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PROGRESS REPORTED BY THE PERUVIAN DELEGATION ON THE INTEGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT HUBS

- The Peruvian Delegation reported the progress made in two of the Integration and Development Hubs located in the country. With regard to the Amazon Hub (Paita-Yurimaguas), the Tarapoto-Yurimaguas road works (114 Km.) have been awarded to the consortium formed by Odebrecht, Andrade Gutiérrez and Graña y Montero for an estimated amount of US\$110 million. As for the Peru-Brazil-Bolivia Hub, section 2—i.e. Urcos-Inambari (300 km)— and section 3—i.e. Inambari-Iñapari (403 km)—have been awarded to the joint venture Consorcio Concesionario Interoceánica made up of Odebrecht (a Brazilian company) and the Peruvian companies Constructora Graña y Montero, JJ Contratistas Generales e Ingenieros Civiles y Contratistas Generales for an amount of US\$ 595.4 million. Section 4, comprising Inambari-Azángaro (306 km), has been awarded to Consorcio Intersur composed of Brazilian companies Andrade Gutiérrez, Queiroz Galvao and the constructing company Constructora Comercio Camargo Corrêa for an amount of US\$ 215 million.
- Concerning the AIC project on Export Services through Postal Remittance for SMEs, the Peruvian delegation stated that in the III Summit Meeting of South American Presidents, held in city of Cuzco, on December 8th, 2004, a Memorandum of Understanding on Technical Cooperation for Export Services through Postal Remittance "EXPORTA FACIL" for the benefit of small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) was signed by the Governments of Peru and Brazil with the purpose of reinforcing all actions geared to increase international trade among South American countries with a view to including small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in the export market. In this framework and in line with the Ministries' decision at the VI Meeting of the CDE, a Work Group was created with representatives of both countries —a major project under the AIC aimed at implementing all necessary works to start a simplified system for providing export

services through postal remittances for the benefit of SMEs in the Peruvian market, similar to the one currently operating in Brazil. Peru and Brazil have worked hard to ensure the feasibility of a nationwide implementation of the "Exporta Fácil" Program. Results from the pilot project are expected for May 2006, after which the implementation stage may begin.

• As to the South American *Roaming* AIC project, the Peruvian delegation explained that the Transportation and Communications Ministry has requested private operators of cellular telephones to appoint their representatives to the Legal and Technical Group, as provided for in the Protocol of Intent on such project, signed by Peru and Brazil. In order to accelerate this phase, Peru proposed summoning a meeting of the Amazon Hub's GTE on ITC, as decided during the Amazon Hub's GTE Meeting held in Brasilia in April this year, during which Ecuador volunteered to be its host country.