

U.S. Efforts to Combat Transnational Organized Crime and Illicit Networks

***Migration, Trafficking, and Organized Crime
in Central America, Mexico, and the United States***

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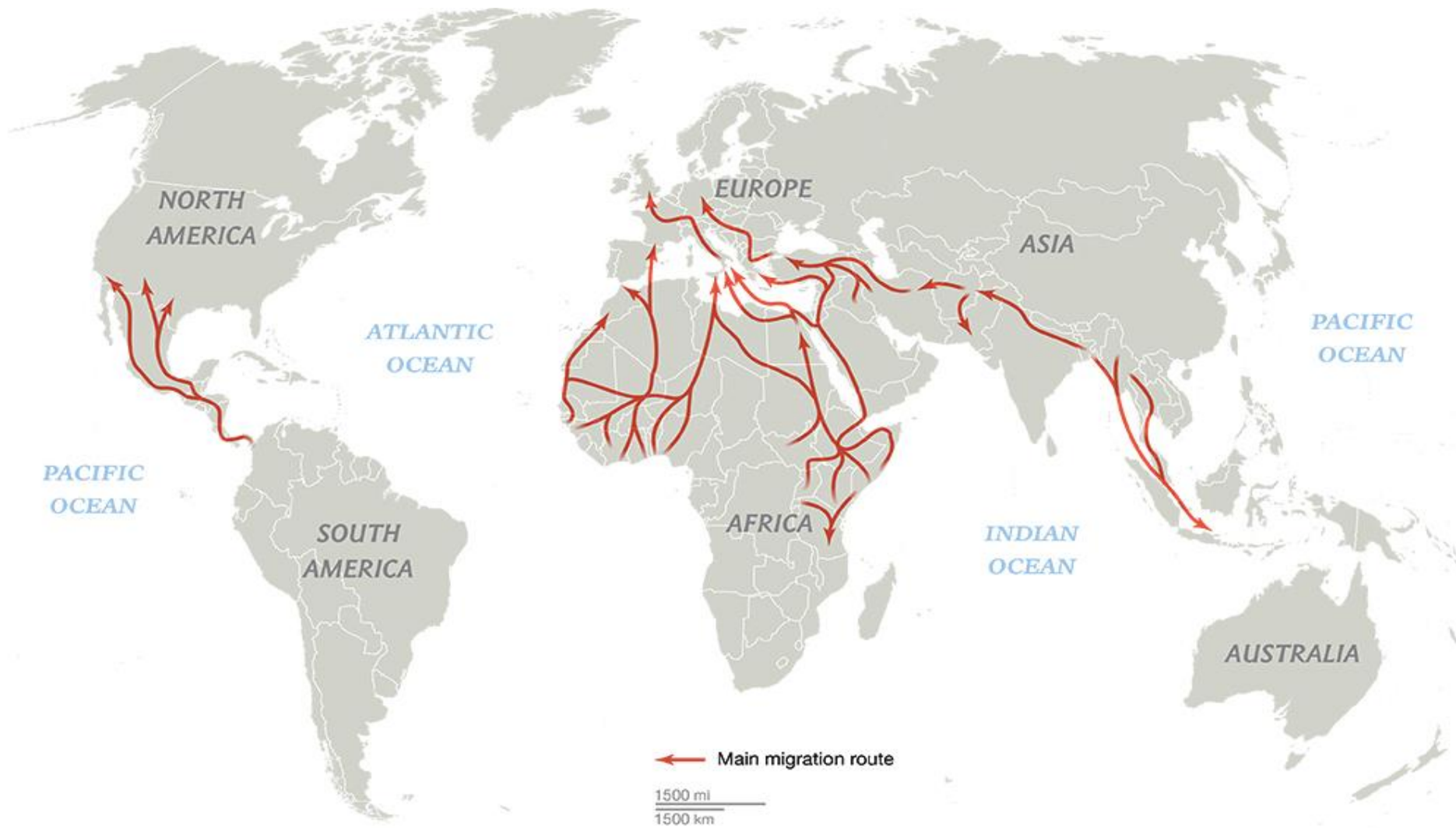


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The Globalization of Illicit Networks



