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MIGRATION POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT	1. FORMULATION, REVIEW, AND IMPLEMENTATION OF A NATIONAL MIGRATION POLICY BASED ON NATIONAL INTERESTS, THE DYNAMIC OF THE PHENOMENON OF MIGRATION, AND THE COMMITMENTS AGREED UPON STARTING FROM THE FIRST REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION, HELD IN PUEBLA, MEXICO.	IMPROVE PLANNING BY THE PRESIDENCY PRO-TÉMPORE AND MEMBER COUNTRIES WITH RESPECT TO UPCOMING RCM ACTIVITIES EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION REGARDING FORMULATION OF MIGRATION POLICIES/LEGISLATION	<i>TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT (TS) WILL PREPARE A CALENDAR OF INTERNAL RCM MEETINGS</i> <i>IOM AND UNHCR WILL SPONSOR A SEMINAR ON MIGRATION LEGISLATION</i>	<i>ONGOING--THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT (TS) PREPARES AND UPDATES IT.</i> <i>DRAFT PROPOSAL AND QUESTIONNAIRE SHARED DURING THE XI RCM</i> <i>THE QUESTIONNAIRE WAS SENT BY THE TS AND MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL COMPLETE IT BY NOVEMBER, 2006</i>
	2. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION ON MIGRATION POLICIES AND LEGISLATION.	CONSIDER AND, WHERE APPROPRIATE, ENCOURAGE CONSULTATIONS PRIOR TO THE ADOPTION OF MIGRATION MEASURES WHICH MAY AFFECT COUNTRIES IN THE REGION, PARTICULARLY STATES WITH COMMON BORDERS, WITH FULL RESPECT FOR THE NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY OF EACH STATE. SHARE EXPERIENCES ON ALTERNATE INSPECTION PROGRAMS	<i>IN PREPARATION FOR EACH MEETING OF THE RCGM, MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL SUPPLY INPUT TO IOM ON CHANGES PROPOSED OR MADE TO POLICIES, LAWS, AND REGULATIONS RELATED TO MIGRATION. IOM WILL PRESENT THE DATA IN THE FORM OF A COMPARATIVE MATRIX TO BE UPDATED SEMI-ANNUALLY</i> EL SALVADOR OFFERED TO HOST THE FIRST TRAINING SESSION FOR CONSULAR, MIGRATION OFFICERS DURING THE JOINT NETWORK MEETING IN THE IX RCM MEXICO PRESENTED ITS INTEGRATED SYSTEM ON MIGRATION OPERATIONS (ISMO) AND WAS WILLING TO SHARE THIS TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SIMILAR SYSTEMS	<i>ONGOING</i> —LATEST VERSION OF THE COMPARATIVE MATRIX PRESENTED TO THE RCGM, MAY 2006. THE AGENDAS OF THE NETWORKS CONTAIN SECTIONS FOR COUNTRY REPORTS ON THIS ISSUE TRAINING SESSIONS WERE HELD 7-11 FEBRUARY, 2005, IN SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR, RCGM, VANCOUVER, MARCH 2005



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MIGRATION POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT (continued)	3. IDENTIFICATION OF MINIMUM STANDARDS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE, INFORMATION CONTAINED IN, AND SECURITY CONTROL OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL.	ANALYZE EXISTING CRITERIA IN REGARD TO MINIMUM STANDARDS RELATED TO THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN, ISSUANCE, AND SECURITY OF TRAVEL DOCUMENTS, AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL. ESTABLISH COORDINATED TRAINING EXERCISES AS AN ONGOING ACTIVITY OF RCM	<p><i>CONTINUOUS - TRAINING TO BE SPONSORED BY CANADA, MEXICO, AND U.S.</i></p> <p>CREATE A DATABASE ON RCM'S PRIVATE WEB SITE WITH INPUT FROM ALL COUNTRIES ON FALSE DOCUMENTS AND DOCUMENTS OBTAINED FRAUDULENTLY</p> <p>IOM WILL COMPILE AND ANALYZE THE STANDARDS TO ISSUE PASSPORTS</p>	<p><i>ONGOING -- UNITED STATES AND MEXICO SPONSORED JOINT INTERDICTION AND INSPECTION EXERCISE HELD ON THE NICARAGUA-COSTA RICA BORDER, MAY 2003, WHICH INCLUDED A TRAINING MODULE ON REFUGEE PROTECTION CARRIED OUT BY UNHCR</i></p> <p>HONDURAS HOSTED THE REGIONAL TRAINING ON MIGRATION CONTROL, WHICH WAS HELD 18-19 SEPTEMBER 2006 IN TEGUCIGALPA</p> <p>MEXICO PRESENTED PROPOSAL FOR DATABASE TO RCGM, VANCOUVER, MARCH 2005. IN THIS MEETING MEMBER COUNTRIES AGREED ON USING THE ALERTS SECTION IN THE VS FOR THIS PURPOSE</p> <p>IOM SHARED QUESTIONNAIRE WITH RCGM, 2-3 DECEMBER 2004, PANAMA, AND FOLLOWED IT UP AT RCGM, VANCOUVER, MARCH 2005</p> <p>MOST MEMBER COUNTRIES SUBMITTED THEIR RESPONSES TO IOM'S QUESTIONNAIRE</p> <p>IN VANCOUVER, MARCH 2005, VICE-MINISTERS APPROVED TO CARRY OUT A WORKSHOP IN NICARAGUA ON THE STANDARDS AND ISSUANCE OF PASSPORTS. THE WORKSHOP WAS HELD 12-14 DECEMBER, 2005</p>
