

REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM)
MEETING OF THE REGIONAL CONSULTATION GROUP ON MIGRATION (RCGM)

The Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), at the meeting held on December 1, 2021, in Mexico City, with the participation of representatives from Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, México, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States, formulated the following:

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. To approve the reports from the Working Groups presented by Mexico as the Presidency Pro-Tempore (PPT) and to thank them for the achievements to date.
 - a. To urge the RCM Member Countries to submit the information required to each Working Group in a timely and appropriate manner in order to comply with the activities stipulated in the Strategic Plan.
 - b. To urge the RCM Member Countries to actively participate in the activities of the Working Groups of the RCM.
 - c. To thank the PPT of Mexico and the RCM Member Countries for the progress made in the Strategic Plan.
 - d. To thank El Salvador, as incoming PPT, for its commitment to provide continuity and follow-up to the activities developed by the Working Groups.
 - e. Regarding the Report of the Working Group on Protection, note that the document "Recommendations on Regional Guidelines on Coordination and Information Exchange Mechanisms in the Search for Missing Persons in the Context of Migration", Belize and the Dominican Republic need more time to consult internally prior to approval. Request the review no later than the first quarter of the year 2022.
2. To accept and thank the RCM Executive Secretariat (ES) for the Financial and Activity Report. In addition, encourage RCM Member Countries that have not provided their annual contributions to the Budget of the RCM-ES, as stipulated in the Statutory Charter of the RCM, to do so as soon as possible.
 - a. To accept Canada's recommendation to submit the budget for the following year one month in advance for review and consideration by the Member Countries, as well as to consider the use of virtual tools as a mechanism for saving resources.
 - b. To recommend approval of the 2022 Budget of the Executive Secretariat.
3. To accept and thank the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for the Report on the Reserve Fund for assistance to intra-regional migrants in highly vulnerable situations. In addition, to urge the RCM Member Countries that have not already made their annual contributions to do so as soon as possible.
4. To thank the PPT for the presentation of the report on the results of the II Plenary Meeting between the RCM and the SACM, Challenges and Prospects.
 - a. To thank the South American Conference on Migration (SACM) for its participation in the RCGM, where the two conferences shared perspectives and challenges and the



- importance of cooperation.
- b. To initiate coordination with the aim of holding a III Plenary Meeting between the two Conferences.
 - c. To take note of the Panama's recommendation to encourage a dialogue between the competent migration and security authorities of the Member Countries.
 - d. To accept Canada's recommendation to implement lines of action identified in the Joint Communiqué between the RCM and the SACM.
 - e. To take note of Mexico's recommendation on strengthening regularization processes for migrants who decide to apply for residence or international protection in transit countries.
5. To congratulate Mexico as PPT for the reflection on the results of the High-Level Regional Dialogues on Irregular Migratory Flows (Panama and Colombia): Reflections on the role of the RCM.
- a. To recognize the efforts of Panama and Colombia in holding High-Level Meetings on Migration Flows.
 - b. To welcome Mexico's initiative to hold this type of High-Level meeting in the framework of the RCM, recognizing its accumulated experience as a consolidated space with experience in this matter.
 - c. To encourage the SACM to ensure that High-Level Dialogue initiatives in its region are also carried out within the framework of its consultative process.
 - d. To call for improved health care access for migrants in transit, particularly in the context of the pandemic.
6. To thank IOM for the presentation on the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF) 2022 Update.
- a. To take note of Mexico's proposal to hold a II Workshop on the results and contributions of the RCM to be delivered at the IMRF, with the support of IOM.
 - b. To encourage Member Countries, Observer Organizations and civil society to share good practices and participate in the campaign.
7. To update the RCM calendar as follows and reiterate the importance of active participation by RCM Member Countries:

Working Group on Labour Migration:

- a. Continuation of the Regional Framework of Qualifications.
- b. To implement the campaign aimed at raising awareness of employers to facilitate the labour integration of migrants.
- c. Continue the development, approval and implementation of the Regional Plan of Action on Labour Mobility.
- d. To develop the III Diploma Course on Labour Migration, with the support of RNCOM and IOM.
- e. To follow up on the recommendations to learn about the labor rights of migrant domestic workers in the region.

Working Group on Irregular and Mass Migration:

- f. Review, approve and disseminate the Regional Campaign on the Risks of Irregular Migration, in coordination with the Working Group on Border Management.
- g. Follow-up on the proposal on a Regional Strategy to Address Irregular and Mass Migration.



Working Group on Protection:

- h. Workshop on Reintegration, in México, with the support of IOM.
- i. Workshops on implementation of the "Operational Guide for Applying the Best Interest of Child in Contexts of Human Mobility", with the support of IOM, ILO, UNHCR and UNICEF.
- j. To Implement a permanent Exchange Mechanism between the RCM and the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS, Spanish acronym)
- k. IV Regional Congress on Women in Migration Contexts, to be held in El Salvador with the support of the IOM.
- l. Workshop on Migration and Health, to be held in Costa Rica, with the support of Canada, the United States, Costa Rica and IOM.
- m. III Diploma Course on Boys, Girls and Adolescents and Migration, with support from RNCOM.
- n. II Workshop on Search Mechanisms for the Search for Missing Migrants, with support from RNCOM, IOM and ICRC.

Working Group on Border Management:

- o. Technical Exchange on migrant smuggling, with the support of IOM and UNODC.
- p. Bilateral and trilateral meetings between Member Countries on Border Management issues.
 - i. Timely exchange of information on intelligence and best practices.
 - ii. Refugee status, asylum and forms of protection for migrants in vulnerable situations in transit and destination countries.
 - iii. Other areas according to the needs of the countries
Organize the first meeting between Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama.
- q. Review, approve and disseminate the regional dissemination campaign on the risks of irregular migration, receiving in conjunction with the Working Group on Irregular and Mass Migration.
- r. II Online Course on Trafficking in persons, given by the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM).

RCM Structural Meetings:

- s. Meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM).
 - t. XXVII Vice-Ministerial Meeting
 - u. III Plenary Meeting between the RCM – SACM
 - i. It is recommended that the lines of action identified in the Joint Communiqué made during the II Plenary Meeting as a basis for coordinating the next meeting between the two conferences.
 - v. II Meeting on Good Practices in the revision of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular migration, in Mexico.
 - w. Meeting of the International Migration Review Forum (IMRF)
8. To recommend approval of the following documents:
- a. Updated the Regional Guidelines for the Preliminary Identification and Referral Mechanisms for Migrant Populations in Vulnerable Situations.
 - b. Operational Guide for the Determination of the Best Interests of the Child in Contexts of Human Mobility.



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9. To thank the Observer Organizations of the RCM, especially to the ICRC, ILO, UNHCR, IOM, for their support and collaboration of the activities of the RCM, and the development of its strategic plan, and to invite them to continue strengthening this consultative process.
10. To thank the RNCOM for the contributions and recommendations, as well as to recognize the support of civil society in migration management.
11. To thank the presence of the Government of Chile, Presidency Pro-Tempore of the South American Conference on Migration (SACM), and its Technical Secretariat, as observers.
12. To thank the Government of Mexico and its institutions for the successful organization and development of this meeting of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM).