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## Latin American Block Recommendations for the Global Forum on Migration and Development

From the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> of June 2017, a significant number of the world's governments will meet in Berlin, Germany to celebrate the 10th Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD), with the aim of advancing in the reflection and articulation of global agreements on migration at the international level. A fundamental part of this articulation is the consolidation of the contents of the Global Compact for a Regular, Safe and Ordered Migration that, along with the document for the Integrated Protection of Refugees that will be signed in 2018, will represent a global framework of references to lay the foundations of global policies on migration.

Until now Latin American civil society has remained at the margins of global discussions on the issue. The Global Forum represents the only global mechanism available to civil society to express its voice, despite agendas that have already been established by governments. For this reason, as a block of civil society organizations and networks from Latin America and the Caribbean, we have put forward the following recommendations for the Global Forum on Migration and Development:

1. The Global Forum on Migration and Development should become an inclusive space, giving priority to effective participation of civil society, populations in migration and their families throughout the whole process.
2. In the Strengthening Development Cooperation working table, governments should encourage civil society participation, and in particular migrant voices, in the construction of committed spaces for the design and observation of and accountability in migration policies.
3. In terms of Coherence and Security, the GFMD must recognize migration as a multi-causal phenomenon that is directly related to the exclusionary development models that prevail in the world today and their expansion in the regions of the Global South. In that sense, the Forum's agenda should express the different dimensions, causes and consequences of migration, emphasizing the differences in impacts on the various priority groups and regions.
4. The GFMD should encourage States to fulfill their obligation to ensure respect for, enjoyment of rights and international protection for all persons in human mobility, regardless of their migratory status. Likewise, this space should promote the conditions for a dignified life and enjoyment of rights such as local and transnational justice, healthcare, education, identity, decent work, a family unit and a regular stay, among others.
5. It is essential for the GFMD to provide spaces for reflection that allow states and societies to dialogue and understand migration from a human security perspective, identifying the causes of migration and the consequences of the restrictive migration policies that shape the experiences of migrant populations and exacerbate the current humanitarian crisis.
6. The GFMD should be closely related to the Sustainable Development Goals and agreements for international cooperation, seeking the harmonization of objectives and strategies with the participation of civil society.
7. As part of the space dedicated to the implementation of the global agenda, the Global Forum must recognize the importance of local governments as the first point of contact for migrant populations and, therefore, strengthen their management capacity and legislation to ensure the enjoyment of rights and the integration of this population.