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INICIATIVA PARA LA INTEGRACION DE LA INFRAESTRUCTURA REGIONAL SURAMERICANA



COMITE DE DIRECCION EJECUTIVA

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The items on the Agenda were discussed during the meeting, and the conclusions agreed upon are summarized below:

1 - IIRSA Operating Structure

IIRSA will be structured as follows:

- National Coordinations

The National Coordinators will be in charge of implementing the Action Plan of IIRSA and of the relationship with the COSIPLAN Coordination Committee; the General Coordination will be commissioned to the country acting as the President Pro Tempore of COSIPLAN. The outgoing country will hold the General Deputy Coordination, a role to be assumed by Argentina after the next UNASUR President Pro Tempore takes office in order to ensure a smooth transition.

- Technical Coordination Committee

The Technical Coordination Committee will continue cooperating with the Initiative, by providing technical and financial assistance for the conduct of the activities included in IIRSA Action Plan. In this regard, the IDB, CAF and FONPLATA representatives, who presently make up the CCT, expressed their willingness to continue supporting the integration process as well as the need to reinforce all actions undertaken in pursuit of this goal. It was agreed that a declaration by the COSIPLAN Ministers calling for such participation be promoted, which will be arranged in the next meeting of Ministers.

In addition, it was decided that the organizational structure should provide for the participation of other institutions that might be interested, subject to the countries' consensus.

A proposed new organizational structure shall be designed and submitted to COSIPLAN for its consideration.

2 - Action Plan 2010

The activities in progress aimed at organizing the following meetings were agreed to be continued and/or concluded:

- Executive Technical Group on Exports through Postal Services for SMEs, by the end of September in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- GTE on the Guianese Shield Hub – September 5 to 7 – Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

- Regional Workshops on the Application of the Production Integration and Logistics (IPrLg) Methodology and on Border Crossings and Border Integration, by the end of October in Lima, Peru
- Regional Workshop on the Strategic Environmental and Social Evaluation (EASE) Methodology, in mid-November, city to be confirmed
- Seminar on the 10 Years of IIRSA. 30/11 and 1/12/2010, city to be confirmed (see item 4). Activities related to document preparation and dissemination for their approval by the countries will continue.

A preliminary calendar of activities is attached.

3 - Reflection Process

A process of reflection by the countries was agreed to be launched with the ***purpose of working towards a shared definition of the vision, objectives and instruments required for IIRSA to plan, implement, monitor and evaluate the process of physical integration of the region at this new stage.***

The first step will consist in organizing a team made up of Chile, Colombia and Brazil, under the coordination of Argentina, to undertake the following activities, according to the schedule below:

- a) Until August 6, the Argentine National Coordination will receive proposals for the questions or topics to be posed to the countries with a view to drafting a Reference Guide, which will assess the process undergone in these ten years in all its aspects, underscore the lessons learned, and explore the future physical integration process, its objectives and instruments, within the new regional framework.
- b) Until August 13, a first consolidated version of such Guide will be drafted on the basis of the suggestions made by all the countries.
- c) A Technical Assistance will be requested in order to conduct the consultation process to gain a better insight into the opinion of the countries regarding the topics set out in the Guide.
- d) A Regional Workshop will be held in the last week of October, in Lima, Peru. With the results of the consultations made, a workshop will be organized to help reach consensus, at least on a preliminary basis, regarding the strategic guidelines for a Future Action Plan and an Annual Work Plan.
- e) The Work Plan should include a course of action that should contribute to the attainment of the goals pursued, which most likely will be gradually achieved.

4 - Seminar on the 10 Years of IIRSA

The name of this activity is to be changed, since it will not only review the 2000-2010 Action Plan, but also will present the new period that is about to start.

The progress reached through the reflection process will be evaluated in October and with the new COSIPLAN President in office, it will be decided whether the Seminar will be held in December 2010 or in the beginning of 2011.

5 - Future Action Plan

The Action Plan will have to consider the performance of the mandates assigned to the Initiative under Article 5-b) of the COSIPLAN Rules of Procedure, the vision and instruments of which will be enhanced with the conclusions to be drawn from the Reflection Process.

6 - Implementation Agenda based on Consensus

The countries have agreed that it is a priority to identify a set of projects with a high impact on the physical integration process of the region on which to concentrate efforts and that might become the projects to be encouraged by COSIPLAN.

In this regard, it was agreed that the evaluation and definition of the objectives for a new Implementation Agenda Based on Consensus (AIC II), its scope, project eligibility criteria, management system, etc., will be analyzed in the process described under 3.

Next Step

Until August 6, the suggestions specified in 3.b) should be sent to the following e-mails:

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