MEMORANDUM

To: Head of MRF Buenos Aires

Director, MMS
Director, MPRP

From: The Director General

Cc: The Deputy Director General

PGM DGO

Date: 16 July 2001

Subject: Evaluation of the 'Programa Latinoamericano de Cooperacion

tecnica en Migraciones' (PLACMI 2)

Attached you will find the completed evaluation of the 'Programa Latinoamericano de Cooperacion tecnica en Migraciones' (PLACMI 2) which I have now cleared and am forwarding to you. You will also find attached to this memorandum a proposal from OIG - Evaluation outlining responsibility and the timeframe for follow-up on the recommendations made. I am endorsing this proposal, and am forwarding it to you for action.

Please send me your follow-up reports on the relevant recommendations and proposed actions by the due dates indicated.

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Proposal for follow-up on Recommendations

It is important to note that the department/unit/office listed below has overall responsibility for follow-up on a given Recommendation and may involve, as needed, other departments/units/offices in follow-up of the same Recommendation.

RECOMMENDATIONS	Responsibility for Follow-up	Confirmation of follow-up due by:
1. In view of the potential interest to continue financing the programme, IOM Buenos Aires should encourage the organization of a meeting of the four MRFs of the Americas in collaboration and with the support of the Migration Management Services Department at Headquarters. This meeting would provide a good opportunity to discuss a partial decentralization of technical assistance and the best strategy for using all the resources available. Parameters for collaboration between the four MRFs could also be established, especially in the framework of the regional processes. Finally, the extension of PLACMI through the TCMA approach could be discussed and agreed upon for the region as a whole. This would also avoid risks of duplication or incoherence in the assistance provided, with diverging views on migration management, and would also reinforce a sustainable capacity in the management of migration in the governments. A global but harmonized approach would certainly encourage donors to continue disbursing funds for such a successful activity.	IOM Buenos Aires	31 August 2001
2. IOM Headquarters through the Migration Management Services Department and MPRP should consider PLACMI as a best-practice experience and study its mechanisms in more detail. This is especially true of its regional dimension, the dynamism and adaptability of the programme, as well as the quality of the technical assistance provided. They could also play a strong role in harmonizing the strategy and the content of migratory approaches in and between the different regions that benefit from IOM technical assistance, and from PLACMI in particular.	MMS/MPRP	31 August 2001