

## POLITICAL DECLARATION

### EL SALVADOR- GUATEMALA- HONDURAS

We, the Presidents of the Republics of Guatemala and Honduras, the Vice President of the Republic of El Salvador and the President of the United States of Mexico recognize the process initiated in Mexico City on September 2018, which resulted in the meeting held between the Ministers of Foreign Affairs in the city of Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on October 2018, setting the bases of understanding for the construction of a new relationship through a Comprehensive Development Plan, in order to increase actions that lead to greater local development and opportunities, contributing in this way to the prevention of irregular migration and, at the same time, attending its structural causes.

In our vision, migration has historically been a source of progress for countries of origin, transit and destination, yet it must be attended in an integral way, investing in programs that strengthen the capacities of our countries and contribute to reach the Sustainable Development Goals. We are aware that it is necessary to continue encouraging actions that improve the quality of life of our people through the creation of decent jobs and a social vision that fosters wellness and development. With this, we will achieve migration to be an option and not a need in the future.

We consider that no country can upfront this challenges in an isolated way and we agree that it is necessary to manage a superior joint governance of migration for it to be safe, ordered and regular from the perspective of regional integration, that includes priority attention to the complete cycle of the migration process (origin, transit, destination and return) guided by the principle of a shared but differentiated responsibility.

We recognize the link between the development of the South of Mexico and the development of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras; that is why it is necessary to create initiatives based on common goals and to count on additional resources for the implementation of the Comprehensive Development Plan.

The Presidents of Guatemala and Honduras, and the Vice President of El Salvador, are grateful for the initiative of the Mexican President to dispose of new resources and to contribute with Mexico's own experience in this joint effort. In order to do so, a fund proposal aiming for the implementation of the Comprehensive Development Plan will be elaborated; which will include programs, projects, and specific actions in order to create labor opportunities and to target poverty.

The respect to the dignity of migrant people according to international law, and paying special attention to the best interest of the children and the protection of the Human Rights regardless of the migration status,

will be the priority of our actions. We will reinforce the fight against the crimes linked to irregular migration, the access to regularization programs, international protection measures and strengthen institutional coordination.

Likewise, we will continue adding efforts on promoting regular migration channels, with full respect and compliance of the national law of our countries and the possibilities of mobility through policies that promote a safe and ordered migration, including easing labor mobility through the flexibilization of visas and the creation of regional cooperation programs based on national priorities.

The Ministries of Foreign Affairs of El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and the United States of Mexico, with the support of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, are instructed to coordinate, in the first semester of 2019, the identification and unification of the required assistance, as well as the design of the Comprehensive Development Plan and its future implementation, according to the Sustainable Development Goals, the United Nations 2030 Agenda as well as the Global Pact for Migration.

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