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XXII REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM) “MIGRANT WOMEN”

The Vice-Ministers and Heads of Delegation of the Member Countries of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama and the United States present at the XXII Vice-Ministerial Meeting held in Antiguo Cuscatlán, La Libertad, El Salvador, on November 29 and 30, 2017, to address the theme of "Migrant Women" as the central topic of our deliberations, and reaffirming the contents of the Special Declaration of the Conference in relation to migrant women, adopted in the framework of the Commemoration of the International Women's Day 2017, in the following terms:

Whereas, according to estimates from the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), approximately 454 million women live in the 11 RCM Member Countries (Belize, Canada, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, and the United States), accounting for 50% of the total population of our nations, with migrant women accounting for approximately 51% of our migrant populations;

Recognizing the positive contribution of migrants to inclusive and sustainable development, we note that international migration is a multidimensional reality of great relevance to the development of countries of origin, transit and destination, which calls for, as appropriate, the development of comprehensive responses.

Whereas migrant and refugee women, in countries of origin, transit and destination, enrich and strengthen our societies based on their values, principles, academia, culture, art, gastronomy, among other things, encouraging the economic, social and cultural development.

Considering the desire of Member States to recognize the contributions of migrant girls, adolescents and women at the regional and international level, and highlighting the desire to encourage comprehensive and integrated efforts for the benefit of migrant women, we, the Member Countries of the RCM declare the following:



We will continue to support actions, as appropriate and in accordance with national legislations protecting girls, adolescents and women from all distinct forms of violence and enforce national laws that safeguard all migrants –including girls, adolescents and women.

Domestic violence influences the decision by some girls, adolescents and women to migrate from their countries of origin to safeguard their lives, integrity, dignity and rights. That is why we will continue to promote strategies in response to violence against migrant and refugee girls, adolescents and women, including domestic violence.

We note that migrant girls, adolescents and women, among other factors due to their gender, face greater risks during the migration process, and that our governments should, as appropriate, support efforts to promote respect for the human rights of migrant girls, adolescents and women.

We support the empowerment of women and, as appropriate, incorporate a gender perspective in migration policies and strengthening national laws, institutions and programs.

The Member Countries of the RCM understand the important linkages between migration and development, and recognize the contribution of the Agenda 2030 to countries of origin, transit and destination. In particular, we underscore Goal 5 “Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls,” as well as Target 8.8 “Protect labour rights and promote safe and secure working environments for all workers, including migrant workers, in particular women migrants, and those in precarious employment” and 10.c “By 2030, reduce to less than 3 per cent the transaction costs of migrant remittances and eliminate remittance corridors with costs higher than 5 per cent.”. RCM Member Countries, as appropriate, will seek ways in which to support and/or reaffirm their commitment to the 2030 Agenda.

We reiterate our support, as appropriate, to national laws and policies that help protect girls, adolescents, and migrant and refugee women. Furthermore, as a region in the framework of the RCM we recognize the importance of having and implementing specialized guidelines on this matter.



We will promote the exchange of information and best practices among RCM Member Countries with regard to assistance and protection for migrant girls, adolescents and women.

We will foster opportunities for the participation of civil society, academia, the private sector and other strategic partners in the debate and the search for durable solutions to assure the rights of migrant girls, adolescents and women.

As Member Countries of the RCM, we will continue to strengthen our capacities and to provide our citizens with adequate assistance and protection.

We will continue to promote, in accordance with national laws and policies, social programmes that support migrant women, particularly those focused on assistance and productive reintegration of returned migrant women.

We highlight the importance of a transversal approach on the protection of the human rights of migrant girls, adolescents and women during the migration cycle.

We reiterate the commitment of the Member Countries of the RCM to put an end to the different manifestations of violence against migrant and refugee women, girls and adolescents.

Furthermore, we reiterate the importance that the work carried out within the framework of the RCM, especially those aimed at the protection and assistance of migrant women and girls, have an impact on the negotiation processes of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration.

