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Regional Conference on Migration

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-Minutes-

Participants:

Mexico, Panama, El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala, Costa Rica and the Technical Secretariat of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM).

1. The proposed agenda items were as follows:

1. A brief overview of the agreements reached by the Ad Hoc Group at the meeting held in Panama.
2. Presentation of the matrixes proposed by Mexico to exchange data on extraregional migration flows.
3. Comments and agreements on the proposed matrixes.
4. Determining the periodicity and mechanisms through which the Technical Group will inform the RCM about the evolution of extraregional migration flows in each RCM Member Country.
5. Presentation of the proposed matrix for a list of consulates and embassies of the countries of origin of extraregional migrants that are accredited in RCM Member Countries.
6. Comments and agreements on the proposed matrix.

2. The Coordinator ad interim of the Technical Secretariat (TS) of the RCM made a presentation on the background of the work of the RCM Ad Hoc Group on Extraregional Migration Flows, highlighting the agreements reached at the meeting to reactivate the Group, held in Panama City on July 13-14. It was proposed that, in addition to complying with the mandate of the Technical Group, actions could be implemented to follow up on other topics that fall under the competence of the Ad Hoc Group.
3. A presentation was made on the matrixes submitted by Mexico at the meeting in Panama to collect data about extraregional or extra-continental migration flows. It was proposed at that meeting to use these matrixes to collect data from each country.
4. **Table 1, “Entries by air, by continent and country of nationality” was approved.** Panama requested that other nationalities be added, such as Pakistan, Somalia and Syria. Mexico

clarified that the tables submitted include disaggregation by nationality and by continent; however, for practical reasons only a part of the table can be viewed in the presentation. Another agreement that was reached regarding this table was that an identical separate table should be developed for entries by land.

Continente / Nacionalidad	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	Enero-Abril 2016 ^{pl}
Total General	9 258 471	9 488 478	10 116 450	10 577 142	9 255 741	10 240 153	10 271 537	10 826 326	11 790 862	12 958 514	14 676 872	5 819 426
América	6 211 083	6 619 226	7 352 333	7 646 625	7 300 407	8 248 359	8 325 935	8 824 679	9 627 321	10 575 348	12 144 313	4 913 399
Europa	1 130 268	1 288 899	1 407 307	1 501 267	1 187 942	1 417 529	1 509 314	1 618 667	1 723 335	1 846 292	1 911 897	675 001
Oceanía	27 912	30 570	35 703	41 603	37 297	49 316	54 656	62 167	73 794	79 860	91 247	33 665
Asia	143 350	158 212	184 353	195 934	151 741	207 192	238 330	283 648	332 004	397 956	478 075	176 017
Afganistán	64	49	59	53	53	70	98	87	112	125	119	55
Arabia Saudita	237	284	341	461	436	849	1 515	2 384	3 017	4 257	5 739	2 179

