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#### **Letter dated 9 May 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

Upon instruction, I have the honour to write to you to request that the documents of the Quito Process, which was begun in September 2018 for the purpose of exchanging information and good practices with a view to ensuring technical coordination and cooperation in the region and examining the initiatives that are being implemented in the region to ensure the adequate economic and social inclusion of Venezuelan citizens in a situation of human mobility, be circulated to the Members of the United Nations and that the Quito Process be highlighted as an example of international cooperation in relation to migration, refugees, and human mobility in general.

The Quito Process began with the first International Technical Meeting, held in Quito on 3 and 4 September 2018, at which 11 countries adopted the Quito Declaration on the Human Mobility of Venezuelan Citizens in the Region (see annex II). The primary objective of the Declaration was the exchange of information and good practices with a view to coordinating regional efforts to address the migration crisis involving Venezuelan citizens in the region.

At the second International Technical Meeting, held in Quito on 22 and 23 November 2018, eight countries adopted the Plan of Action of the Quito Process on the Human Mobility of Venezuelan Nationals in the Region (see annexes III and IV), the primary objective of which was to strengthen migration and development initiatives being implemented by countries in the region in order to ensure the adequate economic and social inclusion of Venezuelan nationals. The Plan of Action calls for the implementation of migration regularization processes, taking into account the capacity and laws of each host country, with support from the relevant entities of the United Nations system.

At the third Technical Meeting, held on 8 and 9 April 2019, participants discussed the progress that had been made in relation to the Plan of Action, as well as the need to give greater attention to the issue of international funding to support transit and host countries of Venezuelan nationals in the region, in particular the countries that were most affected, namely Colombia, Ecuador and Peru. They also adopted the



Joint Declaration of the Third International Technical Meeting on the Human Mobility of Venezuelan Citizens in the Region (see annex I).

I would like to highlight the importance of the Quito Process, given the serious deterioration of the domestic situation, which is causing mass migration of Venezuelans in our region.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 22 (b).

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Ambassador  
Chargé d'affaires a.i

**Annex I to the letter dated 9 May 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires  
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Joint Declaration of the Third International Technical Meeting on  
the Human Mobility of Venezuelan Citizens in the Region**

The representatives of the Governments of the Argentine Republic, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Costa Rica, the Republic of Ecuador, the Republic of Panama, the Republic of Paraguay, the Republic of Peru and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, meeting in the city of Quito on 8 and 9 April 2019 in order to follow up on the undertakings set out in the Quito Declaration on the Human Mobility of Venezuelan Citizens in the Region of 4 September 2018 and the Plan of Action of the Quito Process on the Human Mobility of Venezuelan Nationals in the Region adopted on 23 November 2018, hereby agree to:

1. Express their concern with regard to the serious migration and humanitarian crisis that the Venezuelan people are facing and welcome the efforts made individually at the national level by the various Governments in the region;
2. Recognize the progress that countries in the region have made in caring for persons in vulnerable situations, such as children and adolescents, in particular in relation to access to territory, the provision of humanitarian assistance in the form of health care and food, access to regular residence mechanisms, documentation and access to procedures for the recognition of refugee status;
3. Stress the importance of enhancing coordination, communication and organization among the Governments of transit and host countries for Venezuelan migrants, through their competent national institutions, in order to ensure that the human rights of Venezuelans in a situation of human mobility, in particular the most vulnerable groups, are upheld;
4. Emphasize the critical importance of international technical and financial assistance to contribute to the efforts of host countries to continue to implement the Plan of Action of the Quito Process on the Human Mobility of Venezuelan Nationals in the Region;
5. Highlight the actions taken by the States of the region to grant regular migration status to Venezuelan citizens and to promote the urgent call for the international community to provide the technical and financial support that the countries of the region, which are currently hosting more than 3.5 million Venezuelans in a situation of human mobility, require in order to assist that population;
6. Reiterate the importance of coordinating proposals and actions to raise sufficient awareness of the current Venezuelan migration and humanitarian crisis in order to solicit, obtain and channel the resources and technical and financial support that our countries require to address the problem. Particular attention should be given to proposals concerning the technical verification of the identity and/or travel documents of Venezuelan citizens;
7. Highlight the particular interest of Ecuador, as Chair of the Global Forum on Migration and Development, in engaging with all countries of the region in seeking to ensure the coordination and organization necessary for the promotion of migration and development mechanisms and principles, while maintaining a focus on human rights, in order to contribute to efforts to find solutions to the issue of the human mobility of Venezuelan citizens in the region;

