 shows the budget execution of the TS for the period of January – May 2014.

**Table 3**

**Budget Execution of the RCM Technical Secretariat from January through May 2014**

**(Under the new budget structure)**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | |  |  |
|  | | | Approved Budget for 2014 | Expenses through  May 2014 |
| **Staff *[[9]](#footnote-9)*** | | |  |  |
| Unit Coordinator | | | $78.840,00 | $34,914.55 |
| Information Technology Specialist | | | $45.664,00 | $23,790.28 |
| Project Assistant | | | $22.995,00 | $10,808.28 |
| Other expenses and staff reserves | | | $35.880,00 | $7,466.72 |
| ***Subtotal*** | | | **$183.379,00** | **$76,979.83** |
|  |  |
| **Operating expenses *[[10]](#footnote-10)*** | | |  |  |
| **Support for seminars and meetings (interpreting services, equipment, etc.)** | | | **$37.000,00** | **$21,594.18** |
| *Equipment* | | | *$14.000,00* | *$11,960.00* |
| *Translation* | | | *$7.400,00* | *$1,500.00* |
| *Interpreting* | | | *$13.000,00* | *$2,500.00* |
| *Miscellaneous expenses* | | | *$2.600,00* | *$5,634.18* |
| Equipment and Internet access | | | $8.000,00 | $5,027.63 |
| **Office expenses** | | | **$41.000,00** | **$15,442.61** |
| *Rent and security services* | | | *$31.000,00* | *$14,625.83* |
| *Common services* | | | *$3.300,00* | *$716.85* |
| *Supplies* | | | *$6.700,00* | *$99.93* |
| Research studies | | | $1.000,00 | $0,00 |
| Documents and translation | | | $6.000,00 | $0,00 |
| Travel and per diem | | | $13.945,00 | $5,271.96 |
| Unforeseen expenses | | | $2.000,00 | $222.14 |
| ***Subtotal*** | | | **$108.945,00** | **$47,558.52** |
| ***Total*** | | | **$292.324,00** | **$124,538.35** |

Source: IOM Financial Systems, May 2014.

## Proposed Budget for 2015

Table 4 shows the proposed budget for the operation of the TS for 2015. No adjustments were made to items or figures from budgets for previous years.

**Table 4**

|  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | | |  |
|  | | | Proposed Budget  2014 |
| **Staff** | | |  |
| Unit Coordinator | | | $78.840,00 |
| Information Technology Specialist | | | $45.664,00 |
| Project Assistant | | | $22.995,00 |
| Other expenses and staff reserves [2] | | | $35.880,00 |
| ***Subtotal*** | | | **$183.379,00** |
|  |  |
| **Operative expenses** | | |  |
| **Support for seminars and meetings (interpreting services, equipment, etc.)** | | | **$37.000,00** |
| *Equipment* | | | *$14.000,00* |
| *Translation* | | | *$7.400,00* |
| *Interpreting* | | | *$13.000,00* |
| *Miscellaneous expenses* | | | *$2.600,00* |
| Equipment and Internet access | | | $8.000,00 |
| **Office expenses** | | | **$41.000,00** |
| *Rent and security services* | | | *$31.000,00* |
| *Common services* | | | *$3.300,00* |
| *Supplies* | | | *$6.700,00* |
| Research studies | | | $1.000,00 |
| Documents and translation | | | $6.000,00 |
| Travel and per diem | | | $13.945,00 |
| Unforeseen expenses | | | $2.000,00 |
| ***Subtotal*** | | | **$108.945,00** |
| ***Total*** | | | **$292.324,00** |

## Contributions to the Budget of the Technical Secretariat (TS)

Table 5 below shows the status of contributions by RCM Member Countries to the budgets of the TS from 2009 to May 2014.

**Table 5**

**Contributions to the Budgets of the TS**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  | **Approved scale of contributions since 2005** | | **Seventh Regular Operation Period** | | **Eighth Regular Operation Period** | | **Ninth Regular Operation Period** | | **Tenth Regular Operation**  **Period** | **Eleventh Regular Operation Period** | **Twelfth Regular Operation Period** |
|  | **1/01/2009 to 31/12/2009** | | **1/01/2010 to 31/12/2010** | | **1/01/2011 to 31/12/2011** | | **1/01/2012 to 31/12/2012** | **1/01/2013 to 31/12/2013** | **1/01/2014 to 31/12/2014** |
|  |  | |  | |  | |  |  |  |
| **Country** |  | ***Date of Receipt*** | | ***Date of Receipt*** | | ***Date of Receipt*** | | ***Date of Receipt*** | | ***Date of Receipt*** | ***Date of Receipt*** |
| Belice | **$5,000** | $5,000  (23/02/2012) | | $5,000  (23/02/2012) | | $5,000  (23/02/2012) | | **Pending** | | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| Canada | **$68,000** | $68,000  (12/02/2010) | | $68,000  (16/07/2010) | | $68,000  (18/08/2011) | | $68,000  (16/07/2012) | | $68,000  (20/08/2013) | **Pending** |
| Costa Rica\* | **$5,000** | $5,000  (paid during 2008) | | $5,000  (paid during 2008) | | $5,000  (paid during 2009) | | $5,300  (Paid during 2009) | | $5,000  (Paid during 2009) | $1,320.48  (12/03/2014)  (10/04/2014)  (13/05/2014) |
| El Salvador | **$5,000** | $5,000  (17/02/2010) | | $5,000  (10/09/2011) | | $5,000  (10/09/2011) | | $5,000  (28/03/2012) | | $10.000  (07/06/2013) | **Pending** |
| United States | **$141,360** | $141,400  (31/08/2009) | | $141,400  (21/09/2010) | | $141,400  (13/09/2011) | | $141,400  (24/09/2012) | | $141,400  (24/09/2013) | **Pending** |
| Guatemala[[11]](#footnote-11) | **$5,000** | $5,000  (06/10/2010) | | **(See footnote)** | | **(See footnote)** | | **(See footnote)** | | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| Honduras | **$5,000** | **Pending** | | **Pending** | | **Pending** | | **Pending** | | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| Mexico | **$33,364** | $16,682  (18/05/2009)  $16,682  (02/12/2009) | | $16,662  (14/05/2010)  $16,682  (18/05/2010) | | $16,662  (08/07/2011)  $16,682  (03/02/2012) | | $16,682  (04/04/2012)  $16,660  (06/11/2012) | | $16,660  (07/05/2013)  $16,660  (16/05/2013) | $16,650  (24/03/2014) |
| Nicaragua | **$5,000** | $4,875  (01/05/2010) | | $4,866  (01/06/2011) | | $5,000  (10/01/2012) | | $5,000  (29/10/2012) | | $4,968  (03/10/2013) | **Pending** |
| Panama | **$5,000** | $5,000  (14/02/2011) | | $5,000  (07/04/2011) | | $5,000  (07/04/2011) | | $5,000  (09/11/2012) | | **Pending** | **Pending** |
| Dominican Republic | **$5,000** | $5,000  (23/11/2009) | | $4,985  (29/10/2010) | | $5,000  (16/11/2011) | | $5,000  (28/05/2014) | | $5,000  (28/05/2014) | **Pending** |
| **TOTAL** | **$282,724** | **$277,639** | | **$273,144** | | **$272,744** | | **$268,042** | | **$267,688** | **$17,970** |

Source: IOM Financial Systems.

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## Contributions to the Assistance Fund for the Return of Migrants

At the XI RCM held in San Salvador, El Salvador in May 2006, Vice-Ministers approved the establishment of a fund to assist the return of intra-regional migrants in highly vulnerable situations. Table 6 below shows the status of contributions from 2006 to May 2014.

**Table 6**

**Contributions to the Fund to Assist the Return of Intra-Regional Migrants**

**in Highly Vulnerable Situations**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Country** | **Percentage** | **Contribution in US$** | **Contributions for 2006** | **Contributions for 2007** | **Contributions for 2008** | **Contributions for 2009** | **Contributions for 2010** | **Contributions for 2011** | **Contributions for 2012** | **Contributions for 2013** | **Contributions for 2014** |
| Belize | 1.77% | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | Pending | Pending | Pending |
| Canada | 24.05% | $14,430 | $15,000 | $15,000 | $15,000 | $15,000 | $15,000 | $15,000 | $15,000 | $15,000 | Pending |
| Costa Rica | 1.77% | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 |
| El Salvador | 1.77% | $1,062 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $5,000 | $10,000 | Pending |
| United States | 50.00% | $30,000 | $30,000 | $30,000 | $31,500\* | $31,500\* | $40,000 | $40,000 | $40,000 | $40,000 | Pending |
| Guatemala\*\* | 1.77% | $1,062 | $1,062 | (See footnote) | (See footnote) | (See footnote) | (See footnote) | (See footnote) | (See footnote) | Pending | Pending |
| Honduras | 1.77% | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | Pending | Pending | Pending | Pending | Pending | Pending |
| Mexico | 11.80% | $7,080 | $7,080 | $7,080 | $7,080 | $7,080 | $7,080 | $7,080 | $7,080 | $7,080 | $7,080 |
| Nicaragua | 1.77% | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,100 | $1,100 | $1,100 | $1,100 | $1,100 |
| Panama | 1.77% | $1,062 | $1,000 | $1,000 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | Pending | Pending |
| Dominican Republic | 1.77% | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | $1,062 | Pending |
| European  Union\*\* | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | $40.116 | $33,093 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| **TOTAL** | **100.00%** | **$60,000** | **$64,452** | **$63,597** | **$64,952** | **$104,006** | **$105,521** | **$72,428** | **$71,366** | **$75,304** | **$9,242** |

\* The United States has made an additional contribution for a brochure with information about the Fund and how it is managed. The brochure was produced by IOM, with the aim of disseminating information about the Fund, primarily among consular authorities of RCM Member Countries.

\*\* See footnote of Table No. 5.

\*\*\* For more information, see point #3 of the Conclusions of the RCGM, December 2009. The amount is lower for 2010 than 2009 due to variations in the exchange rates.

Table 7 details the numbers of people assisted by gender and people who have benefited from the Fund since 2009 until June 17th, 2014, according to data provided by the IOM.

**Table 7**

**People assisted by the Fund to Assist the Return of Intra-Regional Migrants**

**in Highly Vulnerable Situations**

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Assisted migrants** | **2009** | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014**  **(Jan-Jun)** |
| **Women** | 71 | 91 | **26** | **41** | **11** | **9** |
| **Men** | 44 | 116 | **43** | **120** | **31** | **31** |
| **Total** | **115** | **207** | **69** | **161** | **42** | **40** |
|  | | | | | |  |
| **Detail of Unaccompanied children and adolescents** | 42 | 97 | 28 | 113 | 15 | 20 |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Country of origin** | **2009** | **2010** | **2011** | **2012** | **2013** | **2014**  **(Jan-Jun)** |
| Belize | - | - | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Costa Rica | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Dominican Republic | - | - | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| El Salvador | 16 | 68 | 25 | 38 | 20 | 13 |
| Guatemala | 5 | 29 | 17 | 56 | 5 | 5 |
| Honduras | 42 | 58 | 19 | 56 | 14 | 12 |
| Mexico | 10 | 7 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| Nicaragua | 34 | 29 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| Panama | - | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| United States | 6 | 13 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 0 |
| **Total** | **115** | **207** | **69** | **161** | **45** | **40** |

# Annex 1: Percentages and Amounts of Contributions by RCM Member States to the Budget of the Technical Secretariat

The table below lists the contributions by RCM member states to the annual administrative and operating budget of the Technical Secretariat. Contributions are based on a scale of percentages of the total amount (see table below). The amounts to be contributed by each member state were approved by Vice-Ministers during the VI RCM, held in San Jose, Costa Rica in 2001.

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Country** | **Percentage** | **Contribution in US$** |
| Belice | 1.77% | $5,000 |
| Canada | 24.05% | $68,000 |
| Costa Rica | 1.77% | $5,000 |
| El Salvador | 1.77% | $5,000 |
| Estados Unidos | 50.00% | $141,360 |
| Guatemala | 1.77% | $5,000 |
| Honduras | 1.77% | $5,000 |
| México | 11.80% | $33,364 |
| Nicaragua | 1.77% | $5,000 |
| Panama | 1.77% | $5,000 |
| Dominican Republic | 1.77% | $5,000 |
| **TOTAL** | 100.00% | **$282,724** |

**How to Make Contributions**

Member Countries can pay outstanding contributions to IOM through any of the following options:

**Transfer in US$**

Option 1: Transfer to IOM-Geneva

Amount:

Citibank, N.A.,

399 Park Avenue

New York, NY 10043

SWIFT BIC : CITIUS33

ABA 021000089

**IOM Geneva a/c #: 30557053**

Detail:

Option 2: Transfer to the Bank Account of IOM in San Jose, Costa Rica:

Amount:

BANCO DE COSTA RICA

Avenida 2 - Central, Calles 4-6

San José, Costa Rica

SWIFT Code: BCRICRSJ

Credit to Account No. 001-176613-9

Detail: RCM - Organización Internacional para las Migraciones

It is recommended that detailed information about the transfer be mailed to the IOM Office in San Jose after the transfer is made (see the postal address below):

Organización Internacional para las Migraciones

Avenida Central, entre calles 27 y 29, casa # 2775,

##### San José, Costa Rica

Apartado 122-2050

Send a confirmation to fax: (506) 2222-0590, Attention: Technical Secretariat

Option 3:

The least recommended option is to mail an international check to the address included above, payable to **Organización Internacional para las Migraciones,** specifying the reason for this payment. The drawback of this option is that it takes at least a month for the bank to release funds on the check.

1. This balance will be used only for contingencies, including expenses related to the change of Coordinator of the Technical Secretariat. These expenses include: airfare for incoming and outgoing Coordinators and their families, as well as household goods relocation of both. These costs depend on the destination of the outgoing Coordinator and the place of origin of the incoming Coordinator. Approximately $40,000 USD is estimated. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. As agreed by the Vice-Ministers at the VI RCM held in San Jose, Costa Rica in 2001, job levels and salaries for TS staff are established, to the greatest possible extent, in accordance with standards and requirements regulated by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), as mandated by the United Nations General Assembly. This item covers IOM’s 5% overhead charge for terminal emoluments for all three staff members of the TS, as well as health and insurance premiums. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The RCGM, in Conclusion # 1 of the meeting held from 4 to 6 December, 2012 in Panama, approved using US$9,600 to comply with Costa Rican regulations. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. Real staff costs include an overhead of 5% and terminal emoluments. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. This item includes “Office Expenses”. [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. This includes the meeting of the RCM-RNCOM Ad-Hoc Group, held in San Salvador, El Salvador, 20-21 February, 2013, the Regional Workshop on Policies, Practices and Conclusions for the Return, Reintegration and Integration of Migrants, held in San José, Costa Rica, 17-18 September, 2013, and the Meeting of the RCGM held 18-19 November, 2014, in San Jose, Costa Rica. [↑](#footnote-ref-6)
7. This item includes the expenses related to the Meeting of the Central American Regional Coalition against Trafficking in Persons, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on October 11, 2013 [↑](#footnote-ref-7)
8. This item includes the cost of services such as water, electricity, telephone, IT infrastructure maintenance, office cleaning and maintenance, landscaping, insurance, and others. [↑](#footnote-ref-8)
9. As agreed by the Vice-Ministers at the VI RCM held in San Jose, Costa Rica in 2001, job levels and salaries for TS staff are established, to the greatest possible extent, in accordance with standards and requirements regulated by the International Civil Service Commission (ICSC), as mandated by the United Nations General Assembly. This item covers IOM’s 5% overhead charge for terminal emoluments for all three staff members of the TS, as well as health and insurance premiums. [↑](#footnote-ref-9)
10. This item includes “Office Expenses”. [↑](#footnote-ref-10)
11. The Government of Guatemala proposed to the RCM Member Countries´ Vice-Ministers that in order to clear its outstanding contributions until 2012 in the amount of **$21,372** USD, Guatemala would organize and fund the Seminar on Migrant Children and Adolescents, held in Antigua Guatemala, Guatemala, from 27 to 28 August 2013. The Vice-Ministers, during the XVIII RCM held in San José, Costa Rica, June 27-28, 2013, deliberated on this request and approved the proposal, with the caveat that this was a one-time exception, sets no precedent for the RCM, and Guatemala show good faith by signing an agreement between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and IOM to cover its contributions to the Technical Secretariat and the Fund to Assist the Return of Intra-Regional Migrants in Highly Vulnerable Situations starting 2013. [↑](#footnote-ref-11)