Summary on the agreements reached by the Vice-Ministers regarding Extra-Regional Migration Flows within the RCM

**Decisions at the Vice-Ministerial Meetings**

## XIII Meeting of the RCM, Tela, Honduras, 8-9 May, 2008

**Decision #4:**

Point 3: … Approve holding of a technical workshop by the Governments of Canada and Costa Rica on effective practices in international protection, identification systems, and refugee status determinations in the context of mixed migratory flows for officials in the RCM region, with the support of UNHCR, to be held in Costa Rica in the third quarter of 2008.

## XV Meeting of the RCM, Tapachula, Chiapas, Mexico, 20-21 May, 2010

**Decision #4:**

Address the concern of member states of the Central American Commission of Migration Directors (OCAM) regarding the increase in extra-regional migration flows and related challenges, and request the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) to develop a proposal, in consultation with concerned countries, aimed at improving capacities to deal with these trends; this proposal should likewise explore follow-up activities to the Regional Conference "Refugee Protection and International Migration in the Americas" (10-Point Plan) held in Costa Rica (November 2009) and be presented during the next RCGM meeting.[[1]](#footnote-1)

## XVI Meeting of the RCM, La Romana, Dominican Republic, 8-9 June, 2011

**Decision #4:**

To create an ad hoc Working Group coordinated by El Salvador and Mexico and comprised of Member Countries that express interest to discuss, analyze and define objectives on the topic of extra-continental migration flows in the region.

## XVII Meeting of the RCM, Panama City, Panama, 21-22 June, 2012

**Decision #2:**

Follow up on the proposals resulting from the first meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group to discuss, analyze and define the objectives on the issue of extra-continental migration in the region, and include the participation of Honduras and Nicaragua.

**Decision #3:**

Invite the Troika of the South American Conference on Migration (SACM) to participate in the next meeting of the RCGM on matters related to continental and extra-continental migration flows in the region.

## XVIII Meeting of the RCM, San Jose, Costa Rica, 27-28 June, 2013

**Decision #2:**

Hold a meeting, organized by IOM, of consular officials from countries of origin, transit and destination in Washington, DC, to address extra-continental migration flows in the RCM region.

**Decision #3:**

Encourage Member Countries that still have not done so, to submit the matrix on extra-continental migrant flows to contribute to the systematization of information in the RCM.

***Conclusions and Recommendations from the Meetings of the Regional Consultation Group on Migration (RCGM)***

## Meeting of the RCGM, held 9-10 November, 2015 in Mexico City, Mexico

**Recommendation #3:**

To thank the OCAM Presidency Pro Témpore for its presentation on extra-continental and Cuban migration flows and its interest to maintain its observations and monitoring of such flows in the RCM.

Activities carried out regarding this migration flow in the framework of the RCM:

* Workshop “Mixed migratory flows: challenges in providing international protection and finding durable solutions for refugees,” San Jose, Costa Rica, 11-13 August, 2008
* First meeting of the “Ad-hoc working group to discuss, analyze and define objectives on the topic of extra-continental migration flows in the region,” Panama City, Panama, 15-16 March, 2012
* “Dialogue meeting between RCM and extra regional countries”, Mexico City, Mexico, 20-21 September, 2012
* “Dialogue meeting between RCM member countries and some countries of origin of extra-continental stranded and vulnerable migrants,” Washington, D.C., United States, 26 November, 2013

1. Amended on June 14th, 2010, based on the inputs sent by member countries to the Technical Secretariat during the revision period of the document. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)