Special update on Quito Process V Technical Meeting on Human Mobility of Venezuelan Citizens in the Region



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PARTICIPATION

The fifth round of the Quito Process (Quito V – Bogota Chapter) took place on 14-15 November (2019), with the participation of 12 States from Latin America and the Caribbean, along with key cooperating States, international financial institutions and other actors.

The meeting follows up on four previous meetings in September and November 2018, April and July 2019, as part of a government-led initiative that aims to harmonize the policies and practices of the countries in the region. Besides, this regional effort contributes to strengthening coordination of the humanitarian response and also aims to improve access to and enjoyment of rights for refugees and migrants from Venezuela as outlined in the Quito Declaration and the subsequent Plan of Action.





KEY DOCUMENTS

Joint Statement by the Fith International Technical Meeting on Human Mobility of Venezuelan Nationals [SPA]

UNHCR and IOM celebrate progress of the Quito Process [SPA]

MAIN OUTCOMES

The Quito V meeting produced a Joint Declaration signed by 11 participating States, which reaffirms the importance of this technical regional forum, aimed at facilitating coordination and harmonization of humanitarian responses and integration efforts of the Venezuelan population on the move. Building up on the Quito Plan of Action priorities, the Declaration sets the pace towards the next Quito Process meeting, to be hosted by Chile next May 2020.

Technical Working Groups

In addition to updates on the humanitarian situation, the agenda included prioritized issues for follow up in the context of the Quito Plan of Action divided into several modules: 1) Regional context and developments in the Quito Process; 2) Registration, data, documentation and human mobility; 3) Protection of refugees and migrants; 4) Socio-economic integration of refugees and migrants.

Registration and documentation



Technological platform for datasharing.

Regional Information Card

Cooperation



Terms of Reference of the Friend of the Quito Process Group

Further to the Solidarity Conference (Oct. 2019), call to increase technical and financial cooperation

Increase of visibility

Protection



Refugee and migrant children and adolescents protection protocol



Fostering regional responses on trafficking and smuggling



Strengthening of national asylum systems.

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Education
(including recognition of gualifications)

Integration



Health (incl. HIV prevention and response)



Labour insertion

NEXT STEPS

Following up to the above-mentioned, countries requested UNHCR and IOM to continue supporting a Technical Secretariat of the Quito Process in coordination with the Pro Tempore Presidency. As agreed, Chile will assume the rotating leadership of the Quito Process for the next meeting, to be held in six months – tentatively planned for May 2020–. Coordination and technical meetings will be organized over the coming months with national authorities from the region, international cooperation actors, as well as other key stakeholders including the Regional Interagency Coordination Platform.