5. Table 2, to collect data on regular entries by air at airports, was approved as well.

Continente / País de ne	Cancún, A. I.	Cd. de México, A. I. "Benito Juárez"	Guadalajara, A. I.	San José del Cabo, A. I.	Puerto Vallarta, A. I.	Monterrey, A. I. "Gral. Mariano Escobedo"	Silao, A. I. "El Bajío"	Cozumel, A. I.	Mazatlán, A. I.	Morelia, A. I.	Queretaro, A. I. "Ing. Fernando Espinosa"	Zihuatanejo, A. I.	Toluca, A. I.	Aguascalientes, A. I. "Jesús Terán"	San Luis Potosí, A. I. "Ponciano Arriaga"	Mérida, A. I.	Huatulco, A. I.	Chihuahua, A. I.	Hermosillo, A. I.	Zacatecas, A. I. "Gral. Leobardo C. Ruiz"	Colima, A. I.	Veracruz, A. I.	Apodaca, A. I. "Del Norte"	Torreón, A. I.	Puebla, A. I. "Hermanos Serdán"	Tijuana, A. I. "Gral. Abelardo L. Rodríguez"	Loreto, A. I.	Tampico, A. I.	Otros 4/	Total	
Total General	6 806 687	6 677 923	1 625 976	1 316 586	1 227 006	665 589	274 129	226 785	133 829	121 259	106 956	107 840	70 448	72 223	59 778	51 622	46 722	52 941	29 250	49 201	42 208	29 367	29 538	30 891	34 273	41 420	23 673	18 055	111 721	20 083 896	
América	5 203 220	2 503 589	759 534	1 244 653	1 126 394	207 533	143 977	215 486	117 097	58 437	57 572	100 421	16 157	34 061	28 369	23 045	45 630	23 898	15 566	28 637	37 275	13 091	2 240	12 247	17 183	7 652	22 233	7 101	72 015	12 144 313	
Europa	1 129 352	636 260	16 699	21 832	47 529	21 818	5 962	4 134	953	162	5 172	1 405	1 568	972	2 596	3 072	490	1 658	695	64	597	1 172	100	748	1 900	414	514	855	3 204	1 911 897	
Asia	185 219	174 394	12 915	14 326	8 414	24 714	17 242	1 862	496	119	5 542	344	354	6 833	4 221	573	88	807	685	273	247	573	25	662	363	14 582	480	557	1 165	478 075	
Afganistán	76	22	5	10	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	119	
Arabia Saudita	4 399	816	59	196	99	75	8	18	3	2	4	3	6	-	1	3	1	13	1	-	3	-	-	6	5	-	1	-	-	17	5 739
Armenia	736	392	15	88	100	1	1	-	3	-	2	6	-	1	1	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1 354
Azerbaijón	235	181	-	9	27	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	460
Bahréin	129	24	1	5	6	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	168
Bangladesh	290	344	18	41	20	9	2	3	1	-	1	-	1	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	745
Brunei	8	11	-	3	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25
Bután	6	22	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
Camboya	41	32	3	2	11	1	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	99	
China	39 457	33 690	3 089	1 871	1 231	1 955	575	232	107	14	191	68	53	140	133	123	27	147	194	42	69	75	1	35	53	13 973	42	45	257	97 889	
Chipre	245	238	10	9	1	3	9	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	520	

6. Table 2 bis (Slide No. 11) shows data on the migration flows of foreigners detained or retained in detention centres due to their irregular migration status, by continent and country of nationality. El Salvador pointed out that the country can only provide information from 2014 onwards.

Cuadro 2: Extranjeros retenidos (detenidos / aprehendidos) en situación migratoria irregular, según continente y país de nacionalidad, 2009 - 2016								
Continentes / Nacionalidad	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 ^{p/}	Ene-Abr 2016 ^{p/}
Total General	69 033	70 102	66 583	88 506	86 298	127 149	190 366	53 766
América	67 724	67 551	65 256	87 760	84 681	125 102	185 900	50 132
Europa	99	216	203	117	177	211	198	71
Oceanía	6	4	7	3	1	5	1	1
Asia	381	1 049	830	303	894	1 046	2 216	2 010
Afganistán	-	2	1	-	2	4	25	10
Arabia Saudita	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
Armenia	-	2	1	-	1	2	4	-
Azerbaijan	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
Bangladesh	16	96	37	29	84	632	668	319
Birmania	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Bután	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-

The table does not consider persons who have committed a crime; only those detained because of immigration violations. **It was agreed that the table would not include data on persons arrested for other crimes, since they do not fall under the competence of the immigration authorities.** Costa Rica proposed that a separate table be developed for this information, if required. And Mexico mentioned that the Mexican immigration authorities do not have that information. **It was concluded that the table will only include data on persons detained for reasons relating to migration, as stated in the table.**

- Table 3 refers to foreigners who are directly returned by the immigration authorities. Costa Rica requested that it be defined if the figures refer to deported persons or if they also include persons subject to assisted return processes, since both figures are different for Costa Rica. In addition, it should be defined if the figures also include boys, girls and adolescents, who cannot be deported from Costa Rica. El Salvador recommended that three separate tables be developed – one for data on deported persons, one for data on persons in assisted return processes and one for data on returned boys, girls and adolescents. It was agreed that these data should be recorded separately. Furthermore, El Salvador suggested differentiating between persons returned to their countries of origin or countries of residence. Mexico said that the respective internal consultations would be made to determine if the necessary variables are in place to report this type of information, since these cases are very few. **In this regard, it was agreed that each country would submit the data requested under Table 3 to the extent of their possibilities.**

