Mr. Chair,

Given the fact that the movement of people in response to sudden onset disasters and the adverse effects of climate change is a reality and a challenge facing our region and around the globe, the delegation of Costa Rica considers this phenomenon as a national priority under the regional dimension.

In this regard, the Costa Rican delegation recommends the following actionable commitments for the GCM process:

**Actionable commitment No.1:**

Regional frameworks for the admission and stay of disaster-affected foreigners on humanitarian grounds, when these populations cannot find adequate assistance in their own country.

**Means of implementation**

Appropriate regional, subregional and/or bilateral instruments provided by existing migration legislation, such as humanitarian visas or temporary protection measures, harmonization of effective practices ad hoc decisions based on the State’s discretion in immigration matters.

**Partnerships**

Such measures should be taken through bilateral and regional or sub-regional agreements.

In this sense the role of regional and sub-regional organizations as well as Regional Consultative Processes on Migration (RCPs) for dialogue and cooperation between countries of origin, transit and destination in matters related to cross-border movements of persons affected by disasters is highly recommended.