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**REPORT FROM THE MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON  
BORDER MANAGEMENT**

**28 September 2020**

The Working Group on Border Management held an online meeting on 28 September 2020, with participation of representatives from the following countries: Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States.

The Working Group on Border Management submits its report to the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), as follows:

1. To thank Costa Rica as President pro tempore (PPT) for the report on advances in respect of the activities of the Working Group.
  - a. To thank the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) for their support in the implementation of the Regional Technical Exchange on Migrant Smuggling, conducted online on 8-11 September.
  - b. To ask the RCM Member Countries that have not already done this to submit information about their advances in respect of the implementation of Recommendation 6.3 of the Guidelines on Assistance and Protection of Women in the Context of Migration, as well as their input for Activity 1.
2. To ask the RCM Member Countries to submit their comments on the following documents by 28 October, at the latest:
  - a. Inventory of best practices at the regional level
  - b. Map of migrant smuggling routes at the regional level
  - c. Directory of relevant national authorities
  - d. Knowledge about new trends in migrant smuggling
3. In regard to the proposed new actions aimed at complying with the Strategic Plan:
  - a. To conduct a webinar on identification of irregular migrants and detection of fraudulent documents, with support from IOM, in November on a date to be defined.
  - b. To ask IOM and UNODC to develop a Procedures Manual for the investigation and prosecution of cases of migrant smuggling in order to present advances at the next meeting of the Working Group, to be held in the first week of December. The above taking advantage of existing manuals in region that have been developed by UNODC, with support from IOM.
  - c. To ask IOM and UNODC to present a regional strategy to combat migrant smuggling in order to present advances at the next meeting of the Working Group, to be held in the first week of December.
  - d. To hold quarterly meetings of this Working Group with the aim of strengthening the dialogue on trends, challenges and experience exchange in matters relating to border management, with an operational and shared responsibility approach.



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4. To thank IOM for the offer to collaborate with the activities of this group and to recognize the cooperation of IOM in the region in matters relating to border management.
5. To thank the Regional Network for Civil Organizations on Migration (RNCOM) for the recommendations and to inform the RCGM about conducting a workshop together with the Working Group on Protection to strengthen assistance for returned persons in the region.