Cuadro 3: Extranjeros devueltos (deportados) directamente por la autoridad migratoria, según continente y país de nacionalidad^{1/}, 2000 - 2016

Continente / Nacionalidad	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015 ^{p/}	Ene-Abr 2016 ^{p/}
Total General	64 447	65 802	61 202	79 643	80 902	107 814	155 418	45 576
América	64 281	65 520	60 997	79 575	80 742	107 652	155 267	45 418
Europa	29	46	24	17	51	94	86	40
Oceanía	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-
Asia	120	215	169	41	97	61	56	90
Afganistán	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Arabia Saudita	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
Armenia	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Azerbaijan	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Bangladesh	-	-	1	-	5	-	-	-
China	93	119	88	30	34	24	14	18
Corea, R.P.D. (Norte)	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-

8. The final table includes data on boys, girls and adolescents submitted to the immigration authorities, by nationality, age group (whenever possible; if not, only a global figure will be included) and travel condition, as well as the location where each case is identified.

Eventos de menores presentados ante la autoridad migratoria, según continente, país de nacionalidad, grupos de edad, condición de viaje y entidad federativa, enero-diciembre de 2015

Continente/ País de nacionalidad	Entidad federativa																								
	Aguascalientes	Baja California	Baja California Sur	Campeche	Chiapas	Chihuahua	Coahuila	Colima	Distrito Federal	Durango	Estado de México	Guanajuato	Guerrero	Hidalgo	Jalisco	Michoacán	Morelos	Nayarit	Nuevo León	Oaxaca	Puebla	Querétaro	Quintana Roo	San Luis Potosí	
Total general	139	117	8	186	16 758	346	954	-	275	74	461	175	24	202	68	76	69	128	910	1508	412	643	105	1566	
De 12 hasta 17 años	96	60	2	98	10 631	183	548	-	179	33	308	114	14	121	46	45	35	98	585	867	245	418	61	991	
Acompañados	22	17	-	48	2066	56	157	-	111	3	103	41	3	39	29	11	18	17	153	245	71	128	7	263	
No acompañados	74	43	2	50	8565	127	391	-	68	30	205	73	11	82	17	34	17	81	432	622	174	290	54	726	
De 0 hasta 11 años	43	57	6	88	6 127	163	406	-	96	41	153	61	10	81	22	31	34	30	325	641	167	225	44	577	
Acompañados	21	49	6	79	5497	144	262	-	74	25	136	59	9	72	21	24	32	27	255	579	145	183	34	505	
No acompañados	22	8	-	9	630	19	144	-	22	16	17	2	1	9	1	7	2	3	70	62	22	42	10	66	
América	139	117	8	186	16715	345	953	-	266	74	459	175	24	202	68	76	69	128	908	1508	412	642	105	1566	
Europa	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asia	-	-	-	-	10	1	-	-	9	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	
Bangladesh	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
De 12 hasta 17 años	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Acompañados	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
No acompañados	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
De 0 hasta 11 años	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Acompañados	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
No acompañados	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
India	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	
De 12 hasta 17 años	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	
Acompañados	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
No acompañados	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	6	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	
De 0 hasta 11 años	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Acompañados	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
No acompañados	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Irak	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
De 12 hasta 17 años	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

El Salvador mentioned that the country's Immigration Office only records data on accompanied boys, girls and adolescents and that information on unaccompanied boys, girls and adolescents is not available, since these data are managed by a different institution. Therefore, El Salvador is currently unable to submit these data, and data disaggregated by age group. Honduras stated that records do not exist in the country of cases of unaccompanied boys, girls and adolescents.

Panama also indicated that data on unaccompanied boys, girls and adolescents are not available in the country since this information is managed by a different institution, and that therefore, these data should be kept separate. And Guatemala mentioned that they would have to find out if data disaggregated in this manner are available at the Immigration Office.

9. The TS will formally ask the Ad Hoc Group, with a copy to the Focal Points of the RCM, to submit the tables completed by each country, with the above-mentioned caveats. To this end, the TS will disseminate the new proposed tables that have been approved under the terms established by the Technical Working Group. The countries agreed that the data will be updated quarterly.
10. Costa Rica expressed that the proposed tables were designed assuming that migrants had entered national territory in a regular manner. However, significant numbers of persons enter Costa Rica in an irregular manner and are recorded by relevant authorities, but are not detained or returned. Mexico suggested that Costa Rica submit these data in a separate table. In regard to the fact that not all persons recorded by the immigration authorities have been detained (in the specific case of Costa Rica), Table 2 does not consider persons who are subject to immigration controls but who are not detained, such as stranded persons (Cuban and extra-continental migrants), who entered Costa Rica and are granted some type of permit for humanitarian reasons. Costa Rica proposed that a table be developed specifically for data on persons in these circumstances, who receive special treatment for humanitarian reasons; and El Salvador suggested that Table 8, included in the list of tables, could be used to this end.

Furthermore, Mexico proposed to develop a table on equivalences in the immigration control procedures of each country. Another option is for each country to add clarifying comments in each table that is submitted. Mexico proposed that a brief instruction manual be developed on how to complete the tables, and the TS offered to prepare a preliminary proposal.

11. El Salvador mentioned the importance of identifying migration flows by point of entry – by sea or land. The delegations agreed that these variables should be included in the tables, in addition to the entries by air. Mexico clarified that they could only provide data on entries by land, in addition to the data on entries by air, since information on entries by sea is not systematized.
12. In regard to the remaining tables, which were mentioned during the presentation of Mexico at the meeting of the Ad Hoc Group held in Panama, but which were not submitted to the RCM for consideration (Table 4. Regularized foreigners, by continent and country of nationality; Table 5. Foreigners with an exit permit or a permit to leave the country (through their own means), by continent and country of nationality; Table 6. Refugee status applicants, by continent and country of nationality; Table 8. Foreigners who were granted complementary protection or admitted for humanitarian reasons other than as refugees, by continent and country of nationality; Table 7. Foreigners who were granted refugee status, by continent and country of nationality; Table 9. Foreigners who were granted temporary residence, by continent and country of nationality; Table 10. Foreigners who were granted permanent residence, by continent and country of nationality), **it was agreed that Mexico will submit all tables for consideration of the Member Countries in order to obtain written input from each country**

and evaluate and eventually, approve the tables. If necessary, another online meeting will be organized to this effect. Mexico said that they would submit the other tables to the TS, to be disseminated by the TS to the members of the Technical Group.

- 13. It was agreed that, in addition to the quarterly reports, countries should also submit updated data in case of emergency. In regard to the platform to share the data, the countries agreed that the best way to do this is through the private webpage of the RCM.**
- 14.** Concerning the contact information for embassies and consulates, the TS submitted a proposed table to be completed by each country with relevant information, with the aim of creating a directory of representations of countries of origin of extraregional migrants accredited in countries in the region. **The table was approved, and it was agreed that a column would be added to indicate what procedures can be carried out in each one of the representations. This information will be posted on the public website of the RCM.**
- 15. In regard to the statistical information to be shared it was agreed that, for reasons of confidentiality and security of the data, this information will be posted on the private webpage of the RCM and the codes of access will only be given to the Focal Points of the RCM; and the documents will be posted as protected PDF files.** Due to their own difficulty to have access to these data, **countries will submit information from previous years to the extent possible. It was agreed to prioritize data from 2014 onwards to standardize the information that will be submitted to Vice-Ministers.**
- 16. It was agreed that the countries would submit the data to the TS within a period of one month, once they have received the updated matrixes.** Mexico clarified that they can only provide updated statistical information until the second quarter of 2016, due to the time required internally to process information. The TS offered to disseminate a schedule to enable countries to submit the information in a systematic manner and in addition, to set up automatic reminders through Outlook. Mexico clarified that the quarterly figures would be submitted as follows: First quarter, at the end of April; second quarter, at the end of July; that is, one month after the end of each quarter because of the process required to review their figures.
- 17.** Costa Rica proposed that a document be developed on the work carried out by the Group, including recommendations for the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), to give greater relevance to the proposals and to achieve tangible results. Mexico expressed that this document could reflect how these migration flows are managed at a regional level within the RCM and at the same time, the document could identify the “deliverables” that will be submitted at the Vice-Ministerial meeting at a political level. The TS proposed that the deliverables to be submitted to Vice-Ministers could be defined during the upcoming meeting of the Ad Hoc Group, scheduled for September.