

Heredia Declaration at the VIII Annual Meeting of the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS): Regional Action and concrete results to respond comprehensively to Displacement in coordination with all sectors of society

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The Member States of the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS), Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Panama, under the leadership of the Pro-Tempore Presidency of Costa Rica, gathered at the VIII MIRPS Annual Meeting in Heredia, Costa Rica, with the purpose of reviewing the progress, challenges, and achievements at the national and regional levels of this mechanism, and with the aim of continuing to advance in the implementation of the commitments undertaken under the San Pedro Sula Declaration of 2017 ¹ and the Global Compact on Refugees.

Highlighting the progress achieved through strategic partnerships and a whole-of-society approach to addressing displacement in the region, following the principles of the Global Compact on Refugees, which includes States, local governments, civil society, academia, private sector, international and regional organizations, development actors, and the United Nations System.

Recognizing that mixed movements in Central America and Mexico responds to multiple structural and contextual causes, and considering the current changes in migratory dynamics, including reverse and multidirectional movements and returns, a coordinated comprehensive regional response is required, that prioritizes human rights, addresses the root causes of displacement, and promotes durable solutions throughout the entire migration cycle.

Highlighting the leadership of the countries that form the MIRPS Regional Technical Teams and recognizing the significant progress achieved by their members in strengthening national capacities, which has contributed to greater coordination, visibility, and effectiveness of MIRPS actions at the regional level.

Considering the importance of continuing to strengthen collaboration and coordination between the MIRPS and various processes and mechanism, such as the Regional Conference on Migration (RCM), the OAS Committee on Migration Issues (CAM), the Quito Process, the Platform on Disaster Displacement and the Cartagena +40 Process, among others processes as well as the activities implemented between the MIRPS and these mechanisms in 2025, which have reinforced a more coordinated regional response.

Welcoming the launch of the MIRPS Private Sector Dialogue Mechanism, held within the framework of the VI Edition of the Inter-American Course on Migration and Protection, which will promote collaboration to enhance economic opportunities, livelihoods, and self-reliance of refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees with protection needs, and stateless persons.

¹ The Political Declarations adopted by the MIRPS Member States are available at: <https://mirps-platform.org/en/documents/>.

Also highlighting the technical documents developed in the implementation of Costa Rica's 2025 Regional Action Plan,² which provide concrete inputs for decision-making, the strengthening of national and regional capacities, and the guidance of coordinated and evidence-based actions to address displacement in MIRPS States.

WE AGREE TO:

1. Advance in the implementation of the MIRPS National Action Plans and commitments in each Member State through the leadership of the National Technical Teams, with the support of the Technical Secretariat and in accordance with each national context and capacities, as well as to continue the work of the MIRPS Regional Technical Teams to keep promoting further cooperation, share of innovative practices, strengthening of capacities, and enhancing durable solutions for displaced and stateless persons.³
2. Strengthen the policies, the actions and the capacities of national institutions to address the root causes of displacement, including socioeconomic factors, the different manifestations of violence and insecurity, and the adverse impacts of disasters and climate change, particularly for women, girls, boys, adolescents, and members of historically marginalized, discriminated, or vulnerable groups, with the support of the Platform on Disaster Displacement, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the MIRPS Technical Secretariat.
3. Strengthen the capacities of national institutions responsible for refugee status determination, highlighting as a good practice to be replicated the Second Annual Technical Meeting with the National Commissions for Refugees (CONAREs) and their equivalents in the Americas, held in September 2025 in Panama City, co-convened by the Quito Process and the MIRPS Pro Tempore Presidencies, with the support of the MIRPS Support Platform and the MIRPS Technical Secretariat.
4. Continue promoting the socioeconomic integration through opportunities for decent work and sustainable livelihoods for displaced populations, through the implementation of strategies that the recognition of skills, and the certification of competencies, with the support of the International Labour Organization (ILO) and other market-based measures for their access to employment opportunities, in accordance with the capacity of each country while respecting labor rights.
5. Strengthen and expand local government initiatives aimed at the social, economic, and cultural inclusion of displaced persons, fostering articulation between national and local levels, and fostering spaces for community participation where displaced persons can actively contribute to local development.

² Among them, *"ABC on Internal Displacement,"* the *"Guidelines for Local Programs on the Prevention of and Response to Violence Against Women in the Context of Displacement,"* as well as the systematizations of discussions on results-based management regarding to reception, admission, case processing, jobs, and livelihoods.

³ The MIRPS Regional Technical Teams are: 1) Reception, Admission, and Case Processing; 2) Internal Displacement; 3) Local Governance; and 4) Jobs and Livelihoods.

6. Strengthen cooperation with International Financial Institutions to promote inclusive and sustainable development that enables the empowerment of both local communities and displaced persons, while enhancing their resilience and fostering social cohesion.
7. Acknowledge the valuable contributions of the members of the MIRPS Dialogue Mechanisms of civil society, including organizations led by refugees, the private sector, and academia, in advancing solutions for displaced and stateless populations, and in coordination with other regional mechanisms such as the Cartagena +40 Process, the RCM, and the Quito Process.
8. Highlight the social impact and achievements of the entities implementing projects financed by the MIRPS Fund, established within the framework of the OAS, and call upon the OAS Member States, Permanent Observers, and other donors to continue voluntarily contributing to this Fund.
9. Adopt the reform of the MIRPS Statutory Charter as a fundamental document that guides the structure, functioning, and governance of this regional mechanism, with a view to strengthening its institutional framework and joint response capacity to displacement.
10. Recognize the efforts of Member States to coordinate strategic actions within the MIRPS, reflecting the firm regional commitment to a united and coordinated response to the prevailing challenges of international cooperation aimed at assisting refugees, asylum seekers, and others in need of international protection.
11. Recognize the leadership of the Seventh Pro-Tempore Presidency of the MIRPS, held by the Government of Costa Rica, and welcome the Government of El Salvador as the new Presidency.
12. Express gratitude to the MIRPS Support Platform for its continued efforts in mobilizing financial and technical assistance to Member States, particularly to the Government of Colombia for its leadership as the Fourth Presidency of the Platform.
13. Recognize the technical support provided by the United Nations Agency for Refugees (UNHCR) and its High Commissioner during their tenure, as well as by the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Access to Rights, as the MIRPS Technical Secretariat, for their valuable contributions and constant support.