



**SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION**  
**LIMA DECLARATION ON**  
**THE GLOBAL COMPACT FOR A SAFE, ORDERLY AND REGULAR**  
**MIGRATION**  
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**BEARING IN MIND,**

The principles and guidance that identify and characterize the South American Conference on Migration (SACM), a regional consultative process on migration initiated in Lima in 1999, which, by focusing on Migrants as subjects of rights and through a human rights based approach, promotes and develops an International Migration Governance;

The positioning, commitments and good practices in international migration governance within a South American context, adopted and implemented by the SACM member states;

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights, an instrument that ensures the protection of the rights of all migrants, as well as the other universal and inter-American instruments on human rights and the human rights of migrants.

That the regional integration processes are a fundamental tool for the construction of a citizenship that equalizes rights and facilitates progress towards free movement and stronger unity among States.

The considerations on children and the gender approach in migration policy, the important contribution and participation of migrant women in development and in regional integration processes, as well as the integral protection of families, especially migrant women, children and adolescents.

The extensive facilitation of cross-border human mobility, the diverse co-existence experiences between people that live in border areas, also part of migration policies as well as the right to migrate and the right to stay, part of South America's legacy and migration history.

The agreements and commitments that emanate from the New York Declaration that launched the process towards a Global Compact for a Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and that recognize migration in all its dimensions; the promotion and protection of migrants' human rights; the facilitation of safe, orderly and regular migration; the fight against xenophobia, racism and all forms of discrimination; the inclusion of migrants in host societies and the strengthening of the international migration governance;

The Sustainable Development Goals in the 2030 Agenda, that aim to facilitate safe, orderly, regular and responsible migration and mobility through implementation of planned and well-managed migration policies;

The important and permanent participation of the International Organization for Migration in the SACM process, as well its accompanying of States in the process of the Global Compact for a Safe, Orderly and Regular Migration and support in its implementation;

## **THE SOUTH AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION**

### **DECLARES:**

That Migrants' Human Rights are the foundation in the formulation of our migration policies and programs, which aim to promote and assist migrants in their migration process and their access to justice and basic rights. In this regard, we encourage and promote that the Global Compact for Migration considers a Global Framework for the Protection of Human Rights of all migrants and their families based on universal and inter-American instruments on human rights and migrants' rights.

That the social inclusion of migrants is part of the permanent work of public policies on migration, ensuring access to education, health, work, decent housing and justice under the same conditions as nationals in the host country and regardless of their origin, nationality or immigration status. Therefore, the Global Compact for Migration should include this commitment.

That the gender approach and the empowerment of migrant women are determining factors in migration governance considering their important presence and participation in migration processes. In this regard, we have addressed in our regional and national policies, the prevention of domestic violence of migrants, labor exploitation and the discrimination of migrant women with special consideration. In the light of the aforementioned, we propose and promote the inclusion of a Framework for Assistance and Care of Migrant Women and their families in the Global Compact for Migration.

That considerations on children should be incorporated in countries' migration norms and procedures, emphasizing promotion and protection of the specific rights of migrant children and adolescents in line with established international standards, placing above all, the best interest of the child. In this regard, we propose and promote the inclusion of a Framework for Assistance and Care for Migrant Children and Adolescents.

That irregular migration is not a crime and that the need to address it in our public migration policies is an ethical and political imperative because an irregular migrant person is an invisible and vulnerable person. Therefore, in addition to promoting expansion of regular admission channels, we have implemented documentation and migration regularization programs, adoption of instruments such as the MERCOSUR 's Residence Agreement for Nationals of the States Parties and Associated States in light of which, we propose that the Global Compact for Migration contemplates the commitment to promote migration regularization throughout the process for all migrants in line with National and International Migration Law.

That the fight against racism, xenophobia, discrimination and intolerance, acts that violate the dignity of migrants, is part of permanent commitments and action in South America. For this reason, in the Global Compact for Migration, we will promote an Ethical and Political Commitment to develop a plan of action with goals and objectives against Racism, Xenophobia and Discrimination.

That the factors that influence migration processes are part of the social, economic and political reality of our region, and as such, we will promote achievement of 2030 Agenda in the Global Compact for Migration with particular focus on the SDGs aimed at reducing social inequality and eliminating poverty.

That international cooperation and migration governance are core to the Global Compact for Migration and essential tools for States, migrants and the various actors of civil society, to contribute to the design and implementation of a Roadmap for the reception, protection, promotion and integration of migrants and their families. In the Global Compact for Migration we will address in an integral and holistic manner the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, especially the one related to the formulation of planned and well managed migration policies.

That consular and migration cooperation has, as main objective the assistance and accompaniment of migration flows and dynamics of our region with others. We will promote that the Global Compact for Migration defines commitments for strengthening of consular and migration cooperation, including the adequate implementation of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations.

That data on international migration is a relevant technical basis for the adequate formulation, application and evaluation of public policies on migration. In this regard, we will promote in the Global Compact for Migration a Global and Regional Platform for the collection, analyses of data and integral information on international migration processes.

That the contributions of migrants to economic, social and cultural development should be highlighted in the Global Compact for Migration. Therefore, we will promote the inclusion of a coherent notion on Migration, Human Rights and Development.

That smuggling of migrants, human trafficking and other contemporary forms of slavery are considered crimes and may lead to acts that violate the human rights of migrants. Therefore, it is our commitment to prevent and prosecute crime and its perpetrators, to protect and assist victims and to promote a legal protection regime. To this end, we will promote in the Global Compact for Migration an initiative aimed at eliminating the International and National Networks of Smuggling of Migrants and Human Trafficking.

That labor mobility and the protection of migrant workers, whose main principles and contents are embedded in the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families, are a relevant part of the migration policies of our countries considering the high number of migrant workers. Therefore, we will promote the facilitation and strengthening of the protection of migrant workers and their families at global level in support of International Migration Law.

As indicated by the specialized international organization, a high percentage of migrants leave their States of origin due to various reasons, in search for work opportunities and economic improvements. For this reason, we will encourage countries of origin to take actions, with the support of destination countries and international cooperation, to reduce inequalities and ensure that their citizens could freely exercise their right to not to have to migrate.

That it is important to progress in the dialogue on human displacement caused by environmental factors, including climate change or on the basis of serious humanitarian conditions which require protection. For this reason, we will promote within the framework of the Global Compact for Migration a strategy of international cooperation and effective coordination mechanisms in response to emergencies caused by the aforementioned situations.

That the International Organization for Migration (IOM) as the United Nations Migration Agency, is one of the international entities that has accompanied the Regional and Global Migration Consultation Processes, which has made possible to formulate the Foundations for the Global Compact for Migration. The Global Compact for Migration will require support and follow up to benefit of migrants and states. Therefore, we will promote an active role for IOM in assisting and accompanying the countries in the process of implementation, compliance and monitoring of the commitments made in the Global Pact for Migration.

On behalf of the Argentine Republic      On behalf of the Plurinational State of Bolivia

On behalf of the Federative Republic of Brazil      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 Peru      On behalf of the Republic of Paraguay

On behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela      On behalf of the Oriental Republic of Uruguay

Lima, 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017.