



XVIII SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION

SUCRE DECLARATION

"South American Citizenship: new culture of free human mobility towards Universal Citizenship"

Sucre – Bolivia, 22nd and 23rd November 2018

In the city of Sucre, Plurinational State of Bolivia, on 22nd and 23rd November 2018, the XVIII South American Conference on Migration (SACM) was held, under the Pro Tempore Presidency of the Plurinational State of Bolivia and with the participation of the Delegations of the Governments of the Republic of Argentina, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Ecuador, the Republic of Paraguay, the Republic of Peru, the Oriental Republic of Uruguay and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, and of various International Organizations, observers, special guests and representatives of Civil Society, national and international social organizations and the International Organization for Migration, in its capacity as Technical Secretariat (TS) of the South American Conference on Migration.

Under the slogan "South American Citizenship: new culture of free human mobility towards Universal Citizenship", the XVIII SACM had as its central theme to reaffirm the commitment to guarantee the unrestricted and permanent respect for the human rights of migrants and their families, whatever its origin, nationality, gender, ethnicity, age, migratory status in administrative terms, or any other cause, in order to procure the exercise of free mobility of South American citizens.

The SACM thanked the participation of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Ambassador Diego Pary Rodríguez and the participation of departmental and local authorities of the Department of Chuquisaca and the city of Sucre. Ambassador Diego Pary Rodríguez stressed that no person can be considered illegal because of their immigration



status. Public policies should be based on an integrating approach, eliminating division between foreigners and nationals. He also proposed that the Conference be a space to draw common objectives and practical solutions aimed at the recognition of the human rights of migrants and the international projection of Universal Citizenship as a paradigm for the peoples of the world.

The delegations of the South American countries presented the progress and achievements in their public policies on consular and migration management, highlighting the coincidence in the need to strengthen cooperation among countries to assist compatriots, the full exercise of human rights of people in a situation of human mobility, the rejection of the criminalization of migrants and highlighting that migratory regularization is an instrument for the protection of the human rights of migrants.

The SACM

- 1) Recognizes the progress of the countries in the region in migration issues, which constitute a substantial achievement to improve migration management with a focus on the rights of migrants.
- 2) Highlighted the efforts of the region to adequately welcome migrants with a broad spirit of hospitality, including the implementation and application of instruments and mechanisms to facilitate migratory movements.
- 3) Considered important to reaffirm the commitment of the countries in the region to the Global Compact on Migration, which will be adopted in Morocco next month.

CORE TOPIC. HUMAN RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS

- 1) Following up on the actions of each country in terms of Human Rights in migration, the TS informed about the joint execution between IPPDH and IOM of the 3rd version of the virtual training course on Human Rights of migrants in the 2018, which was aimed at journalists and announced that the 4th version of the course would be in 2019 aimed at legislators.



- 2) The SACM highlighted the importance of sharing experiences on access to justice for migrants and of vital importance that all migrants have the right to defence, access to justice and due process, regardless of their immigration status. The importance of migratory regularization for the protection of the human rights of migrants was highlighted.
- 3) The SACM highlighted the good practices regarding the gender approach in its migration policies, recognizing the progress in policies due to the nature of the migration of South American citizens. It was agreed that the TS would promote training processes through the IOM virtual classroom "Women in Migration", and in the future advance in the realization of a workshop.
- 4) The SACM continues to work in a permanent and coordinated in terms of human trafficking and smuggling of migrants and a compendium is being made through the Conference about campaigns to raise awareness and combat human trafficking and the smuggling of migrants. Governments were urged to send the TS the progress made in terms of awareness campaigns on the fight against human trafficking and smuggling of migrants.
- 5) The SACM considers a priority to move forward in coordination with other bodies or organizations on children's rights, suggesting the PPT to organize a joint event on the subject with a date to be defined. The TS was asked to design, in coordination with UNICEF and other key counterparts, regional guidelines for the protection of migrant children and adolescents, based on existing regional documents.

CORE TOPIC. MIGRATION AND SOUTH AMERICAN INTEGRATION

- 1) The SACM reaffirms the importance of the MERCOSUR Residency Agreement to facilitate intraregional mobility and residence. The TS proposes to continue compiling new practices on the subject to update the study up to 2018 and then would be share among countries. The SACM agrees that the States through their Foreign Ministries promote consular training on the requirements to obtain residency in the States that are part of MERCOSUR.
- 2) It was noted that the presentation of the Bolivian delegation about working towards the deepening of regional citizenship and moving towards the paradigm of universal citizenship, a proposal based on the full exercise of the human rights of migrants, free human mobility, in which no person is considered illegal because of their migratory



status, which calls for rejecting the walls that divide peoples and develop bridges of integration.

