



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

Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad, El Salvador
November 27th-28th 2017

The Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), in the meeting held on November 27th and 28th, 2017, in Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad, El Salvador with participation of representatives from Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States and formulated the following:

CONCLUSIONS

1. To accept and thank the TS for its financial and activity report. In addition, to urge the RCM Member Countries that have not yet done so, to pay their outstanding contributions.
2. To receive and accept the report on the Reserve Fund for the assistance of intraregional migrants in situations of high vulnerability, presented by IOM. Furthermore, to urge the RCM Member Countries that have not yet done so, to pay their outstanding contributions.
3. To thank Mexico for the report relating to the IV Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group on Extra-Regional Migrants, held in Mexico City, from July 6th to the 7th, 2017, and to take note of Costa Rica's offering to host the V Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group to consolidate its Work Plan.
4. To thank Mexico and Canada for the report on the Workshop of Passport Integrity, held in Mexico City, from July 17th to the 18th, 2017.
5. To thank Costa Rica for the report on the Capacity building workshop on disaster displacement, migration and climate change for RCM Member Countries, held in San José, from August 8th to the 9th, 2017, with the financial support from the Government of Switzerland through the Norwegian Refugee Council.
6. To thank Mexico for the report regarding the implementation of the campaign "Migrant Smuggling: #DeadlyBusiness".
7. To accept the reports from the Liaison Officer Network for the Protection of Migrant Girls, Boys and Adolescents, the Liaison Officer Network for Consular Protection and the Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons and to request the RCM Member Countries, Observer Organizations and the TS to follow up on the issues proposed in the reports, as appropriate.



8. Regarding the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration
 - a) To thank IOM for their presentation on the process towards the approval of the Global Compact.
 - b) To receive the reports of the countries that held national consultations in preparation for the Global Compact on Migration, as well as to thank IOM for the support in the implementation of the national consultations.
 - c) To thank Honduras for the report on the outcomes from the Regional Consultation on the Global Compact for Refugees, held in San Pedro Sula, from October 26th to the 27th, 2017.
 - d) To receive the report of the work done between the troikas of the RCM and of the SACM regarding the Global Compact, as well as the coordination mechanism between both regional consultative processes.

9. To thank Costa Rica for the report on the High-level Forum on the Situation of Irregular Migrant Flows in the Americas, held in San José, from September 12th to the 13th, 2017.

10. To thank IOM for its presentation on the progress of the Mesoamerica Program and lines of work for its new phase; for the support to strengthen institutional capacities for the specialized and comprehensive assistance to migrants, as well to thank the IOM for its implementation and the United States for financing the Program.

11. In regard to the Health and Migration topic:
 - a) To thank Canada, El Salvador, Guatemala and Mexico for the progress reports of the countries regarding the health and migration issue.
 - b) To thank IOM for the presentation of the Joint Health Initiative for Migrants in Central America and Mexico (known in Spanish as INCOSAMI), as well as for the presentation of the proposal of action in health "Explicit Inclusion of Health in the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration"
 - c) To request to the IOM a document that specifies the role of the Technical Secretariat as part of the Steering Committee of the Joint Health Initiative (INCOSAMI in Spanish) and the implications to the tasks and primary objectives of the RCM and to submit it to the Member Countries for their consideration.
 - d) To thank PAHO for their presentation on the International Health Regulation and its implementation in the countries of the region.



12. To thank El Salvador for their presentation on the role of the observer organizations and the importance of generating partnerships in favour of migrant population.
13. To take note and to thank the respective reports and to acknowledge the cooperation provided to the region by the Observer Organizations of the RCM, specially ICRC, ILO, IOM, UNHCR and UNICEF.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To approve the Budget of the Technical Secretariat for the year 2018.
2. To approve the document "Operating Mechanism of the RNCOM-RCM-TS Tripartite Team"
3. To submit into consultation of the Vice-Ministers during the Closed Doors Meeting the proposal presented by the United States, regarding the Reserve Fund for the Assistance of Intra-regional migrants in situation of high vulnerability.
4. To approve the "Memorandum of Understanding Between the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Presidency Pro-Témpore (PPT) of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) to Strengthen the Execution and Monitoring of the RCM Technical Secretariat (TS) Budget.". To request the PPT in office to sign it.
5. To submit into Vice-Ministerial consultation the future of the Ad-hoc Group and the approach with the SACM regarding the issue of extra-regional irregular migration flows.
6. To submit for discussion the issues pending consensus regarding the "Special Declaration of the Regional Conference on Migration Related to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration."
7. To submit into consideration of the Vice-Ministers the request of the UNDP to obtain the status of Observer Organization of the RCM.
8. Regarding the new activities proposed, it is recommended:
 - a) To hold the V Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Group on Extra-regional Migrants, in San José, Costa Rica during the I semester of 2018.
 - b) To approve holding a second workshop on Migration and Health in San José, Costa Rica in mid-2019 at the latest, with the financial support from Canada and co-sponsored by Costa Rica, Mexico, ICRC, IOM and PAHO.



- c) To hold a Plenary Meeting RCM-SACM in a date to be determined in 2018, with the objective of addressing extra-regional irregular migrant flows. Furthermore, to request the TS of the RCM to review the concept note for this meeting, in coordination with the PPT. In this regard, to thank ICRC, IOM and UNHCR for their offering to support this activity.
- d) To hold the Workshop on the development of regional guidelines for the exchange of information during the search for missing migrant persons, in the II semester of 2018, with the financial support from ICRC and IOM.
- e) To carry out a Workshop on Consular Protection for Migrant Workers with the support from the ILO and the IOM during the I quarter of 2018 in Panama, in date to be confirmed.
- f) To hold a Workshop addressed to officials of the Liaison Officers Network for the Protection of Migrant Girls, Boys and Adolescents, on Mechanisms for the return of migrant girls, boys and adolescents, including the participation of this population, offered by UNICEF for 2018, in a place to be confirmed. This offering includes technical and financial support by UNICEF.
- g) To hold an extraordinary meeting extraordinary meeting during the first quarter of 2018 within the framework of the Workshop referred to in the previous paragraph, in order to define the priority activities of the Strategic Work Plan of the Network 2017-2022; with the financial support from UNICEF.