8. Emphasize that involvement and technical support will be required from the United Nations, in particular the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme, in order for efforts to implement the Plan of Action of the Quito Process on the Human Mobility of Venezuelan Nationals in the Region to continue;

9. Request Ambassador Eduardo Stein, the International Organization for Migration and Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Joint Special Representative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in the Region, to continue to take the necessary steps to ensure the implementation of the Plan of Action of the Quito Process on the Human Mobility of Venezuelan Nationals in the Region and, in coordination with the Governments of the region, to put forward proposals to resolve the main problems, which have already been identified;

10. Urge the international community, in accordance with the principle of joint responsibility, to immediately allocate and give priority to non-reimbursable funds to contribute, in a spirit of solidarity, to the ongoing provision of assistance by transit and host States to Venezuelan citizens in a situation of human mobility in the region;

11. Thank the Government of the Argentine Republic for its readiness to host the fourth International Technical Meeting of the Quito Process in its capital, Buenos Aires, on 4 and 5 July 2019;

12. Request the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations to send a note to the President of the General Assembly requesting that the documents of the Quito Process be circulated to the Members of the United Nations and highlighted as an example of South-South cooperation in relation to migration, refugees, and human mobility in general;

13. Applaud the positive outcomes achieved in relation to the implementation of the Plan of Action of the Quito Process on the Human Mobility of Venezuelan Nationals in the Region that were presented at the meeting of 8 and 9 April 2019 held in Quito;

14. Thank the Government of the Republic of Ecuador for driving the Quito Process on the Venezuelan migration and for its hospitality during the third International Meeting, the results of which bode well for a positive continuation of the Quito Process.

The countries participating in the Quito Process explicitly state that they recognize this important initiative as a mechanism for dialogue, coordination and the search for solutions to the serious Venezuelan migration and humanitarian crisis and its impact in the region. They also highlight the outcomes of the three meetings that have been held, which have been well received by the international community and which constitute a model of international good practices for analysing and strengthening the governance of human mobility in other regions of the world.

**Annex II to the letter dated 9 May 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires  
a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations  
addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Quito Declaration on the Human Mobility of Venezuelan Citizens  
in the Region**

The representatives of the Governments of the Argentine Republic, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Costa Rica, the Republic of Ecuador, the United Mexican States, the Republic of Panama, the Republic of Paraguay, the Republic of Peru and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, meeting in Quito on 3 and 4 September 2018 to share information and good practices with a view to coordinating regional efforts to address the migration crisis involving Venezuelan citizens in the region, hereby agree to:

1. Highlight the efforts of the Governments of the region to properly receive Venezuelan citizens in a situation of human mobility, in particular those who are vulnerable, such as children and adolescents, older adults, persons with disabilities and persons with serious diseases;
2. Continue to work individually and cooperatively, as each country deems appropriate, to provide humanitarian assistance; ensure access to legal residence mechanisms, including by considering migration regularization processes; combat trafficking in persons, migrant smuggling and sexual and gender-based violence; protect children; reject discrimination and xenophobia; ensure access to procedures for obtaining refugee status; and, in general, continue to implement public policies aimed at protecting the human rights of all migrants in their respective countries, in accordance with the national laws of those countries and the applicable international and regional instruments;
3. Recognize the importance of the provision of technical and financial assistance by cooperating States and/or specialized international agencies, as the case may be, in providing support, in the territory of each State, to the extraordinary and growing migration flows of Venezuelan nationals in the region;
4. Urgently call for a substantial increase in such assistance and resources, in accordance with the need generated by the volume of people who have migrated from Venezuela to other countries in the region, and for their allocation to the sectors prioritized by each State, to enable those States to enhance national actions and programmes aimed at regularizing migration;
5. Call upon the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to take, as a matter of urgent priority, the measures necessary to issue in a timely manner identity and travel documents, such as identity cards, passports, birth certificates, marriage certificates, criminal records, apostilles and authentications required by its nationals, as a lack of such documents has resulted in restrictions on the right to freedom of movement and mobility, difficulties related to migration procedures, impediments to extraregional movement and obstacles to social and economic inclusion in host countries, and, in fact, has encouraged irregular migration;
6. Accept, in accordance with the national laws of each country, the expired travel documents of Venezuelan nationals as identity documents for immigration purposes;
7. Establish, with the support of the United Nations system, in particular the International Organization for Migration, a regional programme for the timely exchange of relevant information about Venezuelan migrants through the competent

national bodies, in order to facilitate the provision of humanitarian assistance and ensure that migration is orderly and safe;

8. Ensure that the States of the region, through the Organization of American States, the International Organization for Migration and other international organizations, coordinate efforts to combat trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling in the context of the migration flow of Venezuelan nationals, in accordance with the applicable international instruments;

9. Reaffirm the commitment of the States of the region to provide Venezuelan citizens in a situation of human mobility with access to public health and education services and labour market opportunities, in accordance with the available public resources, economic reality, domestic regulations and capacity of each host country, and ensure access to each country's justice system;

10. Recognize that the substantial amount of pendular migration and transit necessitates support and regional cooperation to strengthen measures to assist Colombia, since it shares a border with Venezuela, as well as Ecuador and Peru, in view of the migration corridor leading to those two countries;

11. Strengthen, if necessary, the juridical – legal, regulatory and administrative – frameworks of the States of the region, in order to optimize policies designed to promote and protect the rights of Venezuelan migrants in transit and host countries;

12. Reaffirm the commitments of the States of the region with regard to the coordinated fight against discrimination, intolerance and xenophobia, and implement, to the extent possible in each country, appropriate State, individual and/or joint initiatives and efforts in that regard;

13. Reiterate their concern about the serious deterioration of the internal situation in Venezuela, which is the cause of the mass migration of Venezuelans addressed at this meeting, and call for the establishment of a humanitarian assistance mechanism that will help to alleviate that critical situation and enable those affected to immediately receive care;

14. Agree to cooperate with one another to help their nationals, and urge the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to accept the assistance from the Governments of the region and of international organizations in order to address the situation of their respective communities in Venezuela;

15. Agree to hold a further meeting – in principle, in the second week of November in Quito – on human mobility, with a focus on the critical situation concerning the extraordinary and growing migration flows of Venezuelan citizens, in order to follow up on the undertakings set forth in the present Declaration;

16. Strengthen the role of the Andean Community and the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR) to enable them to respond to the massive flow of Venezuelan nationals in a comprehensive and coordinated manner and take immediate action to address this humanitarian migration crisis, and also strengthen their roles within the Regional Conference on Migration and the South American Conference on Migration;

17. Thank all the international organizations present at this regional meeting for their participation;

18. Thank particularly the Government of the Republic of Ecuador for the timely convening of the meeting and for its hospitality during this working day.

Quito, 4 September 2018

**Annex III to the letter dated 9 May 2019 from the Chargé  
d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the  
United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General**

**Plan of Action of the Quito Process on the Human Mobility of  
Venezuelan Nationals in the Region**

The representatives of the Governments of the Argentine Republic, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Costa Rica, the Republic of Ecuador, the Republic of Paraguay, the Republic of Peru and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, meeting in Quito on 22 and 23 November 2018 to follow up on the undertakings set out in the Quito Declaration of 4 September 2018, hereby agree to:

1. Approve this Plan of Action to strengthen actions aimed at facilitating the human mobility of Venezuelan citizens in the territories of the signatory countries;
2. Welcome the appointment of Mr. Eduardo Stein as the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and International Organization for Migration Joint Special Representative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in the Region, and express their support for him in his important work, in particular the implementation of the present Plan of Action with the participation of the specialized international agencies;
3. Bolster the migration and development initiatives being implemented by the countries of the region to facilitate sufficient social and economic inclusion of Venezuelan nationals, including through processes to regularize migration in accordance with the capacity and laws of each host country, with the support of the relevant United Nations system entities;
4. Express their approval of the presence of the Republic of Guatemala at this meeting, and invite its Government to endorse the Quito Declaration and its Plan of Action; and extend a similar invitation to the Government of the Dominican Republic, which has participated in the two meetings;
5. Invite the Governments of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the United Mexican States and the Republic of Panama, as signatories to the Quito Declaration, to endorse its Plan of Action as soon as possible.
6. Thank the Government of the Republic of Ecuador for helping to move the Quito Process forward and for committing to convene the third international meeting, in March 2019.

## Annex IV to the letter dated 9 May 2019 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Ecuador to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

### 1. Legal residence for Venezuelan nationals in the region

#### 1.1 Legal residence mechanisms

<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Time frame</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1.1.1. Coordinate regional efforts to address the Venezuelan migration crisis in the region (preamble to the Quito Declaration).	(a) Request the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and International Organization for Migration (IOM) Joint Special Representative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in the Region, Mr. Eduardo Stein, to welcome and follow up on the present Plan of Action, with the support of the States signatories to the Quito Declaration and the specialized agencies of the United Nations system, in particular UNHCR and IOM, as well as other international stakeholders interested in helping to resolve this problem, including multilateral development banks.	(a) From 23 November 2018.	
	(b) Promote measures, in accordance with the domestic laws and capacities of each State, that facilitate the assessment and regularization of the immigration status of the Venezuelan nationals within the territory of each State and ensure access, for those who request it, to the procedures for obtaining refugee status in host States.	(b) From 23 November 2018 to 31 January 2019.	
	(c) Request IOM and UNHCR to develop the mechanism described in paragraph 7 of the Quito Declaration by setting up a technology platform for the exchange of information pertaining to the monitoring of migration flows and	(c) From 23 November 2018 to 15 January 2019.	



*1. Legal residence for Venezuelan nationals in the region*

*1.1 Legal residence mechanisms*

<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Time frame</i>	<i>Comments</i>
	<p>applicants for refugee status at border control points, through inter-agency coordination between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and the immigration authorities of the States signatories to the Declaration.</p> <p>(d) Establish and implement specific procedures or protocols with a view to ensuring that Venezuelan nationals in a situation of human mobility are able to sufficiently exercise their rights, with a particular focus on groups that require priority care or are vulnerable. To this end, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs will promote inter-agency coordination between the immigration authorities and the bodies responsible for economic and social inclusion of the States signatories to the Quito Declaration.<sup>a</sup></p> <p>(c) Hold virtual and face-to-face meetings among the States of the region in order to be able to monitor the situation of the Venezuelan migration flows in the region and of asylum seekers.</p>	<p>(d) From 23 November 2018 to 15 January 2019.</p>	
1.1.2. Call upon the Government of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela to take, as a matter of urgent priority, the measures necessary to issue in a timely manner identity and travel documents, such as identity cards, passports, birth certificates, marriage certificates and	(a) Request the UNHCR and IOM Joint Special Representative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in the Region to initiate a good offices process with the Government of Venezuela, with a view to enabling Venezuelan nationals to obtain the	<p>(a) Request for the study: 23 November 2018.</p> <p>Presentation of the results: 31 January 2019.</p>	(a) This will be a study designed to identify potential mechanisms for the validation of travel and identity documents.

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<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Time frame</i>	<i>Comments</i>
criminal records (...) (paragraph 5 of the Quito Declaration).	documents listed in paragraph 5 of the Quito Declaration.		
Strengthen the juridical – legal, regulatory and administrative – frameworks of the States of the region (paragraph 11 of the Quito Declaration).	<p>(b) Study the feasibility, taking into account the laws and capacity of each country, of reducing the costs of the relevant visas and associated administrative procedures in order to facilitate the regularization of the status of Venezuelan nationals in host countries.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(c) Request international partners to provide technical and financial assistance to cover the costs of providing proper documentation for Venezuelan nationals.</p>	(b) From 23 November 2018.	

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<sup>a</sup> Unaccompanied or separated children; refugees and persons in need of international protection; victims of trafficking; victims of physical or sexual abuse; persons with disabilities; older persons; persons affected by catastrophic illnesses; pregnant and lactating women.

<sup>b</sup> IOM and UNHCR are to present a paper on good practices in this area.

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*1.2 Regularization processes*


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<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Time frame</i>	<i>Comments</i>
1.2.1 Regularizing migration (paragraph 4 of the Quito Declaration).	(a) Request IOM and UNHCR to collect and assess up-to-date information on migration processes that have been established in the region for Venezuelan nationals and migrants from other countries, based on information provided by States and obtained by those international agencies, in order to identify different regularization routes and procedures available to the countries of the region. <sup>a</sup>	(a) From 23 November 2018. Presentation of the results: 31 January 2019.	

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<sup>a</sup> IOM and UNHCR are to present a paper on this topic.

## 2. Regional cooperation with the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

### 2.1 Humanitarian assistance to Venezuela

Undertaking	Actions	Time frame	Comments
2.1.1 Establishment of a humanitarian assistance mechanism for Venezuela (paragraph 13 of the Quito Declaration).	(a) Propose to the UNHCR and IOM Joint Special Representative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in the Region that he collaborate with the United Nations Resident Coordinator in Venezuela to identify, through dialogue with the Government authorities of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, humanitarian aid mechanisms that could be implemented with the participation of other international humanitarian actors that operate in Venezuela to assist Venezuelan nationals and foreigners residing in Venezuela.	(a) From 23 November 2018. Submission of the report: 15 January 2018.	(a) We consider this an important initiative to complement the work of States and comply with United Nations Human Rights Council resolution <a href="#">A/HRC/39/L.1/Rev.1</a> , of 26 September 2018.
2.2.1 Assistance from the Governments of the region and international organizations (paragraph 14 of the Quito Declaration).	(a) Strengthen communication between the Quito Declaration signatory countries' consulates in Venezuela, to enable them to better determine and evaluate the most urgent needs of the communities of their nationals in Venezuela and identify joint actions that could be taken to help those communities, in particular with regard to access to food, medical care and medicines.  Invite the consulates of the Portuguese Republic, the Kingdom of Spain and the Republic of Italy to participate in this mechanism.	(a) From 23 November 2018. Submission of the report: 28 February 2019.	(a) To take this action, the consulates of the signatory countries to the Quito Declaration accredited to Venezuela shall request, if needed, and in a coordinated manner, assistance from the appropriate agencies of the United Nations system accredited to Venezuela.

3. *International cooperation: cooperation between the United Nations, the Andean Community/the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), the Organization of American States, the Regional Conference on Migration, the South American Conference on Migration and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and countries in the region*

3.1 *United Nations*

<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Time frame</i>	<i>Comments</i>
3.1.1 Establish, with the support of the relevant United Nations agencies, a regional programme for the exchange of information about the migration of Venezuelan citizens (paragraphs 7 and 12 of the Quito Declaration).	(a) Using the United Nations technology platform envisaged under point 1.1.1 (c) of this document as a means of facilitating the exchange of relevant information about asylum seekers and Venezuelan migrants, which will include information about the qualifications and profiles of the Venezuelan populations in the States signatories to the Quito Declaration, identify unmet labour needs in the region and match them with the corresponding supply in order to provide the necessary humanitarian assistance and ensure that migration is regular, orderly and safe. <sup>a</sup>	(a) Presentation of the results: 17 December 2018.	
	(b) Request the UNHCR and IOM Joint Special Representative for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in the Region to cooperate with existing programmes and projects in order to submit, on the basis of information provided by States, feasible proposals for regional actions in the following areas:	(b) Submission of the report: 29 March 2019.	
	(i) Combating discrimination, intolerance and xenophobia		

3. *International cooperation: cooperation between the United Nations, the Andean Community/the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), the Organization of American States, the Regional Conference on Migration, the South American Conference on Migration and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and countries in the region*

3.1 *United Nations*

<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Time frame</i>	<i>Comments</i>
	<p>(ii) Providing care for children and adolescents, pregnant and lactating women, persons with disabilities and persons with serious diseases</p> <p>(iii) Combating trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants, in coordination with the relevant regional entities</p> <p>(iv) Other areas that may be identified at a later date</p>		
3.1.2. Establish technical and financial assistance mechanisms to address at the national level the needs and challenges associated with the migration flows of Venezuelan citizens in each State (paragraphs 3, 4 and 10 of the Quito Declaration).	<p>(a) Strengthen humanitarian assistance efforts and request the competent entities of the Governments of the States signatories to the Quito Declaration to consider arranging the financing of short-, medium- and long-term public policies for asylum seekers and Venezuelan migrants in the region through multilateral development banks.<sup>b</sup></p> <p>(b) In agreement with the Ministries of Labour of the States signatories to the Quito Declaration, submit to the International Labour Organization a proposal for the design and conduct of a joint regional study on the capacities of</p>	<p>(a) Submission of the report: March 2019.</p> <p>(b) Submission of the agenda and concept note by the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean: 15 January 2019.</p>	<p>(a) Colombia arranged for the World Bank Group to prepare a report entitled “Migration from Venezuela to Colombia”, which was presented on Friday 2 November 2018. Colombia can share this study with other countries as an example, to give them an understanding of the methodology used by the World Bank Group.</p>

3. *International cooperation: cooperation between the United Nations, the Andean Community/the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR), the Organization of American States, the Regional Conference on Migration, the South American Conference on Migration and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean and countries in the region*

3.1 *United Nations*

<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Time frame</i>	<i>Comments</i>
	States and the challenges with regard to the inclusion of persons in a situation of human mobility in those States. The aim is to have a comprehensive evaluation of labour markets and labour mobility conducted with a view to requesting funding for job creation in the context of the Venezuelan migration.	Workshop: 18 February 2019.	
	(c) Support actions to obtain resources through the financing platform, in accordance with the initiative presented by the Government of the Republic of Colombia in the framework of the General Assembly of the United Nations in 2018, by maintaining the ongoing dialogues between international financial institutions and the countries of the region.	(c) Since 23 November 2018.	(c) Ask the Inter-American Development Bank to provide details of the establishment and operation of the fund as soon as possible. Make similar requests to other international financial cooperation entities, such as the World Bank and the Andean Development Corporation.

<sup>a</sup> This initiative is under way.

<sup>b</sup> The World Bank has conducted, and is currently conducting, specific studies requested by various countries in the region.

## 3.2 Andean Community/MERCOSUR/Ibero-American General Secretariat

<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Time frame</i>	<i>Comments</i>
3.2.1. Establish technical cooperation mechanisms to address the migration flows of Venezuelan citizens in the region (paragraph 16 of the Quito Declaration).	(a) Request the Andean Community, MERCOSUR and the Ibero-American General Secretariat, in coordination with IOM and UNHCR, to conduct a study containing recommendations concerning existing regional agreements and mechanisms for the entry and residence of Venezuelan nationals in Ibero-American countries, with a view to enabling the increased harmonization of the domestic migration laws of those countries, where appropriate.	(a) 31 January 2019.	
	(b) Request the Andean Community and MERCOSUR to submit a proposal for the development of mechanisms, projects and actions to implement health, education, employment and access to justice initiatives for the benefit of Venezuelans in a situation of human mobility; and request the Andean Community and MERCOSUR to establish procedures, and optimize existing procedures, for the recognition of studies already done by Venezuelan nationals, in order to enable them to continue and complete their studies in the educational establishments of the States signatories to the Quito Declaration.	(b) Presentation of the proposal: 31 January 2019.	



## 3.3 Organization of American States

<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Time frame</i>	<i>Comments</i>
3.3.1 Prevent trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling (paragraph 8 of the Quito Declaration).	(a) Request the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security and the Department of Social Inclusion of the Organization of American States to submit a proposal to support regional actions to promote the inclusion of Venezuelan migrants and of asylum seekers, in order to prevent trafficking in persons and migrant smuggling.	(a) Submission of the proposal: 15 January 2019.	
	(b) Coordinate, communicate and exchange up-to-date information – through the technology platform mentioned in section 1.1.1 (c) of this document – and good practices among the Governments of the States signatories to the Quito Declaration, in order to strengthen the efforts of the competent national authorities with regard to the prevention, control and punishment of international crimes related to trafficking in persons and the smuggling of migrants. The participating States will designate focal points for that purpose.	(b) Presentation of the initiative: 23 November 2018.  Designation of focal points: 14 December 2018.	

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3.4 South American Conference on Migration and Regional Conference on Migration (Central America, North America and the Caribbean)

<i>Undertaking</i>	<i>Actions</i>	<i>Time frame</i>	<i>Comments</i>
3.4.1 Coordinate immediate actions to address the humanitarian migration crisis (paragraph 16 of the Quito Declaration).	<p>(a) Ensure the consistent inclusion of the topic “Human mobility of Venezuelan national in the region” in the agendas of the South American Conference on Migration and the Regional Conference on Migration until the end of 2019.</p> <p>(b) Work with the Joint Special Representative of UNHCR and IOM for Venezuelan Refugees and Migrants in the Region to design a mechanism to follow up on the undertakings set forth in the Quito Declaration of 4 September 2018 that require the involvement and contributions of the States signatories to the Declarations for their implementation.</p>	(a) 23 November 2018 to December 2019.	

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