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Meeting of the Liaison Officer Network for Consular Protection

REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE LIAISON OFFICER NETWORK FOR CONSULAR PROTECTION

Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad, El Salvador

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The Liaison Officer Network for Consular Protection held its ordinary meeting on November 27th, 2017, in San Salvador, El Salvador prior to the meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), with participation of representatives from the following countries: Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States.

The Network submits its report to the RCGM for consideration, contained in the following items:

1. To thank the delegations of Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States for their reports on best practices and advances relating to consular protection.
2. Regarding the establishment of joint consulates:
 - a. To thank the delegations of El Salvador and Mexico for the update on the establishment of joint consulates in South Africa and Australia.
 - b. To thank Panama for reporting on the joint efforts carried out with Costa Rica on juxtaposed borders in the framework of the Economic Central American Integration System (SIECA).
 - c. To thank Mexico for its comments on the IX Week of Labour Rights, with the participation of 18 countries.
 - d. To request IOM to carry out a study that includes the best practices, legal frameworks and other inputs that allow the possibility of opening joint consulates among interested RCM Member Countries, focusing on joint protection.
3. To thank the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Regional Network of Civil Organizations for Migration (RNCOM) for their presentation of the Regional Diagnosis on Migrant Assistance Centers. In this regard,
 - a. IOM commits to distribute the diagnosis among RCM Member Countries.
 - b. Request IOM to carry out a second phase of this diagnosis including other RCM Member Countries.
 - c. Honduras requested IOM's support in overcoming the challenges detected in the shelters in which the diagnostic was conducted to provide adequate assistance to migrant population.



4. To thank RNCOM for recognizing the advances of RCM Member Countries regarding consular protection. Also,
 - a. To take note of their recommendations, and
 - b. RNOCOM commits to share their report so Member Countries can consider their recommendations.
5. To thank IOM for their presentation of the virtual course on protection of migrants affected by crises and activities related to the MICIC initiative. Also, request IOM to distribute the information on this course to RCM Member Countries.
6. Once IOM shares the respective link to enter the virtual platform of the course mentioned in the above paragraph, to entrust to the Technical Secretariat to disseminate among all Focal Points of the Member Countries this link for the registration and completion of the virtual course by the interested officers.
7. To take note of the proposal presented by the ICRC and IOM to carry out a workshop on disappeared migrants in the second semester of 2018, and to recommend to the RCGM the approval of this activity.
 - a. The TS commits to share with Member Countries the concept note of this workshop. Countries will submit their feedback before the meeting of the RCGM scheduled for June 2018.
 - b. The ICRC commits to share the contents of this workshop for consideration of RCM Member Countries during the RCGM meeting in June 2018.
 - c. Panama offered to host this workshop.
8. To receive the concept note presented by IOM jointly with the International Labour Organization (ILO) to carry out a Workshop on Consular Protection of Migrant Workers. Member Countries will submit their inputs to the TS before the end of 2017.

In this regard, the Liaison Officers Network for Consular Protection recommends to the RCGM the approval of the Workshop, which will be organized by IOM and ILO, and will be co-financed by the United States. It is suggested to hold this workshop during the first semester of 2018, in Panama in a date to be confirmed.

9. To thank IOM for its support with regards to the virtual course on Migrant Women.