



Regional Conference on Migration
Conferencia Regional sobre Migración

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

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.



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 Tempore 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.

Meeting of the RCGM, held 8-9 November 2016 in Tegucigalpa, Honduras

Recommendation #12:

To reactivate the Ad-Hoc Working Group to Discuss, Analyze and Define the Objectives on the topic of Extra-Continental Migration Flows in the Region, and submit an invitation to Member Countries to an upcoming meeting to be held in Panama on July 14 and 15 2016, pointing out the need to address the issue comprehensively. All member countries are urged to participate.

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF THE RCM TROIKA HELD ON FEBRUARY 19, 2016

1. To address the issue of extra-regional migrants, particularly Cuban nationals.
2. To support a dialogue on migration flows outside the region of the RCM and propose that the Ad Hoc Group on Extra-regional Migration be convened to share information about these migration flows. In addition, it was requested that the name of this group be changed to avoid referring to one specific group – Cuban nationals, in this case.
3. To hold a workshop for the exchange of information about migration flows outside the region of the RCM and the routes of these flows. The workshop could be held in April and would include contributions from different experts. It was suggested that this occasion could be used to follow up on the issue and that the South American Conference on Migration (SACM) could be invited and in addition, a technical meeting of both Troikas could be held.



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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