

ACTION GROUP 5: REGIONAL DIMENSIONS

5 December 15:00h- 18:00h

Recommendations by the Government of Costa Rica to inform the CGM process

Mr. Chair,

Given the fact that the movement of people in response to sudden onset disasters and the adverse effects of climate change is a reality and a challenge facing our region and around the globe, the delegation of Costa Rica considers this phenomenon as a **national priority** under the **regional dimension**.

In this regard, the Costa Rican delegation recommends the following actionable commitments for the GCM process:

Actionable commitment No.1:

Regional frameworks for the admission and stay of disaster-affected foreigners on humanitarian grounds, when these populations cannot find adequate assistance in their own country.

Means of implementation

Appropriate regional, subregional and/or bilateral instruments provided by existing migration legislation, such as humanitarian visas or temporary protection measures, harmonization of effective practices ad hoc decisions based on the State's discretion in immigration matters.

Partnerships

Such measures should be taken through bilateral and regional or sub-regional agreements.

In this sense the role of regional and sub-regional organizations as well as Regional Consultative Processes on Migration (RCPs) for dialogue and cooperation between countries of origin, transit and destination in matters related to cross-border movements of persons affected by disasters is highly recommended.