	4. BOLSTERING OF EFFORTS TO COMBAT MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, WITH A VIEW TO ERADICATING THE PHENOMENON.	<p>ENCOURAGE THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE REGION THAT HAVE NOT YET CRIMINALIZED TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS AND MIGRANT SMUGGLING TO INCLUDE THE OFFENSE IN THEIR LAWS.</p> <p>URGE, WHERE APPLICABLE, MEMBER COUNTRIES TO SIGN OR RATIFY THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION AGAINST TRANSNATIONAL ORGANIZED CRIME AND ITS COMPLEMENTARY PROTOCOLS</p> <p>REGULARIZE THE ACTIVITIES OF THE LIAISON OFFICER NETWORK TO COMBAT MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS. MAINTAIN AND UPDATE LIST OF CONTACTS FOR NETWORK</p>	<p><i>STUDY THE NEED TO STIFFEN PENALTIES FOR MIGRANT TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING, ESPECIALLY FOR OFFENSES RELATED TO TRAFFICKING IN WOMEN AND CHILDREN.</i></p> <p><i>IN EACH RCM MEETING, THE COUNTRIES WILL REPORT IN WRITING ANY PROGRESS, ADVANCES, AND CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTING THEIR LAWS FOR COMBATING TRAFFICKING IN MIGRANTS.</i></p>	<p><i>ONGOING—IOM PRESENTED TO RCGM, MARCH 2005, THE PROJECT "APPLICATION OF THE UN CONVENTION AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME TO LEGISLATIONS REGARDING TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO" RCGM REQUESTED STATES TO SUBMIT THEIR COMMENTS TO THIS DRAFT BY THE END OF APRIL 2005</i></p> <p><i>GUATEMALA, IOM, UNICEF, AND ILO/IPEC CO-HOSTED THE WORKSHOP TO PREPARE GUIDELINES FOR THE RETURN OF CHILDREN VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING (GUATEMALA, 9-10 MARCH, 2006). COUNTRIES SENT COMMENTS AND AND UNICEF, ILO, UNHCR, THE TS AND THE PPTPREPARED AND DISSEMINATED A NEW VERSION – SEPTEMBER, 2006</i></p> <p><i>ANALIZE BEST PRACTICES TO EFFECTIVELY DOCUMENT MINORS TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (RCGM, NOVEMBER 2006)</i></p> <p><i>ONGOING - IN VANCOUVER, VICE-MINISTERS DECIDED TO IMPLEMENT THE PROPOSAL OF PANAMA TO CARRY OUT A SEMINAR ON THE DRAFTING OF MIGRATION LEGISLATION WITH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OF IOM AND UNHCR – X RCM</i></p> <p><i>NETWORKS REITERATED THAT REPORTS SHOULD BE PROVIDED IN WRITING TO THE TS RCGM, OCT 05</i></p> <p><i>NETWORKS' AGENDA INCLUDES TOPIC FOR COUNTRY REPORTS</i></p>



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		ESTABLISH A FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM TO THE NETWORK ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE PRESIDENCY PRO-TEMPORE.	<i>MEETING OF THIS NETWORK TO BE SCHEDULED ONE DAY PRIOR TO EACH MEETING OF THE RCGM. THE RCGM WILL APPROVE ITS REPORTS.</i> THE RCM TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT ASSISTS THE PRESIDENCY PRO-TEMPORE IN THE FOLLOW UP OF NETWORK ACTIVITIES.	ONGOING – NETWORKS' REPORTS REGULARLY APPROVED BY THE RCGM ONGOING