We have reaffirmed the principles established in the Puebla Process, and based on the Recommendations of the RCGM and the deliberations made during the XXII RCM, the Vice-Ministers and Heads of Delegation have agreed on the following;

DECISIONS

1. To receive and take note of the Operative and Financial Report submitted by the Technical Secretariat (TS).



2. To approve the budget of the TS in accordance with the table included in Annex A.
3. To thank and recognize the Coordinator of the Technical Secretariat for and highlight his efforts during his four months of work, diligently contributing to the endeavours of this Conference. In addition, to recognize the work of the entire technical team of the TS; therefore, to rate the results of their evaluation as satisfactory and outstanding.
4. To encourage the RCM Member Countries to pay their contributions to the budget of the TS of the RCM in good time and in an appropriate manner. Particularly, to invite the countries with pending contributions to get up to date.
5. 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 budget of the Technical Secretariat (TS) of the RCM” and to ask El Salvador as PPT to sign it during this Conference.
6. To approve the “Special Declaration of the Regional Conference on Migration regarding the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration” and to express our hope that the co-facilitators and the United Nations System take into account the position and reality of the RCM Member Countries in developing and adopting this Global Compact. We recognize and thank the important contributions of the United States during the preparation of this Declaration; at the same time, we invite the United States to assess their possible subscription in the future.
7. To highlight the efforts of the Troika of the RCM (El Salvador, Honduras and Panama) regarding the work carried out with the Troika of the South American Conference on Migration (Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay) to develop a common stance with regard to the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. In this regard, to continue following up on this effort and at the same time, to promote the inclusion of other matters of bi-regional interest in the dialogue of both Conferences.
8. To thank IOM for the support provided to the RCM and to several of the RCM Member Countries in conducting consultations oriented toward the development of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration. In addition, to promote during the negotiations of the Global Compact that IOM, as the United Nations migration agency, take on active and leading role in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the Global Compact on Migration. The above taking into consideration the expertise and capacities of IOM in regard to strengthening migration governance at the global, regional and national level.



9. To thank IOM, UNHCR, ICRC, UNICEF, ILO and the Central American Integration System (SICA) as observer organizations of the RCM, and RNCOM, for their decided support of and participation in the Conference.
10. To grant the status of observer organization of the RCM to the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as recommended by the RCGM, and to encourage UNDP to actively participate in the strengthening of the RCM, in accordance with the principles contained in the Puebla Declaration.
11. To accept the proposal of the United States to conduct an evaluation of the RCM 22 years after its inception. To this end, and considering the importance of having a balance of successes and failures, the Technical Secretariat under the guidance of the PPT and with support of the IOM, is charged with the task of preparing an assessment document, with a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) approach. This document will be the point of departure of the assessment to be carried out.
12. In line with the above, to thank Panama as the incoming PPT for the willingness to host a meeting to conduct the evaluation and to develop a proposal for a potential relaunching of the RCM. To this end, support will be requested from IOM, given its mandate and key role in the work of this space for dialogue and consultations.
13. To take note of the decision of the United States and Canada to reallocate their contributions from the Reserve Fund for Assistance to Intraregional Migrants in Highly Vulnerable Situations to other activities of the RCM or capacity building. Within the framework of the evaluation of the RCM according to subparagraph 11, to ask IOM to conduct the respective assessment and analysis on the implementation of the Fund, with the aim of evaluating this mechanism.
14. To approve the following documents:
 - a. Operating Mechanism of the RNCOM- RCM-TS Tripartite Team.
 - b. Strategic Work Plan of the Liaison Officers Network for the Protection of Migrant Girls, Boys and Adolescents 2017-2022.
15. To approve the implementation of the following activities in 2018:
 - a. Fifth Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group on Extra-regional Migrants, to be held in San Jose, Costa Rica the first quarter of 2018.
 - b. Second Workshop on Migration and Health, to be held by mid-2019 in San Jose, Costa Rica with financial support from Canada and co-sponsored by Costa Rica, Mexico, ICRC, IOM and PAHO.



