

ANNEX 1

SOUTH AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING COUNCIL

(COSIPLAN)

STATUTES

I. NATURE OF THE COUNCIL

Article 1. The South American Infrastructure and Planning Council, hereinafter COSIPLAN or Council, is a forum for political and strategic discussion through consultation, evaluation, cooperation, planning and coordination of efforts, and articulation of programs and projects aimed at implementing the integration of regional infrastructure in the UNASUR Member States. Its creation was decided at the Third Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Heads of State and Government, in accordance with the UNASUR Constitutive Treaty.

II. PRINCIPLES

Article 2. The COSIPLAN actions shall be governed by the principles agreed upon among its Member States, as specified in the UNASUR Constitutive Treaty, which are reflected in the following tenets:

- a) Integration and complementarity of the regional infrastructure policies, programs, and projects encouraging territorial balance and cohesion as well as sustainable development in harmony with nature.
- b) Citizen participation and pluralism in regional infrastructure integration initiatives, recognizing and respecting the rights of all peoples and their cultural, ethnic and linguistic diversity.
- c) Gradual and flexible implementation of the identified actions, recognizing the diverse national realities.
- d) Solidarity and cooperation in the evaluation and prioritization of integration projects.

III. GENERAL OBJECTIVES

Article 3. The COSIPLAN general objectives are the following:

- a) Develop infrastructure for the integration of the region, recognizing and ensuring the continuity of the achievements and progress made by the Initiative for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America (IIRSA), by incorporating them into its framework.
- b) Foster regional cooperation in planning and infrastructure through strategic alliances among the UNASUR Member States.
- c) Promote the compatibility of the regulatory frameworks in place in the UNASUR Member States governing regional infrastructure development and operation.
- d) Identify and encourage the execution of integration priority projects, and evaluate alternatives for financing them.

IV. SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES

Article 4. The COSIPLAN specific objectives are the following:

- a) Promote regional connectivity by building infrastructure networks for physical integration purposes, considering sustainable social and economic development criteria, and preserving the environment and the balance of ecosystems.
- b) Enhance the capacity and potential of local and regional populations through the development of infrastructure, with the aim of improving their life quality and expectancy.
- c) Design regional planning strategies for the development of infrastructure.
- d) Consolidate the Project Portfolio of the Initiative for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America.
- e) Encourage the intensive use of information and communication technologies with a view to overcoming geographical and operational barriers in the region.
- f) Stimulate the application of methodologies and the development of sectoral processes and complementary actions in order to facilitate the design, execution and operation of physical integration projects.

V. STRUCTURE

Article 5. The Council shall be made up of the Infrastructure and/or Planning Ministers or equivalent officials, as appointed by the UNASUR Member States.

Article 6. The Council shall be supported by the following bodies:

- a) A Coordinating Committee, made up of ministerial delegates from the Member States, and presided over by a delegate from the country holding the Presidency of the Council.
- b) IIRSA, in its capacity as a Technical Forum for South American physical integration planning issues.
- c) Work Groups in specific areas of competence, to be created as appropriate.

Article 7. The COSIPLAN Presidency shall be held by the same country holding the UNASUR Presidency Pro Tempore, except that, upon a proposal of the latter, the Council decides to designate another country by consensus. The Presidency shall be supported by a Vice-Presidency to be held by the country that has previously held the Presidency.

VI. FUNCTIONS AND OPERATION

Article 8. The Council shall perform the following functions:

- a) Approve the internal operating structure of COSIPLAN and all its constitutive bodies.
- b) Approve its Action Plan.
- c) Approve its Annual Work Plan.
- d) Assess and approve the report on the activities conducted by all the COSIPLAN bodies.
- e) Introduce amendments to its statutes and regulations.
- f) Undertake any other action that will contribute to the attainment of its objectives.

Article 9. Operation of the Council:

- a) The agreements by the Council shall be adopted by consensus.
- b) The Council shall hold ordinary meetings on an annual basis.
- c) The COSIPLAN Presidency shall summon face-to-face or virtual extraordinary meetings of the Council, at the request of one of its Members, seconded by at least other three Members.

- d) The agreements adopted by the Council shall be reported in accordance with Article 5 of the UNASUR Constitutive Treaty.
- e) In line with Articles 6(d), 7(d) and 15 of the UNASUR Constitutive Treaty, COSIPLAN shall be empowered to promote dialogue and cooperation initiatives with third parties.
- f) The proposed agenda and documents for the annual meeting of the Council shall be submitted by the Coordinating Committee.