

MEETING MINUTES

Work Meeting of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) and the South American Conference on Migration (SACM) to develop Bi-regional Input concerning the Global Compact for Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration (GCM) and Follow Up on the Efforts Relating to Extraregional Migrants

The Member Countries of the Troikas of the Regional Conference on Migration – RCM (El Salvador, Honduras and Mexico) and the South American Conference on Migration – SACM (Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay) held an informal meeting on 29 June 2017 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Germany in Berlin and reviewed, within the framework of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, the agreements previously signed between the RCM Member Countries and the SACM Member Countries on the development of bi-regional input for the Global Compact on Migration (GCM).

After the review the Troikas agreed on the following:

Regarding Information Exchange

- 1.** The Technical Secretariat (TS) of the RCM will submit to the SACM a draft declaration regarding the GCM, agreed on by the RCM Member Countries.
- 2.** To continue exchanging information between the RCM and the SACM on advances in the development of input for the GCM in order to take advantage of lessons learned and best practices on the matter.
- 3.** To receive the position paper on the GCM offered by the Vatican, as a useful instrument to be considered by the RCM and the SACM in generating input for the GCM. The Vatican expects to submit the document during the week of 3 to 9 July 2017.
- 4.** To take note of the request of the Vatican to receive the proposals of the RCM and the SACM regarding how the Vatican could assist the negotiation process of the GCM.
- 5.** To propose the participation of the Vatican in the RCM-SACM plenary consultation, to be held on 26 and 27 September in Panama, in order to

receive the recommendations of the Vatican for the Member Countries of the RCM and the SACM.

Regarding the Process to Develop Bi-regional Input for the GCM

- 6.** To reiterate the commitment to conduct a RCM-SACM plenary consultation on 26 and 27 September in Panama. At the meeting, the definitive version of the bi-regional contributions to be submitted as input for the GCM will be approved at the technical level, ad referendum and pending the approval of the Vice-Ministers of the RCM Member Countries.
- 7.** In order to enable the Technical Secretariats of the RCM and the SACM to finalize a systematized document with potential bi-regional agreements regarding the GCM before the above-mentioned regional consultation, the Member Countries of the RCM and the SACM will submit their answers to the questionnaire developed by the TS of the RCM to both Technical Secretariats by 8 September. In addition, they will submit any other input based on their national consultations. The TS of the RCM and the TS of the SACM will develop a systematized document with this input, including a draft document of the bi-regional input and a proposal on bi-regional harmonization of terminology. The documents will be reviewed and validated during the plenary consultation in Panama.
- 8.** Chile will develop a concept paper for the plenary consultation to be held in Panama, to be submitted to the President pro tempore (PPT) and the TS of the RCM by 7 July.
- 9.** Chile reiterates its invitation for a meeting between Troikas and invited Member Countries prior to the regional consultation organized by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM). The preparatory work for the Panama meeting will be finalized at this meeting. In addition, the input received to date will be reviewed and the stance of the region at the regional consultation will be strengthened.

Regarding Coordination to Strengthen the Bi-Regional Stance at the Various Events Concerning the GCM

- 10.** To reiterate the invitation for the SACM to attend the meeting of the RCM and vice versa, with the aim of taking advantage of these spaces to continue generating and reviewing bi-regional input for the GCM.
- 11.** To reiterate the wish to conduct a RCM-SACM meeting within the framework of the meeting on the GCM to be held in Guadalajara on 4-6 December, with the aim of coordinating and strengthening the bi-regional stance at the meeting.
- 12.** To take note of the comment of the TS of the RCM stating that the list of proposed speakers and facilitators for the upcoming global thematic consultation on the GCM should be submitted by 14 July 2017. In this regard, the TS of the RCM will send a reminder to the RCM Member Countries.

Regarding Joint Efforts Concerning Extraregional Migrants

- 13.** To reiterate the invitation by the RCM for the SACM to participate at the upcoming meeting of the Ad Hoc Group on Extraregional Migrants, which will ideally be held on 7 and 8 July at the Secretariat of Foreign Affairs of Mexico in Mexico City.
- 14.** To receive the request of the RCM Member Countries to address the topic of extraregional migration within the framework of the RCM-SACM plenary consultation to be held in Panama.