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Your Excellency Ambassador

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Undersecretary for Consular and Migration Affairs

Secretariat of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation

Government of Honduras

Dear Ambassador,

I am pleased to contact you as the Presidency Pro Témpore of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM or Puebla Process) in order to request the International Labour Organization – ILO, to become an Observer Organization and participate in the works of the Conference, within the framework of the Vice-Ministerial and the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM) meetings.

ILO is a full member of the Global Migration Group (GMG), and it was the Presidency in 2014. Since its commencement in 1919, it has promoted the rights of the migrant workers though International Labour Standards and Recommendations, such as the Fundamental Rights No. 97 and 143 on the protection of migrant workers and the governance of labour migration and the resulting Recommendations, No. 86 and 151, besides the Multilateral Framework on Labour Migration.

The International Labour Organization seeks to strengthen the relationships of inter-institutional cooperation with the RCM, joining efforts in order to advance together towards migration governance, which benefits countries and migrants.

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

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