World's Most Congested Human Migration Routes



SOURCE: MISSING MIGRANTS PROJECT, INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR MIGRATION



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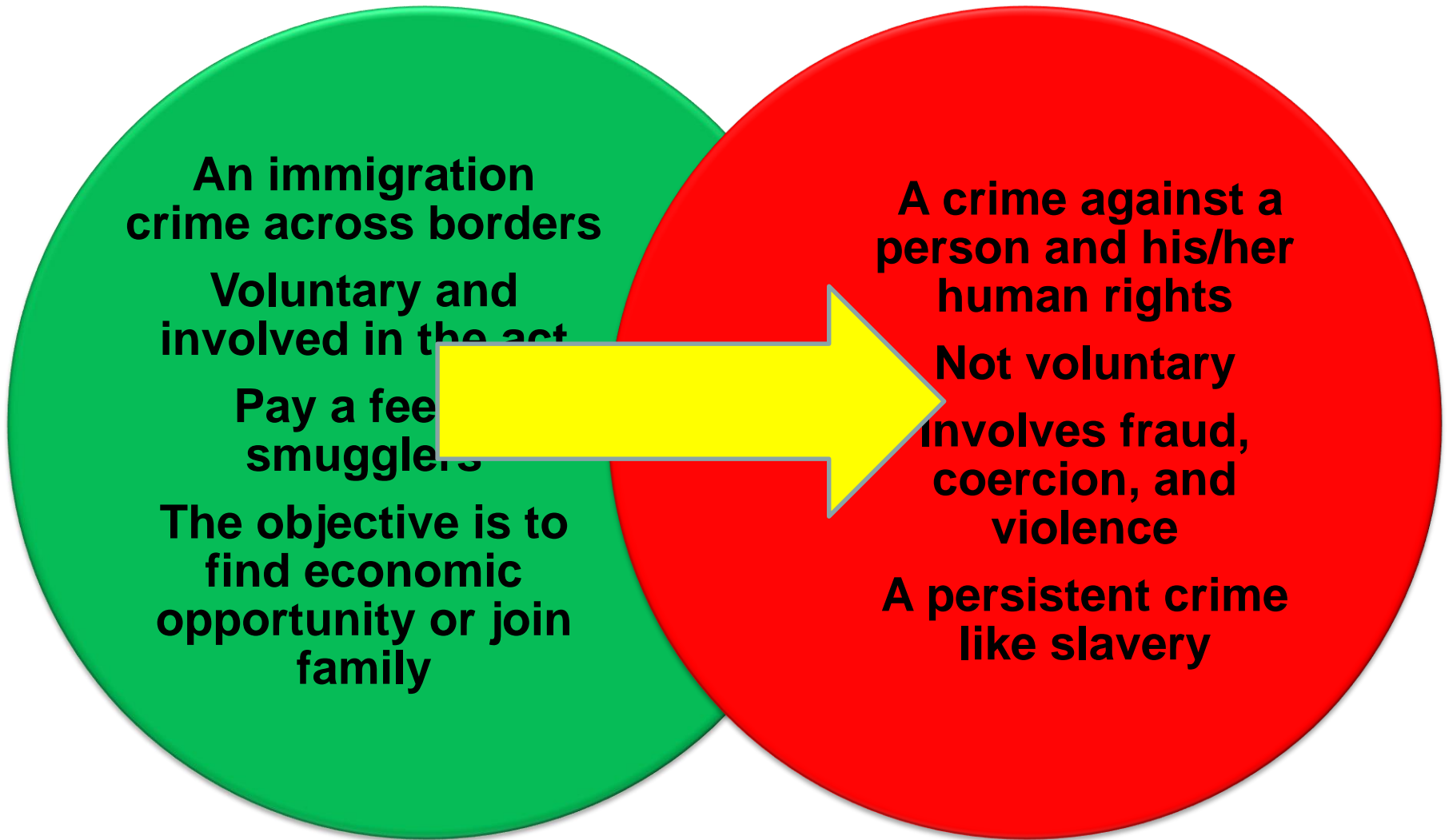
Human Migration Routes in the Americas



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Human Smuggling vs. Human Trafficking



