



**SOUTH AMERICAN COUNCIL ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING –
COSIPLAN**

COSIPLAN AGREEMENT No. 4 /2011

WORKING GROUP ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN SOUTH AMERICA

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;

Considering the commitment of COSIPLAN to promoting intensive use of Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs), in order to overcome geographical and operational barriers in South America, as set out in Article 4 of the Council Statute and in Objective 5 of the Strategic Action Plan (PAE);

Considering Action 6.2.5 of PAE, which intends to study and propose options to promote the interconnection of the different optical fibre structures and networks in South America, and the formation of the South American Optical Ring;

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 the Working Group on Telecommunications in South America, in compliance with the objective established in Article 4.e of the Council Statute, in order to study and propose options for the interconnection of the different optical fibre structures and networks in South America, and the formation of the South American Optical Ring; and



Article 2. 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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