MIGRATION POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT (continued)	5. INTENSIFICATION OF COOPERATION TO COMBAT MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING OF PERSONS, MAKING OUR BORDERS SAFE AND ORDERLY PLACES.	REQUEST THE URGENT PREPARATION OF A PROPOSAL FOR REGIONAL WORK PLAN BASED IN PART ON MIGRANT TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY CASE STUDIES CARRIED OUT IN THE REGION	IOM WILL CARRY OUT A WORKSHOP ON THE PALERMO PROTOCOLS ON MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE "COMMON FORMAT" FOR INFORMATION EXCHANGE REGARDING CASES OF SMUGGLING OF MIGRANTS AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS SHARE SEMI-ANNUALLY INFORMATION ON THE NUMBER OF ENTRANTS WITH FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS MEXICO PROPOSED A GENERAL PROFILE ON MIGRATION OF EACH MEMBER COUNTRY	HELD AT RCGM, DECEMBER 1, 2004. IOM PREPARED A SUMMARY REPORT OF WORKSHOP <i>ONGOING - MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL SEND COMPLETED FORM TO THE TS WHILE RESPECTING EACH COUNTRY'S EXISTING PRIVACY LAWS</i> <i>ONGOING – COUNTRIES WILL SEND INFORMATION TO THE TS AND THE CORRESPONDING NETWORK WILL BE INFORMED</i> <i>THE PROPOSAL WAS EVALUATED DURING THE XI RCM IN SAN SALVADOR. COUNTRIES WILL SEND INFORMATION TO THE TS BY AUGUST 2006</i>
	6. PROMOTION OF BETTER UNDERSTANDING TO ENHANCE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE HARMFUL EFFECTS OF MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.	USE VARIOUS MEDIA OUTLETS TO PUBLICIZE THE RESULTS OF EFFORTS AND PROGRAMS TO PREVENT IMMIGRANT SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.	<i>PERIODIC PUBLICATION OF ACHIEVEMENTS IN OPERATIONS AND JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS AGAINST MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING IN MIGRANTS.</i> <i>PROMOTE, TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, FORUMS TO DISSEMINATE AND DISCUSS, AT THE NATIONAL AND/OR REGIONAL LEVEL, THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND CONSEQUENCES OF THE OFFENSES OF MIGRANT SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS.</i> <i>APPOINTMENT OF "CONTACT PERSONS" RESPONSIBLE TO DISSEMINATE THE AWARENESS CAMPAIGN PRODUCTS</i>	ONGOING <i>ONGOING - INTERESTED COUNTRIES COULD REQUEST THE SUPPORT OF RNCOM IN THE DISSEMINATION OF MIGRATION REGULARIZATION AND OTHER MIGRATION PROGRAMS, AS WELL AS THE PROMOTION OF AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS</i> ONGOING



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<p>MIGRATION POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT (continued)</p>	<p>7. BOLSTERING OF EFFORTS TO FOSTER COOPERATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS WHEN MIGRANTS WITH IRREGULAR STATUS ARE RETURNED.</p>	<p>ESTABLISH COORDINATION MECHANISMS RELATIVE TO CONSULAR PROTECTION AND NATIONAL LEGISLATIONS</p> <p>STRENGTHEN CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN ORDER TO IMPLEMENT MIGRATION MEASURES THAT RESPOND TO THE MIGRANTS' ACTUAL STATUS IN ORDER TO MAKE THEIR RETURNS EASIER AND SMOOTHER.</p> <p>FOSTER THE SHARING OF INFORMATION ABOUT MIGRANT RETURN PROCEEDINGS THAT HAVE PROVEN TO BE EFFECTIVE</p>	<p><i>THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES AND MEXICO WORK TOWARDS CREATING THE CENTRAL AMERICAN CONSULATE IN VERACRUZ, MEXICO BY SIGNING THE COMMITMENT DOCUMENT AND WITH HONDURAS DESIGNATING ITS CONSULAR OFFICER.</i></p> <p><i>DEVELOP INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS ON THE RISKS AND DANGERS OF IRREGULAR OR UNDOCUMENTED MIGRATION</i></p> <p>DEVELOP GUIDELINE DOCUMENTS ON THIS SUBJECT.</p> <p><i>AGENDA ITEMS FOR NETWORKS OF LIAISON OFFICERS</i></p>	<p><i>VII MEETING OF CONSULAR NETWORK MAY 2004. WORK CONTINUES</i></p> <p>RCGM, OCT 05 – PANAMA INFORMED ABOUT THE OPENING OF CONSULAR OFFICES. EL SALVADOR AND GUATEMALA DURING NOVEMBER 2005</p> <p><i>ONGOING</i> – THE US CONTRIBUTED USD\$250.000 TO IOM FOR AN INFORMATION CAMPAIGN FOR 2005 ON THE RISKS OF SMUGGLING AND TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS. OTHER COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER IN-KIND ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS.</p> <p><i>IOM REQUESTED COMMENTS ON THE CAMPAIGN PRODUCTS AND DIFFUSION POSSIBILITIES, AS WELL AS A FOCAL POINT BY COUNTRY. THE PRODUCTS WERE DISSEMINATED BY CNN, TELEVISA AND INTERNET. IOM SENT THE PRODUCTS TO MEMBER COUNTRIES.</i></p> <p>THE IX RCM, MAY 2004 APPROVED GUIDELINES. MEXICO AND IOM SIGNED AN MOU IN 2004.</p> <p><i>MEXICO PROPOSED AN MOU FOR REPATRIATION TO EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS AND NICARAGUA – RCGM, OCT 05. SIGNED MAY 2006</i></p> <p><i>GUATEMALA, IOM, UNICEF AND ILO HOSTED IN GUATEMALA A WORKSHOP ON THE DRAFTING OF GUIDELINES FOR THE RETURN OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING (9-10 MARCH 2006). EL SALVADOR IN COOPERATION WITH IOM WILL DRAFT A PROPOSAL TO DEVELOP A PROJECT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE REPATRIATION APPROACH FOR MIGRANTS IN SITUATIONS OF HIGH VULNERABILITY. COUNTRIES WILL SEND COMMENTS AND UNICEF, ILO, UNHCR, THE TS AND THE PPT SHARED A NEW VERSION – SEPTEMBER, 2006</i></p> <p><i>ONGOING</i></p> <p><i>EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON BEST PRACTICES IN CONSULAR ISSUES – AGREED ON MARCH 2005 DURING RCGM</i></p> <p><i>THE PPT AND THE TS PRESENTED A PROPOSAL TO STRENGTHEN THE COORDINATION, DIALOGUE SPACES, AND COMMUNICATION WITH RNCOM – NOV 05</i></p> <p><i>ANALYZE BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE DOCUMENTATION OF DEPARTING MINORS, IN ORDER TO FIGHT TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS (RCGM, NOVEMBER 2006)</i></p>



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MIGRATION POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT (continued)	8. DEVELOPMENT OF A REGIONAL STRATEGY AND APPROACH TO FACILITATE THE RETURN OF MIGRANTS WITH IRREGULAR STATUS AND IN SO DOING REINFORCE COORDINATION AMONG OUR AUTHORITIES TO GUARANTEE THAT REPATRIATION OF MIGRANTS IS UNDERTAKEN IN A SAFE, DIGNIFIED AND ORDERLY MANNER.	SEEK IMPLEMENTATION OF A REGIONAL PROJECT FOR THE DIGNIFIED, SAFE, AND ORDERLY RETURN OF REGIONAL MIGRANTS BY LAND. CONTINUE WITH EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM ON MULTILATERAL COOPERATION FOR THE ASSISTED RETURN OF EXTRA-REGIONAL MIGRANTS STRANDED IN MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE RCM. ARRANGE FOR WAYS TO FUND MIGRANT RETURNS, INCLUDING THROUGH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. UNDERTAKE JOINT EFFORTS WITH AIRLINES TO REDUCE FARES AND FACILITATE RETURNS.	MEXICO AND IOM WILL PREPARE DRAFT OF GUIDELINES.	THE DRAFT DOCUMENT WAS EVALUATED AND CHANGED DURING THE WORKSHOP IN EL SALVADOR , 1 ST DECEMBER, 2003. GUIDELINES APPROVED BY THE IX RCM, PANAMA, MAY 2004.
			THE RCGM MEETING IN MAY 2004 DECIDED TO USE THE TS RESERVE FUND FOR THE RETURN BY LAND OF MIGRANTS IN HIGHLY VULNERABLE SITUATIONS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GUIDELINES DOCUMENTS MENTIONED.	THE PPT AND IOM HAVE AGREED ON AN IMPLEMENTATION PROTOCOL. SEPTEMBER 2004. THE RCGM APPROVED ADDENDUM TO PROTOCOL. <i>THIS INITIATIVE OF VOLUNTARY RETURN IS BEING IMPLEMENTED BY IOM</i> <i>PPT, TS, IOM, MEXICO AND OTHER INTERESTED MEMBER COUNTRIES WILL PREPARE A PROPOSAL TO RE-EXAMINE THE GUIDELINES TO DEVELOP MECHANISMS TO INCREASE THE RCM FUND - TO BE SHARED AT THE XI RCM. VICE MINISTERS DECIDED THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT FUND OF US\$60,000 ON THE BASIS OF THE SCALE USED FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT BUDGET. THE FUND MAY BE FURTHER SUPPLEMENTED BY DISCRETIONARY CONTRIBUTIONS</i>
			<i>INITIATE CONTACTS WITH MEMBER COUNTRIES AND POTENTIAL DONORS FOR SOURCES OF FUNDING</i>	<i>ONGOING</i>
			<i>REQUEST IOM FOR A REPORT ON STEPS TAKEN WITH AIRLINES TO REDUCE FARES AND FACILITATE RETURNS.</i>	IOM PREPARED FOR RCGM, MARCH 2005, VANCOUVER, A REPORT ON MECHANISMS TO USE REDUCED AIRLINE FARES.
MIGRATION POLICIES AND MANAGEMENT (continued)	9. TECHNICAL COOPERATION TO OUTFIT AND UPGRADE INFORMATION, CONTROL, AND SECURITY SYSTEMS.	ACQUIRE SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT.	PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN DONE BY DONOR COUNTRIES DIRECTLY TO MEMBER COUNTRIES OR THROUGH THE IOM TO IMPROVE MIGRATION MANAGEMENT.	<i>ONGOING</i>
	10. TECHNICAL COOPERATION TO TRAIN PROFESSIONALS FROM GOVERNMENT AGENCIES INVOLVED IN MIGRATION ISSUES.	TRAIN GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN MIGRATION ISSUES.	WITH A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION BY CANADA, IOM (THE ABOVE-MENTIONED PROGRAM) WILL ELABORATE A MIGRATION MANAGEMENT MANUAL.	THE MANUAL WAS ELABORATED IN ENGLISH BY IOM. <i>MEXICO OFFERED A SPANISH TRANSLATION IN COOPERATION WITH IOM. TRANSLATION DONE, MARCH 2006</i> <i>IOM WILL SEND ELECTRONIC VERSIONS TO TS WITH FINAL FORMATTING FOR DISTRIBUTION (OCTOBER 2006)</i>



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	11. TECHNICAL COOPERATION FOR REINTEGRATION OF REPATRIATED MIGRANTS.	FORMULATE PLANS TO ENSURE SOCIAL AND OCCUPATIONAL REINSERTION OF REPATRIATED MIGRANTS.	TO SPONSOR PROJECTS FOR SOCIAL INTEGRATION	<i>WITH THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE UNITED STATES TWO PILOT PROJECTS HAVE BEEN LAUNCHED IN EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS, RESPECTIVELY, TO HELP REPATRIATED MIGRANTS FROM THE UNITED STATES.</i>
	12. PROMOTION OF AREAS OF COORDINATION AMONG THE DIFERENT REGIONAL FORA DEALING WITH THE PHENOMENON OF MIGRATION	SEEK CONVERGENCE WITH OTHER MIGRATION FORUMS	CREATION OF A CALENDAR OF EVENTS STARTING AS OF THE END OF THE VIII RCM THAT SETS FORTH DATES AND OTHER CONCRETE STEPS THE RCM COULD TAKE TO MORE ACTIVELY PARTICIPATE IN OTHER FORA AND CONFERENCES OF INTEREST TO THE CONFERENCE.	<i>ONGOING -- CALENDAR CREATED AND POSTED IN RCM VS SINCE JUNE 2003</i>
CANADA WILL SHARE RESULTS OF SYMPOSIUM ON BORDER CONTROLS CARRIED OUT IN VANCOUVER IN SEPTEMBER 2004 UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE AGAINST TERRORISM (CICTE)			CANADA CIRCULATED INFORMATION THROUGH THE VIRTUAL SECRETARIAT	
THE PPT (PANAMA) WAS ENTRUSTED TO SEEK CONTACTS WITH THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION SO THE RCM CAN ATTEND ITS MEETING IN NOVEMBER 2004 AS AN OBSERVER.			PANAMA (PPT) PARTICIPATED AS OBSERVER AT THE FIFTH SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION , LA PAZ, BOLIVIA, 25-26 NOVEMBER 2004.	
AT THE TENTH RCM, IT WAS APPROVED THAT THE PPT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE REGIONAL WORKSHOP OF THE INDEPENDENT GLOBAL COMMISSION ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION (GCIM), WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE IN MEXICO CITY IN MAY 2005.			CANADA (PPT) AND THE TS COORDINATOR MET IN PRIVATE WITH THE COMMISSIONERS IN MEXICO (MAY 2005) AND SHARED THE DOCUMENT APPROVED BY THE RCM AND ANSWERED THEIR QUESTIONS ABOUT THE RCM	
THE X RCM APPROVED THE PARTICIPATION OF CANADA AS PPT IN THE WORKSHOP ON REGIONAL PROCESSES TO BE HELD IN GENEVA, APRIL 2005, HOSTED BY IOM AND GCIM			CANADA AND THE TS PARTICIPATED IN THE WORKSHOP HELD IN GENEVA	
THE X RCM APPROVED THE PPT'S PARTICIPATION IN THE HIGH LEVEL DIALOGUE ON MIGRATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN 2006 AND PRESENT THE BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS LEARNED IN THE RCM			<i>DOCUMENT APPROVED DURING THE XI RCM</i>	
<i>THE PARTICIPATION OF THE TS AND THE PPT IN THE IBERO-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION HELD JULY 18 - 19, 2006 IN MADRID, SPAIN, WAS APPROVED</i>			<i>THE PPT AND THE TS PARTICIPATED 18 - 19 JULY, 2006</i>	



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HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)	2. STRENGTHENING RESPECT FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF ALL MIGRANTS REGARDLESS OF THEIR MIGRANT STATUS, WITH SPECIAL ATTENTION TO PROTECTION OF RIGHTS OF VULNERABLE GROUPS SUCH AS WOMEN AND CHILDREN	<p>APPROPRIATE TREATMENT FOR MIGRANTS IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR MIGRATION STATUS GIVING PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE SPECIAL NEEDS OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN, THE ELDERLY, AND THE DISABLED, INCLUDING THEIR PROTECTION.</p> <p>PROMOTE REGIONAL CONSULTATIVE FORUMS REGARDING CONSULAR PROTECTION OF MIGRANTS, BETWEEN CONSULAR AND MIGRATION AUTHORITIES. REGULARIZE ACTIVITIES OF THE LIAISON OFFICER NETWORK FOR CONSULAR PROTECTION. MAINTAIN AND UPDATE LIST OF CONTACTS FOR NETWORK</p> <p>ESTABLISH A FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM TO THE NETWORK ACTIVITIES TO BE CARRIED OUT BY THE PRESIDENCY PRO-TEMPORE</p> <p>PROMOTE REGIONAL MEETINGS AMONG MIGRATION AUTHORITIES, FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTRIES, AND THE OFFICES AND OTHER GOVERNMENTAL BODIES RESPONSIBLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS INTERESTED IN THE DEFENSE OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS.</p>	<p>IMPLEMENT PILOT PROJECT FOR VOLUNTARY REPATRIATION AND SOCIAL INTEGRATION OF CHILDREN, VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING AND SMUGGLING</p> <p><i>PROJECT PRESENTED BY EL SALVADOR AND IOM FOR THE COMPREHENSIVE ASSISTANCE TO PERSONS WHO HAVE SUFFERED A PHYSICAL DISABILITY WHILE MIGRATING</i></p> <p><i>A REGIONAL PROJECT PROPOSAL FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF SHELTERS FOR ASSISTING VICTIMS OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS</i></p> <p><i>TRAINING OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES INVOLVED (IOM AND UNHCR).</i></p> <p>ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSAL BY MEXICO, IOM AND THE UN SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS WILL DRAFT A HUMAN RIGHTS TRAINING PROPOSAL FOR MIGRATION OFFICERS.</p> <p><i>SCHEDULE MEETINGS OF THIS NETWORK PRIOR TO EACH MEETING OF THE RCGM. NETWORK'S REPORT WILL BE APPROVED BY RCGM. THE COUNTRY CURRENTLY HOSTING THE RCM WILL CHAIR OF THE MEETINGS.