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MEETING OF THE LIAISON OFFICER NETWORK FOR THE PROTECTION OF MIGRANT BOYS, GIRLS AND ADOLESCENTS

REPORT OF THE LIAISON OFFICER NETWORK FOR THE PROTECTION OF MIGRANT BOYS, GIRLS AND ADOLESCENTS

I Virtual Meeting

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The Liaison Officer Network for the Protection of Migrant Boys, Girls and Adolescents held virtually its third meeting in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of the XXI Vice-Ministerial Declaration, adopted in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, on November 2016. This third encounter of the Network had participation of representatives from Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama.

The Network submits its report to the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), contained in the following items:

1. To thank the delegations of Canada, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua and Panama for the presentation of their reports on new efforts/best practices oriented to the comprehensive protection of migrant girls, boys and adolescents.
2. To thank the Technical Secretariat for the presentation on the progress regarding the development of the Strategic Plan for the Liaison Officers Network for the Protection of Migrant Girls, Boys and Adolescents of the RCM for 2017 to 2022. Additionally, regarding the responsible column of the Strategic Plan it was agreed:
 - a) The PPT and the TS will provide the annual follow-up to the actions of a regional nature and each country will monitor the activities of a national nature.
3. To thank the Technical Secretariat for its presentation on the work of Child Fund and to take note of the interest of this organization to participate in the RCM, through the project "Preventing Irregular Child and Adolescents Migration in Central America and Mexico" (referred to as "Confio" in Spanish). In this regard, the TS will send the contact points of the organization in each country and the corresponding information note for the Member Countries to know about this project.
4. Regarding the compilation of best practices and the development of map of specialized actors and services related to the protection and assistance of migrant girls, boys and adolescents:



- a) To thank IOM, especially the Mesoamerica Program, for their support and efforts undertaken concerning the aforementioned compilation.
 - b) To receive the progress presented by IOM on the development of the compilation of best practices and the development of map of specialized actors and services related to the protection and assistance of migrant girls, boys and adolescents.
 - c) Take note of the virtual course that IOM will develop "Specialized on Migrant Children and Adolescents" to gather virtually the best practices compiled by IOM from the Member countries of the RCM.
 - d) To thank IOM for its offer to carry out a comparative analysis of the practices and procedures of the Member Countries of the RCM regarding assisted and voluntary return, among others, of migrant boys, girls and adolescents.
 - e) Furthermore, IOM will develop a repository of best practices and resources on risk prevention of irregular migration.
5. To reaffirm the interest of the Member Countries of the RCM on the drafting of a document of best practices with regards to alternative assistance for migrant and refugee girls, boys and adolescents and to welcome the joint proposal presented by UNICEF and the ICRC for the development of this document.
 6. To thank UNICEF for their presentation on the best practices and the experience of the project implemented jointly with the System for the Comprehensive Development of Families (DIF in Spanish) in the state of Tabasco, Mexico.
 7. To recommend to the RCGM the approval of a Workshop addressed to officials of this Network, on Mechanisms for the return of migrant girls, boys and adolescents, including the participation of this population, offered by UNICEF for 2018, in a place to be confirmed. This offering includes technical and financial support by UNICEF. The TS will await to receive the concept note to socialize it with the Member Countries.
 8. To recommend to the RCGM the approval of an extraordinary meeting during the first quarter of 2018 within the framework of the Workshop referred to in paragraph 7, in order to define the priority activities of the Strategic Work Plan of the Network 2017-2022.