**PLENARY MEETING OF THE**

**REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM) AND THE**

**SOUTH-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (SACM)**

**8 - 9 May 2018, Montevideo, Uruguay**

Venue: Salón de Actos la Asociación Latinoamericana de Integración (ALADI)

The Plenary Meeting between the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) and the South-American Conference on Migration (SACM) was held on 8-9 May 2018, with the participation of the following countries from both processes: the Republic of Argentina, Belice, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Federative Republic of Brazil, Canada, the Republic of Chile, Costa Rica, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Ecuador, El Salvador, United States, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, the Republic of Paraguay, the Republic of Peru, the Dominican Republic, the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

**SUMMARY OF TOPICS ADDRESSED DURING DAY 1**

**Part 1: Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration**

During the dialogue on the development of the Global Compact for Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration, both processes recognized aspects in common identified in the Declarations of the RCM and the SACM, in the Special Vice-Ministerial Declaration and in the Lima Declaration.

Some delegations identified the following elements:

* Protection and promotion of human rights as one of the cornerstones of the Pact.
* International cooperation
* Governance of migration
* Non-criminalization of irregular migration and non-discrimination as guiding principles of the Compact.
* Border security through proportional actions that do not violate the human rights of migrants, with respect for gender diversity.
* Protection of migrants in vulnerable situations, with emphasis on the protection of migrant children and adolescents. It is important to guarantee the well-being of people in vulnerable situations during all stages of migration, at the places of origin, transit, destination and return.
* The fight against xenophobia as one of the topics to be reinforced in the Pact, as well as mainstreaming, so that a policy of human mobility is carried out at the national and local levels.
* Not to reduce the migrant population as a result of labor issues.
* Importance of specifying concepts in the Pact as needed, such as regular migration and irregular migration and the differences between migrant and refugee. It is necessary to emphasize the importance of regularization channels to "leave no one behind", in the spirit of the 2030 Agenda.
* Highlight the experiences that can enrich how to implement the Pact, stressing the role of civil society, social movements, the private sector and diaspora organizations.
* Recognize the effort that has been made by the think-alike group.
* The responsibility of the States in their role of implementing the Pact and the technical work and collaboration of the IOM, as well as its role in the implementation of the Pact.
  + Recognize the need for coordination of all agencies within the United Nations, including IOM, to generate synergies and a better implementation of the Compact.
* Examples of good practices derived from the elements contained in the New York Declaration.
* The importance of complementarity between the Compacts on migration and refugees was recognized.

**Part 2: Spaces of convergence between RCM and SACM**

Looking forward to the future dialogue between RCM and SACM, Member Countries identified some aspects in common to be addressed by both Conferences, highlighting the following:

* Global Compact for safe, orderly and regular migration
* Intra-regional, extra-regional and extra-continental migration
* Governance of migration
* Exchange of good practices for strengthening the capacities of both processes
* Assistance to returned migrants
* Insertion and social inclusion of migrants in destination countries
* Assistance to migrant population in countries of transit.
* Experiences of consular assistance in destination countries
* Protection mechanisms in each country
* The continuous observance of the different migration flows
* Migration in countries of transit
* Refuge
* Trafficking in persons and comprehensive assistance to the surviving victims of this crime
* Migrant smuggling and attention to smuggled people
* Protection of migrant children and their psychosocial attention
* Family reunification
* Regularization of migrants
* Fraudulent documents and exchange of experiences
* Future global impacts and their impact on migration
* Entry visa requirements
* Climate change and its impact on migration
* Challenges in South-South repatriation, especially that of unaccompanied minors
* Assistance to children in the repatriation process
* Establishing contact points in the South-South repatriation process
* Governance of migration
* International cooperation governance of migration
* Legal and institutional frameworks on migration matters
* Situational migration

**Next actions:**

Meeting of the Presidencies Pro-Témpore with the Technical Secretariats for the elaboration of a conceptual note on common subjects at the troika level. Once revised by the troika, it will be shared with the Member Countries of both conferences.

The Presidencies Pro-Témpore of both conferences will submit for the consideration of the respective countries the proposal for relating both consultative processes (videoconferences, plenary, or face to face meetings of the Troikas)

Coordinated work between the country delegations in New York, the Ministries of Foreign Affair and those responsible for the negotiations of the Global Compact for a safe, orderly and regular migration, in order to reach a better articulation in the intergovernmental negotiation process.

**DAY 2: Elements for a conceptual note for addressing extra-regional and extra-continental flows**

Meeting of the Presidencies Pro-Témpore with the Technical Secretariats for the elaboration of a conceptual note on extra-regional and extra-continental flows in the following topics:

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| 1 | Statistics   * Data exchange * Analysis of information |
| 2 | Prevention of irregular migration |
| 3 | Assistance   * Documentation * Shelters |
| 4 | Border management (biometric controls for example) |
| 5 | Integration |
| 6 | Trafficking in persons |
| 7 | Migrant smuggling |