**WORK PLAN OF THE PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE 2016 OF THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)**

**THEME:** “Migration: A Shared Responsibility”

**INTRODUCTION:**

Honduras is honoured and pleased to take on the role of President pro tempore 2016 of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), under the theme “Migration: A Shared Responsibility”.

In recent years, the region has faced an increasing flow of irregular migration. This has led to an increasing responsibility for countries in the region, given that in the past they were only sending, receiving or transit countries, and now they have been forced to take one more than one of these roles.

In this regard, it is evident that the region shares responsibility in migration matters. The countries in the region need to address the issue of irregular migration in a comprehensive and coordinated manner, always with a human rights approach.

**GENERAL OBJECTIVE:**

To identify the responsibilities and actions that should be implemented by countries to address the current migration situation they are facing, whether as countries of origin, transit or destination, developing prevention and assistance strategies to provide a comprehensive and regional response to the needs of migrant populations, with full respect for their human rights.

**SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:**

1. To identify the steps that need to be taken by each country, consistent with its situation (origin, transit or destination);
2. To develop, through the exchange of effective practices, strategies for national efforts with a regional impact, relating to prevention and improved assistance for migrant populations;
3. To measure, identify and analyse the migration flows in order to better know the real panorama and determine short-, medium- and long-term actions based on that;
4. To establish mechanisms for joint work among governments, civil society organizations and international organizations in order to address the issue of irregular migration and, at the same time, to implement prevention mechanisms aimed at reducing the migration flows;
5. To strengthen capacities, expand the coverage, improve protection and increase communications of consular networks through exchange of effective practices, training and cooperation mechanisms.

**ACTIONS:**

1. Workshop on the theme “Migration: A Shared Responsibility”;
2. Information campaigns on consular assistance and migration protection, with the aim of warning migrant populations about the risks of irregular migration and discouraging this type of migration;
3. To establish a Regional Migration Observatory, based on the Consular and Migration Observatory of Honduras (CONMIGHO);
4. Workshop on Civil Society, Migration and Development;
5. Workshop on capacity-building in asylum and refuge procedures for consular officers from the network of consulates accredited in Mexico.

**DEVELOPMENT:**

The current President pro tempore (PPT), considering the three central themes of the Plan of Action of the RCM (Migration Management, Human Rights, and Migration and Development), takes on the following sub-themes throughout 2016:

1. Consular assistance and migration protection
2. Migration: Rights and obligations
3. Integration and reintegration
4. Migrant boys, girls and adolescents
5. **Consular assistance and migration protection**

To strengthen consular capacities through workshops on the experiences and effective practices of countries in the region. To homologate and implement the protocols and processes for assistance and consular and migration protection, with a special focus on populations in vulnerable situations. In addition, to invigorate communications between the migration offices of each country, secretariats or ministries of foreign affairs, institutes of migration and consular networks, with the purpose of ensuring a more expedited assistance, with full respect for the rights of migrants.

1. **Migration: rights and obligations**

The issue of migration is of a strictly humanitarian nature and therefore, should be addressed from a human rights perspective, guaranteeing the human rights throughout all phases of migration without disregarding the fact that that the issue involves obligations of migrants as well as States.

1. **Integration and reintegration**

To continue promoting the development of policies on reintegration of returned migrants and integration in the receiving countries, following up on the commitments taken on by the region at the XX Vice-Ministerial Meeting of the RCM and coordinating efforts among different sectors: civil society, the private sector, international organizations, cooperation agencies, faith-based organizations and governments.

1. **Migrant boys, girls and adolescents**

The situation of migrant boys, girls and adolescents requires special attention and should be prioritized on the agendas of the countries in the region. Therefore, Honduras will keep this issue in view with the purpose of addressing the needs of migrant boys, girls and adolescents, considering their best interests at all times.

The sub-themes mentioned above were selected because of their importance and validity in the region, as well as the urgent need to address them in an open and transparent manner for the benefit of our peoples.

During its term as PPT, Honduras intends to consolidate the various processes that have been developed within the framework of the RCM in order to generate tangible and positive results for migrant populations and ultimately, for the region.

Honduras believes that this can only be achieved if the PPT is inclusive and generates spaces for the active participation of every Member Country and different actors of civil society, as well as international organizations.