Extraordinary Declaration

THE REGIONAL CONFERENCE ON MIGRATION (RCM) REITERATES ITS COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE THE ASSISTANCE, PROTECTION AND ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN MIGRATION CONTEXTS

The Member Countries of the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), in the context of the IV Regional Congress on Women in Migratory Contexts: "Migrant Women: Agents of their own development, their families and communities", held in San Salvador, El Salvador, on July 14 and 15, 2022:

Reiterate the importance of protecting and respecting the rights of women and girls in the various stages of the migration cycle and recognize the importance of their participation and representation at all levels of decision-making affecting them, taking as a reference, the "Guidelines for the Assistance and Protection of Women in Migration Contexts" issued by this Conference in 2018, complementary to other tools created by the RCM throughout its 27 years.

Acknowledge the new and dynamic patterns of human mobility in the region, influenced by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic; the challenges associated with displacement caused by economic reasons, natural disasters, and gender-based violence; as well as all the risks associated with irregular migration, highlighting an intersectional analysis and effective approach to women and girls in migration contexts, including indigenous communities and victims of the crimes of human trafficking and migrant smuggling.

Reaffirm the commitment to continue incorporating specific actions that will result in comprehensive initiatives for women and girls, allowing us to ensure and support their role as active agents of change in the migration and protection processes through the consolidation of technical cooperation ties in the region that favor synergies and contribute to the implementation of joint actions framed in the "Guidelines for the Assistance and Protection of Women in Migration Contexts".

Highlight the need to continue guiding specific public policies for migrants, incorporating the principles of equality and non-discrimination, non-revictimization, non-refoulement, confidentiality, shared responsibility, multiculturalism, diversity, the best interests of the child and family unity, in accordance with international commitments and explicitly included in the Guidelines, in order to gradually reduce the inequality gaps and safety risks to which women and girls are exposed in migration contexts.

Thank the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg for its support in holding the fourth edition of the Regional Congress on Women in Migratory Contexts and for contributing to the comprehensive approach to the needs of migrant women and their inclusion in the generation of public policies in the RCM Member Countries.
Reiterate the commitment of the RCM to effective migration governance through cooperation between countries, which is vital to promote safe, orderly, and regular migration, capable of promoting the human rights of migrants, especially women and girls migration contexts.