

## SOUTH AMERICAN COUNCIL ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING – COSIPLAN

## COSIPLAN AGREEMENT No. 3 /2011

## WORKING GROUP ON SOUTH AMERICAN RAIL INTEGRATION

The Ministers of the South American Council on Infrastructure and Planning (COSIPLAN):

**Supported** by the Treaty of Brasília, signed on 23 May 2008, which created the Union of South American Nations, and by the Decision of the Heads of State and of Government of UNASUR to create COSIPLAN, on 10 August 2009;

Considering the promotion of regional infrastructure integration as the main foundation of COSIPLAN;

Reiterating the commitment of the countries to stimulate the integrity and complementarity of policies and projects designed to foster economic and social development in South America;

**Recognizing** the advances achieved by the Working Group on the Argentina-Brazil-Chile-Paraguay Bioceanic Rail Integration to design the Bioceanic Rail Corridor project, and the importance of this undertaking for the South American integration;

**Observing** Article 2 of the COSIPLAN Regulation of 18 June 2010, which stated that Council wishes would be expressed by means of agreements;

**Recalling** that, as set out in Article 6 of the COSIPLAN Statute of 18 June 2010, Working Groups in thematic areas may be created which will serve as bodies to support the Council;

## HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1. To create a Working Group on South American Rail Integration;

Article 2. To incorporate to the WG mentioned in Article 1 the Working Group on the Argentina-Brazil-Chile-Paraguay Bioceanic Rail Integration, of which preceding works will constitute the starting point for future labour;

Article 3. To make use of the results obtained by the Working Group on the Argentina-Brazil-Chile-Paraguay Bioceanic Rail Integration to develop and integrate other South American rail networks in further stages; and



Article 4. To instruct the holding of regular meetings of the Working Group, as well as to request the presentation of its activity reports at the COSIPLAN Ministerial Meetings, according to Article 5.c of the Council Regulation.

II COSIPLAN – Brasília, 30 November 2011.

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