</i></p> <p><i>APPOINTING OF "FOCAL POINTS" WITHIN THIS NETWORK TO BETTER COORDINATE THE REPATRIATION OF VULNERABLE GROUPS</i></p> <p><i>MEMBER COUNTRY WILL REPORT IN WRITING ON THEIR EFFORTS IN THE FIELD OF CONSULAR PROTECTION</i></p> <p><i>DEVELOP WORK PLAN, INCLUDING TIMETABLE FOR IDENTIFYING NEEDS AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES FOR CONSULAR OFFICERS AND DEVELOPMENT OF TRAINING COURSES AND SEMINARS FOR THESE OFFICERS</i></p>	<p><i>EL SALVADOR AND IOM WILL SEEK POSSIBLE FINANCING FOR THE PROJECT</i></p> <p><i>EL SALVADOR AND IOM WILL PREPARE A PROPOSAL TO BE PRESENTED DURING RCGM, 27-29 NOVEMBER, 2006</i></p> <p><i>ONGOING</i></p> <p>THE SPECIAL RAPPORTEUR PRESENTED PROPOSAL TO RCGM, DECEMBER 2004 / MARCH 2005. VICE-MINISTERS URGED TO CARRY OUT. AS FAR AS POSSIBLE, THE TRAINING FOR MIGRATION AND POLICE OFFICERS ON HUMAN RIGHTS</p> <p><i>ONGOING</i> -REPORT OF NETWORK WAS APPROVED BY RCGM, DECEMBER 2004, PANAMA</p> <p>REPORT OF THE JOINT MEETING OF THE NETWORKS WAS APPROVED BY THE RCGM IN VANCOUVER, MARCH 2005</p> <p><i>ONGOING</i> RCGM OCTOBER 2005</p> <p><i>ONGOING - THE REPORTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE TS, RCGM, OCT 2005</i></p> <p><i>ONGOING</i></p>
	3. ENSURE INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OF REFUGEES.	<p>EMPHASIZE THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE PROTECTIONS ACCORDED UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW ON THE ONE HAND TO REFUGEES AND ON THE OTHER HAND TO OTHER MIGRANTS.</p> <p>WITH THE SUPPORT OF THE UNHCR , HOLD TRAINING SESSIONS FOR MIGRATION OFFICERS AND BORDER POLICE ON NATIONAL LAWS AND REFUGEE RIGHTS</p>	<p>EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ENACTING LAWS AND PROCEDURES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL RELATING TO REFUGEES.</p> <p><i>EXAMINE THE FEASIBILITY, DEPENDING ON EACH CASE, OF ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL COMMITTEE TO DETERMINE REFUGEE STATUS.</i></p> <p>INCLUDE TRAINING ON PROTECTION OF REFUGEES AS A PILOT MODULE WITHIN THE JOINT TRAINING PROGRAM OFFERED BY CANADA, THE UNITED STATES AND MEXICO ON DETECTION OF FRAUDULENT DOCUMENTS. THIS MODULE TOOK PLACE IN COOPERATION WITH UNHCR.</p>	<p><i>ONGOING</i></p> <p><i>ONGOING</i></p> <p><i>ONGOING</i> - THE FIRST TRAINING SESSION OF THIS TYPE WAS HELD IN THE HONDURAS, NICARAGUA AND COSTA RICA BORDERS IN AUGUST 2003.</p> <p>COUNTRIES AGREED THAT THE PURPOSE IS TO TRAIN THE TRAINERS, WHO WILL REPLICATE INTO THEIR COUNTRIES - RCGM, OCT 05</p>



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HUMAN RIGHTS (continued)	4. PROMOTE ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF "MIGRATION AND HEALTH"	IDENTIFY PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION IN RCM ACTION PLAN	MEXICO AND CANADA OFFERED TO HOST A SEMINAR ON MIGRATION AND HEALTH IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 2004 <i>INCLUDE AIDS AND MIGRATION INITIATIVE IN NEXT MEETING OF RCGM</i>	CARRIED OUT IN OCTOBER 18-19, 2004, GUATEMALA CITY. <i>MEXICO AND CANADA PRESENTED TO RCGM, MARCH 2005, VANCOUVER, PROPOSAL TO, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE NETWORK FOR CONSULAR PROTECTION, A WORKING GROUP BE SET UP. PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED BY VICE-MINISTERS IN VANCOUVER, MARCH 2005</i> <i>THE TS CREATED A SPACE IN THE VS AS A LIAISON AND COORDINATION MECHANISM FOR THIS WORKING GROUP AND WAS MODIFIED AS AGREED DURING THE XI RCM BY CREATING A VIRTUAL FORUM</i> <i>COUNTRIES WILL SEND CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE TS</i> SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED AT SEMINAR ON "MIGRATION AND HEALTH".
LINK BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND MIGRATION	1. TO PROMOTE BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE REGIONAL MIGRATION PHENOMENON THROUGH AN OBJECTIVE LONG-TERM COMPREHENSIVE APPROACH CONCERNING THE ORIGINS, MANIFESTATIONS, AND EFFECTS OF MIGRATION IN THE REGION.	EVALUATE THE ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF INTEGRATING THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN THE RCM PROCESS.	<i>SEMINAR ON THE "ROLE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR IN FACING THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF THE MIGRATION PHENOMENON"</i>	EL SALVADOR HOSTED IN FEBRUARY 2006, THE FORUM "PRIVATE SECTOR AND MIGRATION"
			<i>INVITE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO THE NEXT MEETING OF THE RCM TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DIALOG OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY</i>	(SEE PRECEDING ITEM)
			<i>CHARGE THE PRESIDENCY PRO-TEMPORE WITH THE SEARCH FOR ALTERNATIVES IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROJECT IDENTIFYING POSSIBLE COOPERATION WITH PRIVATE SECTOR, BENEFITING MIGRANTS AS WELL AS BEST PRACTICES.</i>	(SEE PRECEDING ITEM)
		SHARE EXPERIENCES AND LESSONS LEARNED REGARDING MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT	SHARE BEST PRACTICES WHICH FACILITATE THE FLOW OF FAMILY REMITTANCES.	EL SALVADOR, UNITED STATES, GUATEMALA AND CANADA SHARED THEIR RESPECTIVE EXPERIENCES ON FAMILY REMITTANCES, RCGM, DECEMBER 2004, PANAMA.
		STUDY THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING LINKS WITH OTHER COOPERATION PROCESSES IN THE AREAS OF MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT.	HOST VISIT OF A BINATIONAL DELEGATION (COSTA RICA-NICARAGUA) TO LEARN ABOUT THE CANADIAN EXPERIENCE IN MANAGING TEMPORARY AGRICULTURAL WORKERS PROGRAMS.	VISIT TO OTTAWA AND MONTREAL, CANADA IN JUNE 2004 <i>COSTA RICA AND NICARAGUA SUBSCRIBED A PRELIMINAR AGREEMENT ON THIS MATTER</i>
			SEE ACTIVITIES REGARDING OBJECTIVE 12 OF SUBJECT "MIGRATION POLICY AND MANAGEMENT" OF THIS PLAN OF ACTION.	<i>ONGOING</i>



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LINK BETWEEN DEVELOPMENT AND MIGRATION (continued)	2. DEVELOP A STATISTICAL INFORMATION SYSTEM ON MIGRANTS	COMPLETE FINAL STAGES OF SIEMCA PROJECT ACCOMPLISH TRANSFORMATION OF SIEMCA PROJECT TO SIEMMES PROJECT, INCLUDING MEXICO, AS PART OF PLAN PUEBLA-PANAMÁ	IOM WILL PRESENT A PROGRESS REPORT <i>THE XI RCM DECIDED TO ESTABLISH A SIMPLE AND AGILE MECHANISM TO SHARE MIGRATION STATISTICS, AND INSTRUCT THE REGIONAL CONSULTATION GROUP ON MIGRATION (RCGM) THAT, AT ITS NEXT MEETING, IT DEVELOPS SUCH A MECHANISM</i>	IOM SHARED PROGRESS REPORT WITH RCGM, MARCH 2005, VANCOUVER COUNTRIES WERE URGED TO SEEK FOR FUNDING TO CONTINUE THE PROJECT – RCGM, OCT 05 <i>AGENDA ITEM FOR THE RCGM, NOVEMBER 27-29, 2006</i>
	3. UNDERTAKE ACTIVITIES IN THE AREA OF “INTEGRATION AND INSERTION OF MIGRANTS”		<i>SEMINAR ON “INTEGRATION AND INSERTION OF MIGRANTS IN RECEIVING COUNTRIES”</i> <i>CANADA AND THE TS PREPARED A PROPOSAL FOR A MATRIX ON INTEGRATION</i>	SEMINAR TOOK PLACE IN COSTA RICA 23-24 JUNE 2005 WITH THE CO-SPONSORSHIP OF CANADA. <i>COUNTRIES WILL COMPLETE AND SUBMIT THE MATRIX TO THE TS BY AUGUST 15TH, 2006</i>
	4. ENHANCE “BORDER COOPERATION”	UNDERTAKE INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE JOINT BORDER MANAGEMENT AND CONTROL	SHARE INFORMATION ABOUT COOPERATION ACTIVITIES <i>EL SALVADOR WILL PREPARE A QUESTIONNAIRE ON NATURAL DISASTERS AND MIGRATION ACCORDING TO ITS EXPERIENCES ON THE SUBJECT</i>	ON BEHALF OF OCAM, GUATEMALA AND NICARAGUA MADE A PRESENTATION ABOUT “THE CENTRAL AMERICA INTEGRATION SYSTEM” IN THE IX RCM DURING THE X RCM, HONDURAS AS PRESIDENCY PRO TEMPORIS OF THE SICA, REPORTED ON THE ADVANCES OF THE UNIQUE VISA AND CENTRAL AMERICAN PASSPORT <i>EL SALVADOR WILL PREPARE QUESTIONNAIRE (NOVEMBER 2006)</i>