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Annex 4
Guidelines for the 2006 Presidency



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Objectives

The Guidelines 2006 make up the strategic areas on which the CDE presidency will focus its attention in order to achieve the following:

- Foster the implementation of IIRSA projects, particularly those of the Implementation Agenda based on Consensus.
- Gain a more thorough knowledge of the territories of the Integration and Development Hubs and enlarge the strategic scope of IIRSA Project Portfolio.
- Give renewed political momentum to Integration Sectoral Processes in order to encourage investments in and operation of infrastructure services.
- Reinforce and build upon the progress made in 2005 regarding outreach activities, by promoting greater involvement from the private sector and the civil society as a whole.



CDE's Guidelines 2006

- 1. Be further committed to advance in the "Implementation Agenda based on Consensus (AIC)".
- 2. Mobilize economic authorities to make them participate in **AIC** project implementation efforts.
- 3. Support the ongoing work of the Integration and Development Hubs with the purpose of updating IIRSA Project Portfolio.
- 4. Support advances made by IIRSA toward sustainable development, taking into account economic, social and environmental issues, improving the efficiency of logistic systems, increasing the competitiveness of the Hubs' productive chains, and fostering social development.



- 5. Work toward the creation of a Geographic Information Network of South American countries as well as of a South American Geographic Information System (SIGS).
- 6. Support Integration Sectoral Processes, by making dialogue among the infrastructure-related ministers of all 12 countries even more fluid and dynamic and inviting sectoral agencies in the region to participate more actively.
- 7. Promote the development of financial mechanisms to enlarge the capacity of countries –particularly those relatively less developed in the region– to fund physical integration projects in South America.

CDE's Guidelines for 2006

- 8. Continue campaigning for IIRSA in the major investment centers in the world (Europe, USA and Asia), with the aim of arousing the interest of actors capable of mobilizing investments and additional funds that may push IIRSA Project Portfolio forward.
- 9. Build upon achievements in the document on VESA, by incorporating the consensus reached in 2005, enlarging its economic, social and environmental analysis and foundations within the framework of a physical integration process.



- 10. Inform the South American society about IIRSA's advances to date, while fostering the participation of larger private sectors, academic circles and civil society in general.
- 11. Take part in debates on physical infrastructure within the framework of the South American Community of Nations.
- 12. Coordinate and strengthen mechanisms to work with the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (OTCA), Asia-Pacific Economic Organization (APEC), Latin American Integration Association and the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ALADI/ECLAC), the Andean Community of Nations (CAN) and the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR).