

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)**  
**Meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM)**

**Managua, Nicaragua**  
**June 24-25, 2014**

The Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) met on June 24-25, 2014 in the city of Managua, Nicaragua with the participation of representatives from 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:
  - a) To accept the TS Activity and Financial Report for the November 2013 – May 2014 period. The information regarding the RCM's Fund to Assist the Return of Intra-Regional Migrants in Highly Vulnerable Situations will be distributed twice a year.
  - b) Take note of the report on the participation of the TS Coordinator and the PPT in the XIII South American Conference on Migration, held in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia, on December 3-5, 2013.
  - c) Take note of the report on the participation of the TS Coordinator in the meeting of the Mexico-USA-Central America Working Committee on Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Youth, held in Washington, DC, on January 28, 2014.
  - d) Take note of the report regarding the selection process of the new TS Coordinator.
2. Thank the RNCOM and take note of their analysis of the current migration situation in the region and of their interest in reactivating the RCM-RNCOM Ad Hoc Working Group and deepening the cooperation between government and civil society and their work to protect unaccompanied migrant children.
3. Regarding the Ad hoc Working Group to Discuss, Analyze and Define Objectives regarding Extra-Continental Migration Flows in the Region:
  - a. Take note of the report on the meeting between the Consuls from the RCM Member Countries and Consuls from countries of origin, held in Washington, DC, on November 26, 2013.

- b. Request that El Salvador, Mexico and Nicaragua update the proposed matrix on extra-continental migration to contribute to the systematization of information in the RCM, which will be submitted to Member Countries within two months.

Furthermore, Member Countries were asked to complete the updated matrix before the next RCGM meeting.

- c. Maintain the dialogue with the South American Conference on Migration (SACM) through the TS and the PPT and invite SACM counterparts to participate in the RCM Vice-Ministerial meetings.
  - d. Maintain the dialogue with the consuls of countries of origin of extra continental migrants, and define the themes of discussion during the next meeting of the RCGM.
4. Regarding the matrix proposed by Costa Rica for the periodic collection of information on Cuban migration flows in the region, Member Countries will send their observations within two months. The Technical Secretariat will distribute the revised matrix again so data will be incorporated in the revised matrix before the next RCGM meeting.
  5. Approve the reports of the Liaison Officers Network for Consular Protection and the Liaison Officers Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons.
  6. To thank and congratulate the following delegations for their respective presentations:
    - a. Nicaragua: Donation and Transplants of Organs, Tissues and Cells for Human Beings Act.
    - b. Costa Rica: The adoption of the Costa Rican Comprehensive Migration Policy, as well as the results of the III Iberoamerican Congress on Immigration Authorities.
    - c. Honduras: Protection Act for Honduran Migrants and their Family.
    - d. Canada: Coordinated Border Management
    - e. Guatemala: Implementation of the Register and Immigration Control Documentation
  7. To thank the delegations from Canada, the United States and the IOM, for their observations on the informal process to follow up on the High Level Dialogue on Migration and Development, held in New York on October 3-4, 2013.
  8. To thank Costa Rica for the presentation on the document called "Guiding Principles for the Development of Migration Policies on Integration, Return and Reintegration of the Regional Conference on Migration."

9. To thank the United States for their presentation on the work of the Migrants in Countries in Crisis Working Group (MICIC) initiative. Member Countries will review the documents presented about this initiative in order to produce recommendations, inputs and/or comments during the next meeting of the RCGM.
10. To thank and congratulate the following delegations for their presentations regarding the progress made on Migration and Development:
  - a. Nicaragua: Thoughts on the correlation between migration and development.
  - b. Canada: Health and Migration
11. To take note of Canada's proposal for the RCM to resume the Migration and Health topic, and the RCGM agreed to its inclusion in its agenda. Member Countries and observer organizations will give feedback according to their information and statistics, for the discussion on this topic at the next meeting of the RCGM.
12. To thank and congratulate the following delegations for their presentations regarding their progress on projects and activities related to Human Rights:
  - a. Nicaragua: Protecting the rights of Nicaraguan migrants in Spain.
  - b. Costa Rica: Regional Workshop: Strengthening the Abilities of Authorities in the Region for the Identification and Prevention of Trafficking in Persons for Labor Exploitation, held 9-10 October, 2013 in San Jose, Costa Rica.
13. To thank the United States for their presentation on the current situation regarding the increasing number of irregular unaccompanied children migrating from some countries of the region into the United States. Acknowledge their interest, and the interest of the RCM Member Countries, in working jointly to search for solutions to this humanitarian situation.
14. To take note of the comments from Member Countries on the topic of unaccompanied migrant children, identifying it as a priority theme, as well as agreeing on the need to act at the regional level, recognizing the RCM as the appropriate forum to do so.
15. To thank Mexico for its presentation regarding the humanitarian dimension of the topic of unaccompanied migrant children and take note of its experience on this issue and their proposals to address the current emergency in a comprehensive manner.
16. To thank IOM for its offer to assist with supporting an information

campaign and workshop on the exchange of best practices regarding the assistance and protection of unaccompanied migrant children put forward by Mexico.

17. To thank Guatemala for the presentation of its proposed "*Regional Mechanism for the Comprehensive Protection of Migrant and Refugee Children and Adolescents*".
18. To urge Member Countries to implement, as feasible, the regional guidelines adopted by the RCM on migrant children.
19. To take note of the proposal made by Guatemala for the creation of a Liaison Officers Network on Migrant Children. At the request of the Member Countries, the TS will draft a report on the financial implications associated with the establishment of this network, so that the proposal can be considered at the next RCGM meeting.
20. To take note with appreciation of the reports 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)

## **Recommendations**

1. Approve holding a "Regional Workshop on Temporary Protection Status and/or Humanitarian Visas in Situations of Disaster", in Costa Rica, tentatively in September of 2014. The workshop will be funded by the Nansen Initiative - Initiative on the cross-border displacement of persons in situations of disaster.
2. Adopt the document titled "Guiding Principles for the Development of Migration Policies on Integration, Return and Reintegration of the Regional Conference on Migration," presented by Costa Rica. The Member Countries will adapt these Principles according to their national legislation and policies, as appropriate.
3. Consider the creation of an Ad Hoc Working Group on migrant children, based on the Guatemalan proposal on guiding principles for a Regional Mechanism on the Comprehensive Protection of Migrant Children, carrying out the following activities:
  - a. Workshop to harmonize the statistics on unaccompanied migrant children.
  - b. Workshop on the exchange of best practices regarding the

assistance and protection of unaccompanied migrant children.

- c. Undertake a regional awareness campaign on the risks of irregular migration by children and adolescents.
  - d. Identify activities to combat human smuggling and trafficking networks.
  - e. Other activities the working group may consider appropriate.
4. Approve holding a workshop on “Unscrupulous Immigration Consultants,” to be held in Guatemala, on December 10-11, 2014, co-sponsored by Guatemala and Canada.
  5. Approve holding a Regional Seminar on “Capacity Building of Regional Authorities for the identification and prevention of Trafficking in Persons with the purpose of labor exploitation”, co-sponsored by the IOM and the Regional Coalition against Trafficking in Persons and Migrant Smuggling to be tentatively held in San Jose, Costa Rica, on a date to be determined.