Migration Crisis at the U.S. Southern Border

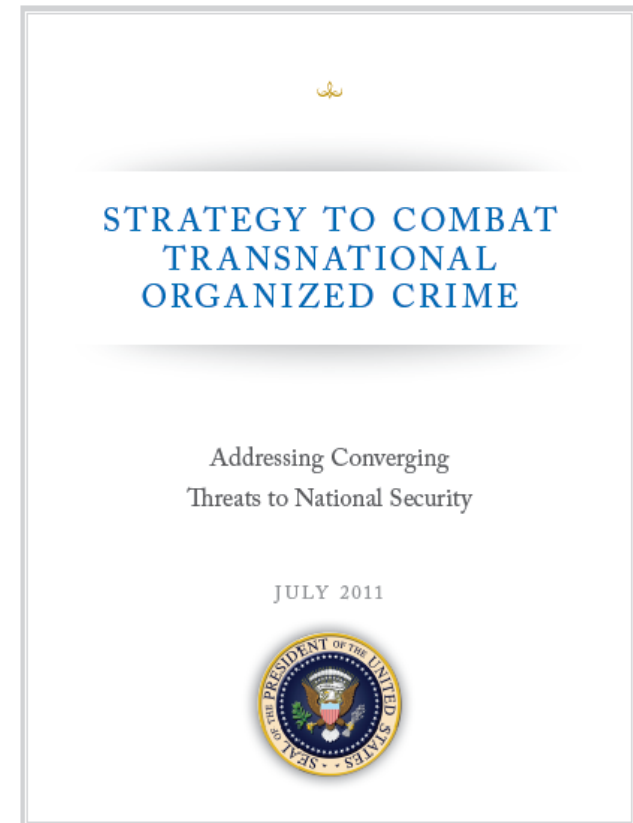


U.S. Strategy to Combat Transnational Organized Crime 2011



Priority Actions (56)

1. **Start at Home: Take Shared Responsibility for Transnational Organized Crime**
2. **Enhance Intelligence and Information Sharing**
3. **Protect the Financial System and Strategic Markets Against Transnational Organized Crime**
4. **Strengthen Interdiction, Investigations, and Prosecutions**
5. **Disrupt Drug Trafficking and Its Facilitation of Other Transnational Threats**
6. **Build International Capacity, Cooperation, and Partnerships**



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U.S. Strategy for Engagement in Central America 2015

President Obama requested an historic \$1 billion for Central America

These programs are intended to complement Central American government actions and the Alliance for Prosperity Strategy

U.S. funding will support three overarching lines of action:

1. Promoting prosperity and regional economic integration
2. Enhancing security
3. Promoting improved governance



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Presidential Executive Orders on Border Security, Immigration Enforcement and Transnational Organized Crime

- **Presidential Executive Order on Border Security and Immigration Enforcement Improvements - January 25, 2017**
- **Presidential Executive Order on Protecting the Nation from Foreign Terrorist Entry into the United States - January 27, 2017**
- **Presidential Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking - February 9, 2017**



Source: The White House



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Presidential Executive Order on Enforcing Federal Law with Respect to Transnational Criminal Organizations and Preventing International Trafficking 2/9/17

(a) strengthen enforcement of Federal law in order to thwart transnational criminal organizations and subsidiary organizations, including criminal gangs, cartels, racketeering organizations, engaged in illicit activities that present a threat to public safety and national security and that are related to, for example:

- (i) the **illegal smuggling and trafficking of humans**, drugs or other substances, wildlife, and weapons;
- (ii) corruption, cybercrime, fraud, financial crimes, and intellectual-property theft; or
- (iii) the illegal concealment or transfer of proceeds derived from such illicit activities.

(c) maximize the extent to which all Federal agencies share information and coordinate with Federal law enforcement agencies, to identify, interdict, and dismantle transnational criminal organizations and subsidiary organizations;

(d) **enhance cooperation with foreign counterparts** against transnational criminal organizations and subsidiary organizations, including, where appropriate and permitted by law, through sharing of intelligence and law enforcement information and through increased security sector assistance to foreign partners by the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security;

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Way Forward to Counter Transnational Organized Crime and Illicit Trafficking in the Americas

Promote Demand Reduction through Education/Raising Awareness

Identify, Interdict and Dismantle Transnational Criminal Organizations

Secure Sufficient Human, Financial and Technological Resources

Promote Interagency/International Cooperation and Capacity Building



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A Comprehensive “Whole of Society” Approach to National Security

C3 THROUGH P3



**Private
Sector**



**Public
Sector**



**Civic
Sector**

COMMUNICATE, COOPERATE, COLLABORATE



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