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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 El Salvador's Pro Tempore Presidency, gathered at the Ninth Annual Meeting of MIRPS in San Salvador, El Salvador, for the purpose of reviewing the progress, challenges, and achievements of this mechanism at the national and regional levels, and with the objective of continuing to advance the implementation of the commitments undertaken pursuant to the 2017 San Pedro Sula Declaration, the Global Compact on Refugees, and the declarations adopted within the framework of MIRPS;

Reaffirming our commitment to the principles of solidarity, cooperation, and shared responsibility underpinning MIRPS, and to strengthening comprehensive protection responses and solutions for refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees with protection needs, and stateless persons;

Reaffirming that no State should face the challenges associated with displacement alone, and emphasizing the importance of strengthening shared responsibility and regional and international cooperation to complement national efforts through timely, predictable, and flexible contributions in support of the efforts of host countries and their communities;

Commemorating the 75th anniversary of the 1951 Convention relating to the Status of Refugees, we reaffirm that the Convention and its 1967 Protocol constitute the cornerstone of the international refugee protection regime and a fundamental framework for promoting the dignity, rights and inclusion of refugees and advancing durable solutions in the Americas. We further reaffirm the continued full validity of their fundamental principles and recognize this anniversary as an opportunity to renew our commitment to international protection and efforts to address contemporary displacement challenges;

Commemorating the 25th anniversary of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and recognizing that democracy, respect for human rights, and institutional strengthening contribute to preventing the causes and factors that may lead to displacement, fostering safer and more inclusive environments, and strengthening States' capacity to respond to the protection needs of displaced persons and promote durable solutions;

Recognizing that displacement dynamics in Central America and Mexico continue to evolve, requiring coordinated, adaptable, and sustainable responses in accordance with the realities, priorities, capacities, and legal frameworks of each State, and emphasizing the role of MIRPS as a results-oriented mechanism for translating regional commitments into concrete action at the national and local levels;

Recognizing that the sustainability and credibility of responses to displacement are strengthened when they translate into concrete and sustainable results for displaced persons and host communities through effective public policies, strengthened institutional capacities, effective access to rights and services, and the promotion of durable solutions;

Emphasizing the importance of strengthening responses that recognize the specific needs of persons in vulnerable situations, particularly women, children, and adolescents, and ensure their effective access to protection mechanisms and solutions, in accordance with international commitments and applicable national legislation;

Recognizing the need to continue strengthening prevention, protection, and responses to displacement associated with disasters and climate change by promoting greater coordination among protection policies, disaster risk management, territorial resilience, and adaptation, as well as the exchange of experiences and good practices among Member States, while acknowledging that these dynamics are increasingly significant drivers of human mobility and require comprehensive approaches linking protection, resilience, and sustainable development;

Highlighting the progress achieved by Member States through the MIRPS Regional Technical Teams in the areas of reception, admission, and case processing; internal displacement; local governance; and employment and livelihoods, and recognizing their contribution to strengthening national capacities, exchanging good practices, and developing regional responses, which has contributed to substantive progress in implementing the 2026 Regional Action Plan;

Recognizing the importance of continuing to strengthen coordination and complementarity between MIRPS and other regional mechanisms and processes related to human mobility, displacement, and protection, while respecting their respective mandates and taking advantage of opportunities to generate synergies, exchange knowledge, and promote joint initiatives;

Highlighting the value of the whole-of-society approach and the contributions of local governments, civil society, including refugee-led organizations, academia, the private sector, international financial institutions, international and regional organizations, and other strategic partners in expanding opportunities for protection, integration, and durable solutions;

WE AGREE TO:

1. Continue advancing the implementation of the MIRPS National Action Plans and the commitments of each Member State, under the leadership of the National Technical Teams and with the support of the Technical Secretariat, in accordance with national priorities, capacities, and contexts.

2. Continue strengthening national asylum and refugee protection systems through accessible, fair, efficient, and high-quality procedures, enhancing the technical capacities of the National Refugee Commissions (CONAREs), promoting the modernization and digitalization of systems, strengthening documentation mechanisms, the exchange of good practices, and the application, where appropriate, of differentiated case-processing modalities centered on individuals' protection needs.

3. Strengthen protection responses for women, children, adolescents, and other persons in vulnerable situations by promoting differentiated approaches that address their specific needs and, in the case of children and adolescents, ensure that their best interests are a primary consideration and that they have timely access to procedures appropriate to their age and stage of development.

4. Continue promoting durable solutions and the socioeconomic inclusion of refugees, asylum seekers, internally displaced persons, returnees with protection needs, and stateless persons through programs that expand access to decent work, livelihoods, education, and recognition of skills and qualifications, with the aim of strengthening their self-reliance, contributing to social cohesion, and creating opportunities for local development, while promoting inclusion that benefits both displaced persons and the communities hosting them.

5. Strengthen prevention, preparedness, and response to displacement associated with disasters and the adverse effects of climate change, paying particular attention to persons in vulnerable situations, promoting the integration of protection considerations into national risk management, resilience, and adaptation policies and mechanisms, and fostering the regional exchange of experiences, tools, and good practices.

6. Continue strengthening the work of the MIRPS Regional Technical Teams as platforms for technical cooperation, capacity-building, the exchange of good practices, and the development of tools and solutions applicable to the shared challenges faced by Member States.

7. Deepen coordination and complementarity between MIRPS and other relevant regional mechanisms and processes, including the Regional Conference on Migration, the Quito Process, the OAS Committee on Migration Issues, Cartagena +40 through the Chile Plan of Action, and the Platform on Disaster Displacement, among others, in accordance with their respective mandates, seeking to avoid duplication, generate synergies, and advance shared priorities.

8. Continue strengthening partnerships with local governments and host communities to promote inclusive responses, strengthen social cohesion and social fabric, and expand opportunities for the integration and participation of displaced persons and persons with protection needs.

9. Enhance strategic collaboration with civil society, academia, and the private sector through the MIRPS Dialogue Mechanisms, promoting their participation in implementing MIRPS priorities and recognizing their contributions to the protection and inclusion of displaced persons and persons with international protection needs.

10. Strengthen partnerships with international financial institutions and other development actors to mobilize resources, technical assistance, and investments that foster durable and sustainable solutions, strengthen community resilience, and expand opportunities for displaced persons and persons with protection needs, promoting integrated approaches that link humanitarian action, development, and institutional strengthening to maximize their sustainability and impact.

11. Recognize the impact and results of projects financed by the MIRPS Fund, established within the framework of the Organization of American States (OAS), express gratitude to the Kingdom of Spain, the Republic of Korea, and the Portuguese Republic for their valuable contributions to the Fund, and call upon its Member States, Permanent Observers, and other donors to maintain and increase voluntary contributions to the Fund in support of the fulfillment of commitments undertaken within the MIRPS framework in line with the principles of international cooperation and shared responsibility.

12. Express appreciation to the members of the MIRPS Support Platform for their continued efforts to mobilize technical, financial, and material assistance in support of the priorities of MIRPS Member States.

13. Acknowledge the technical support provided by the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS), through the Department of Access to Rights, acting as the MIRPS Technical Secretariat, for their assistance to the Pro Tempore Presidency and Member States in implementing national and regional priorities.

14. Recognize the work and leadership of the Government of El Salvador during its 2026 MIRPS Pro Tempore Presidency, for its contribution to strengthening regional cooperation and protection responses and solutions; and welcome the Government of Guatemala as the Pro Tempore Presidency for 2027.