



## Extraordinary Declaration

### VII Regional Congress on Women in Migratory Contexts

**"Follow-up actions towards the protection, equality and empowerment of all women and girls".**

**November 5 and 6, 2025**

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**THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM) REITERATES ITS COMMITMENT TO STRENGTHENING PROTECTION AND ASSISTANCE, GENDER EQUALITY AND THE EMPOWERMENT OF MIGRANT WOMEN, ADOLESCENTS AND GIRLS, IN LINE WITH EXISTING REGIONAL GUIDELINES AND GLOBAL FRAMEWORKS.**

The Member Countries of the RCM, on the VII Regional Congress on Women in Migration Contexts: **"Follow-up actions towards the protection, equality and empowerment of all migrant women and girls"**, led by Costa Rica as Pro-Tempore Presidency and held virtually, on November 5 and 6, 2025:

**We acknowledge** that each stage of the migration experience, from the decision to migrate or remain, to the way migration is carried out, the routes and networks used, and the risks and opportunities faced during the migration cycle, requires a systemic approach to differentiated protection and humanitarian assistance, with a gender perspective and considering their specific needs.

**We recognize** that migrant women face multiple risks during the migration cycle, day by day they face human trafficking and migrant smuggling (and their related crimes), as well as discrimination, racism, xenophobia, intolerance and other types of gender-based violence in multiple and intersectional forms, which increases their vulnerabilities. At the same time, we highlight the need to continue managing economic empowerment opportunities for women both in their communities of origin and destination.

**We own up to** the vital role that women in migratory contexts play in care ecosystems, both in their communities of origin and in host communities. Spaces such as this Congress have been key to making visible and reinforcing the relevance of migrant women in the construction of comprehensive and coordinated responses in terms of care and migration. We highlight the importance that care policies, present and future, are designed in coordination with migration policies, ensuring that migrants and their families have access to self-care, benefits, care services and social protection in all their migratory stages: origin, transit, destination and return. As highlighted in the recent Tlatelolco Commitment<sup>1</sup> (Mexico 2025, XVI Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean).

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<sup>1</sup> [Resolutions | XVI Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean](#)



**We express** our call to take as a reference the guiding principles and recommendations for comprehensive responses for the care and protection of girls, adolescents and women in migratory contexts<sup>2</sup>, without distinction of the changes in short- and medium-term migratory trends that occur in the region.

**We are grateful** for the support of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and IOM for the realization of this VII edition of the Regional Congress on Women in Migration Contexts, under the leadership of the Pro Tempore Presidency of Costa Rica and the support of the Government of Canada in the V and VI editions respectively.

**We are grateful** for the active participation of all Member Countries in these seven editions of "Regional Congresses of Women in Migration Contexts". In response to the requests of the delegations, systematizations have been developed, thematic and guidance roadmaps have been created for the reference of officials who work directly in the protection and care of girls, adolescents and women in migratory contexts. This is complemented by the recent virtual learning course on the "Guidelines for the Protection and Care of Women in Migration Contexts", located on IOM's eCampus learning platform.

**We encourage** Member Countries to continue to include the "regional congresses" in the RCM's work plans for the coming years and to manage complementary instruments, so as to continue the legacy led by each of the previous Pro-Tempore Presidencies, who have highlighted these spaces for regional dialogues, as a mechanism to encourage debate, and identification of challenges and progress on the issue of women in migratory contexts in the region<sup>3</sup>. A call to international cooperation, observers and allies of RCM, to continue promoting this space for regional dialogue par excellence in its next editions and to manage resources for the implementation of roadmaps at the national and regional pilot level.

**We reaffirm** our commitment to continue strengthening effective mechanisms for coordination, exchange of information, and regional cooperation on protection and assistance, gender equality, and empowerment of women, adolescents, and girls in migratory contexts and in human mobility, through the leadership of the RCM, and within the framework of the RCM Strategic Plan 2023-2026.

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<sup>2</sup> Regional Conference on Migration. (2017). [Guidelines for the care and protection of women in the context of migration.](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Spaces for dialogue on the care needs of migrant women and implementation of "Guidelines for Care and Protection..."](#)