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

The Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM), in an online meeting held on 29-30 September 2020 with participation of representatives from Canada, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States, formulated the following:

CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

To approve the reports from the Working Groups submitted by the President pro tempore (PPT) and to thank the Working Groups for the advances achieved to date.

- a. To urge the RCM Member Countries to submit the information required for each Working Group in a timely and appropriate manner in order to comply with the activities stipulated in the Strategic Plan.
 - b. To ask the four Working Groups to hold quarterly meetings to strengthen the dialogue on trends, challenges and experience exchange, with an operational and shared responsibility approach.
2. To thank the observer organizations for their presentation on the status of the migration flows in the region.
 3. To accept and thank the RCM Executive Secretariat (ES) for the Financial and Activity Report of the Executive Secretariat. In addition, to urge the RCM Member Countries that have not already done this to pay their pending contributions.
 4. To accept and thank the International Organization for Migration (IOM) for the Report on the Reserve Fund for assistance to intraregional migrants in highly vulnerable situations. In addition, to urge the RCM Member Countries that have not already done this to pay their pending contributions.
 5. To thank and accept the proposal for the temporary management of the Reserve Fund for assistance to intraregional migrants in highly vulnerable situations submitted by IOM, which is in line with the nature of the Fund.
 6. To thank IOM and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) for the presentation on the follow-up and review of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration within Regional Consultative Processes.¹
 - a. To submit the required information through the Executive Secretariat, using the instrument developed by IOM and ECLAC.

¹ The United States and the Dominican Republic are not part of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. Therefore, they are not required to comply with the objectives and actions established in the commitments of the Global Compact on Migration.



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7. To thank IOM for the intervention on the results from the II Congress on Women in Migration Contexts and the support of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for the implementation of a III Congress on this topic. To thank the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) for the presentation on the “Spotlight: Regional Latin America Programme” initiative.
8. To convene a technical meeting with the OAS General Secretariat in order to analyse their request as an Observer Organization to the RCM, before the next meeting of the RCGM, with the purpose of taking the corresponding recommendation to the Vice-Ministerial Meeting in December.
9. To thank IOM and the PPT of Costa Rica for the proposal of a virtual platform for coordination in the implementation of migration actions in the region. Invite Member Countries to participate in the project and explore mechanisms for the sustainability of the platform. To request IOM and the Executive Secretariat to prepare a proposal for its sustainability to be discussed at the next meeting of the RCGM.
10. To thank the Regional Network for Civil Organizations on Migration (RNCOM) for the presentation on the proposal entitled “A Monitoring Instrument for Dialogue and the Strengthening of the Regional Conference on Migration” submitted within the framework of the PPT/ES/RNCOM Tripartite Committee.
 - a. To recognize the effort of RNCOM of providing a tool to support the RCM and the compliance of its Strategic Plan;
 - b. To ask the RCM Member Countries to participate with RNCOM in collecting information.
11. To thank IOM, ICRC, UNODC, ILO and UNICEF as observer organizations of the RCM for their support and participation in the activities of the RCM, and to invite them to continue strengthening this consultative process.
12. To thank RNCOM for the contributions and recommendations and to recognize the support of civil society in the management of migration.
 - a. To thank RNCOM for the online diploma courses on labour mobility conducted this year.
13. To recommend the implementation of the following activities:
 - a. Panel discussion of the RCM Member Countries on migration during the COVID-19 pandemic, on the 14th of October 2020, in virtual format.
 - b. Webinar series on the characteristics, best practices, preparation and approaches for mass intraregional migration flows, in the month of October 2020, with the support of UNODC and IOM.
 - c. Webinar to follow up on the recommendations of the II Congress on women in migration contexts, with support from the IOM, in November 2020.
 - d. III Regional Congress on Women in Migration Contexts, with the support of IOM, to be held in 2021; place and date to be defined.
 - e. II Course on Children, Adolescents and Migration for Development, in 2021, with support from the RNOCM.
 - f. Workshop on the use of force in mass migration flows, with the support of ICRC and IOM, date to be defined.



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14. To update the schedule of the RCM as follows:

- a. Online workshop on the Regional Comprehensive Framework for Protection and Solutions (MIRPS), 6-7 October, with support from UNHCR;
- b. Fourth webinar on “Best Interest Determination for Migrant and Refugee Boys, Girls and Adolescents and Those with Protection Needs”, date to be defined;
- c. Webinar on identification of irregular migrants and detection of fraudulent documentation, with the support of IOM, in the month of November, date to be confirmed.
- d. Meeting of the RCGM: 1-2 December 2020;
- e. Vice-Ministerial Meeting: 3-4 December 2020;
- f. RCM-SACM Plenary Meeting, to be held in 2021, place and date to be defined;
- g. Workshop on Migration and Health in the Americas, to be held in 2021 in Costa Rica, date to be defined, with support from Canada and the United States and technical support from ICRC, IOM and UNODC;
- h. Workshop on Return and Reintegration, with support from IOM, in Mexico in 2021 on a date to be defined.