- c. Plenary meeting of the RCM and the SACM to be held in 2018 in a country and date to be determined to address irregular extra-regional migrant flows. Furthermore, to request TS to review the concept note of the above mentioned plenary meeting, in coordination with the PPT. In this regard, to thank the offering from ICRC, IOM, and UNHCR to support this activity.
 - d. Workshop on the development of a regional mechanism for information exchange during the search for missing migrants, in coordination with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and pertinent national authorities, to be organized in the second half of 2018 with financial support from ICRC and IOM. To ask ICRC and IOM to redraft the concept note.
 - e. Workshop on consular protection for migrant workers, with support from ILO and IOM, to be held in the first quarter of 2018 in Panama at dates to be determined.
 - f. Workshop oriented toward the Liaison Officer Network for the Protection of Migrant Boys, Girls and Adolescents on mechanisms for the return of migrant boys, girls and adolescents, including the participation of this target population, organized by UNICEF in Guatemala within the framework of the Network. This offer includes technical and financial support by UNICEF.
 - g. Extraordinary meeting of the Liaison Officer Network for the Protection of Migrant Boys, Girls and Adolescents, to be held in the first quarter of 2018 within the framework of the workshop mentioned in paragraph g, with the aim of establishing priority activities for the Strategic Plan of the Network 2017-2022; with financial support from UNICEF.
 - h. Second workshop on the Guidelines for the Assistance and Protection of Women in the Context of Migration, sponsored by IOM.
 - i. Workshop to develop the work plan to combat migrant smuggling of the Liaison Officer Network to Combat Migrant Smuggling and Trafficking in Persons, with support from IOM.
 - j. Workshop on prevention, assistance and collaboration with migrants in the context of natural disasters, to be conducted in Mexico in 2018 with support from IOM and the Platform on Disaster Displacement (PDD).
16. To express support of and appreciation to the Government of Guatemala for taking on the Presidency Pro-Témpore of the RCM for the term of 2019.
 17. To welcome the theme adopted by Panama and the work plan submitted on taking over the Presidency Pro-Témpore of the RCM for the term of 2018 and to reiterate the support of the Government of Panama during its term as PPT under the theme “The Sustainable Development Goals – Toward the Governance of Migration”.
 18. To recognize the work carried out by El Salvador as Presidency Pro-Témpore during the current term in promoting reflection on the central theme of its PPT, “Migrant Women”,



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including in the Salvadoran legislative spaces as well as regional spaces such as FOPPREL, COPAREM, PARLACEN, PARLATINO and EUROLAT.

19. To receive and to thank the comments and recommendations of the Panel Forum “Women, Migration and Development: A strategic challenge for the region” and encourage Member Countries to carry out their analysis during the next meeting of the RCGM. Also to thank the panellists and moderators for their contribution to the political, technical and academic analysis on the central topic “Migrant Women”, and invite them to submit their papers for a special publication on this theme.
20. To thank the Government and the people of El Salvador for their hospitality and efforts in conducting the XXII Vice-Ministerial Meeting of the RCM and to recognize the work performed during the term of El Salvador as Presidency Pro-Témpore to promote the joint work of the RCM Member Countries in favour of migrant girls, adolescents and women and the strengthening of this regional consultation process on migration (RCP).



ANEXO A / ANNEX A

Presupuesto de la ST para 2018 / TS Budget for 2018

Personal / Staff

Coordinador(a) / Coordinator	\$78.840,00
Especialista en tecnología de información / Information technology specialist	\$47.947,20
Asistente de Proyecto / Project Assistant	\$25.294,50
Otros gastos y reservas de personal / Other staff expenses and reserves	\$56.297,30
Subtotal	\$208.379,00

Gastos operativos / Operating expenses

Soporte para seminarios y reuniones (interpretación, equipo, etc.) / Support for seminars and meetings (interpretation, equipment, etc.)	\$8.680,00
Equipo / Equipment	\$0,00
Traducción escrita / Written translation	\$3.500,00
Interpretación / Interpretation	\$4.000,00
Gastos misceláneos / Miscellaneous expenses	\$1.180,00
Equipo y acceso a Internet / Equipment and Internet access	\$8.000,00
Gastos de oficina / Office expenses	\$41.000,00
Renta y servicios de seguridad / Rental and security services	\$31.000,00
Servicios Comunes / Common services	\$3.300,00
Consumo de Suministros	\$6.700,00
Estudios e Investigación / Studies and research	\$1.000,00
Documentos y traducción / Documents and translation	\$6.000,00
Viajes y viáticos / Travel and per diem	\$22.441,00
Gastos Misceláneos / Miscellaneous expenses	\$11.000,00
Subtotal	\$98.121,00
Total	\$306.500,00



Cuadro de contribuciones para la ST de la CRM
Scale of contributions for the RCM TS

Estados Unidos / United States	\$150,000.00
Canadá / Canada	\$75,000.00
México / Mexico	\$37,500.00
Belice / Belize	\$5,500.00
Costa Rica / Costa Rica	\$5,500.00
El Salvador / El Salvador	\$5,500.00
Guatemala / Guatemala ¹	\$5,500.00
Honduras / Honduras	\$5,500.00
Nicaragua / Nicaragua	\$5,500.00
Panamá / Panama	\$5,500.00
República Dominicana / Dominican Republic	\$5,500.00
Total	\$306,500.00

¹ During the XXI Vice-Ministerial Meeting of the RCM, Guatemala expressed that they would have to consult their authorities regarding the rise in the amount of the contributions.