CORE TOPIC. INTERNATIONAL PROJECTION OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN REGION

- 1) The SACM reaffirmed to strengthen the consultative relationship of the SACM with other regional consultative processes, such as the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), based on a roadmap for the exchange of experiences and good practices to be developed through virtual and face-to-face meetings, to reach the objectives that both consultative processes have set. The SACM proposes Panama as the venue for the next face-to-face meeting in the Northern Hemisphere during the first semester of 2019.
- 2) The SACM welcomed the possibility of holding an event at ECLAC in 2019, where the SACM and the RCM converge to evaluate the commitments acquired in the Global Compact on Migration in the short term. The implementation of the Global Migration Pact was highlighted in the region, emphasizing that it places the issue of migration.
- 3) The SACM agreed that the Declaration of Lima be circulated in Spanish and English during the adoption of the Compact at the Moroccan Conference. Bolivia, in its capacity as PPT, will represent the SACM in the events in which the regional consultative processes are involved, presenting the consensus position of the region in the adoption of the Global Compact.

CORE TOPIC. STRENGTHENING MIGRATION GOVERNANCE

- 1) The SACM valued the exchange of experiences and good practices on the role of local governments in migration management.
- 2) The SACM appreciated the exchange of experiences regarding the programs and actions carried out by the countries to link with the nationals abroad. The Chilean government confirmed the holding of a workshop on the subject in Santiago de Chile during the first semester of 2019.
- 3) The SACM approved on a non-binding basis the document "Regional Guidelines on Protection and Assistance to people displaced across borders and migrants in



countries affected by disasters of natural origin." The delegation of Ecuador has no instructions to approve on this occasion. The offers of the governments of Chile and Bolivia were accepted to apply the Guide in their countries, as a pilot plan.

- 4) The SACM received information from the delegations on the actions carried out to respond to migratory flows in a comprehensive manner in their countries, highlighting good practices in the framework of cooperation. Countries make important efforts to welcome migrants and refugees, offering different types of assistance and applying measures that contribute to their insertion in host societies, with a focus on human rights. The importance of cooperation and coordination at the bilateral, regional and multilateral levels to consolidate the attention provided to migrants in the region was recognized.

RELATIONSHIP WITH CIVIL SOCIETY

- 1) The SACM welcomed the efforts reported by governments in their relationship with civil society and emphasized the importance of the participation of organized civil society and social movements in their contribution to the design and implementation of public policies in migration matter.

INTERVENTIONS OF THE CIVIL SOCIETY

The SACM received two representatives of the civil society of Bolivia, the Pastoral Ministry of Human Mobility and the "Munasim Kullakita" Foundation. The SACM celebrated and congratulated the work carried out by these civil society organizations in support of migrants in vulnerable situations.

INTERVENTION OF OBSERVERS AND SPECIAL GUESTS

The SACM thanked the participation and contributions made by the representatives of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the General Secretariat of the Andean Community.

The SACM thanked the participation and contributions made by the Coordinator of the Technical Secretariat of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM) and the Ambassador of



Mexico in Bolivia, as a co-facilitator of the Global Migration Compact.

VARIOUS ASPECTS

The SACM agreed to hold the XIV Intersessional Meeting of SACM in the Republic of Colombia.

The SACM agreed to hold the XIX South American Conference on Migration in the Republic of Peru, during the last quarter of 2019.

The SACM received the offer of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to host the XX South American Conference on Migration.

The SACM expressed its gratitude to the Government of the Plurinational State of Bolivia in its capacity as Pro Tempore Presidency as host country and to the city of Sucre, for the hospitality provided and to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia, for the excellent organization and development of the XVIII SACM and the Technical Secretariat for the permanent support granted.

In witness whereof, the document is undersigned in the city of Sucre, Plurinational State of Bolivia on 23rd November 2018.

ON BEHALF OF THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC

ON BEHALF OF THE PLURINATIONAL STATE OF BOLIVIA

ON BEHALF OF THE FEDERATIVE REPUBLIC OF BRASIL

ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE

ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA

ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR

ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLIC OF PARAGUAY

ON BEHALF OF THE REPUBLIC OF PERU

ON BEHALF OF THE ORIENTAL REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY

ON BEHALF OF THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA