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## Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants

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### Draft Report

#### Addendum

## II. Recommendations (*continued*)

### A. General Recommendations

#### *Recommendation 22*

The Working Group should address the following topics as priorities in its next meetings: (a) analysis of the impact that the availability of regular channels of migration have in reducing the demand for migrant smuggling; (b) use of advanced investigative techniques, including financial and digital investigations, in combating migrant smuggling crimes; (c) enhancement of bilateral, regional and international cooperation in investigating, collecting evidence and prosecuting migrant smuggling crimes; (d) best practices in the establishment and operation of joint investigation teams and specialized prosecution units; (e) successful strategies concerning the use of technology to prevent and investigate smuggling; (f) how can the media support the development, implementation and assessment of anti-smuggling responses; (g) effective models of cooperation in combating migrant smuggling; (h) adapting investigations to respond to multi-modal smuggling of migrants; (i) good practices in cooperating with the private sector to prevent and combat migrant smuggling; (j) sharing of national procedures to investigate migrant smuggling with a view to enhancing international cooperation and possible harmonization of approaches; (k) how to use information communication technology to respond to criminal groups engaged in migrant smuggling which are increasingly using the cyber space; (l) how to strengthen the capacity to prosecute migrant smuggling cases; (m) the promotion of the exchange of information, accessible to criminal system operators, through basic forms, if possible by electronic means, that are reliable and useful in criminal proceedings.

## III. Summary of deliberations (*continued*)

1. Under agenda item 4, the Chair presented recommendations adopted by the Working Group on the Smuggling of Migrants at its first four meetings, as well as the compilation of these recommendations.



2. The Working Group discussed possibilities for thematic work in its future meetings, and formulated a related recommendation to capture these.

## **IV. Organization of the meeting**

### **B. Statements (*continued*)**

3. Under agenda item 4, statements were made by representatives of the following parties to the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol: Canada, Egypt, Honduras, Italy, Mexico, Netherlands, and the United States of America.
  4. Thailand, a State signatory to the Smuggling of Migrants Protocol, made a statement.
  5. The observer for Morocco also made a statement.
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