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TWENTIETH MEETING OF NATIONAL COORDINATORS

April 13, 2012

Buenos Aires, Argentina

NOTES OF THE MEETING

On April 13, 2012, the city of Buenos Aires, Argentina, hosted the Twentieth Meeting of IIRSA National Coordinators. The objective of the meeting was to review the progress made regarding the Work Plan for 2012 and to schedule the activities for the second half of the year. The meeting agenda and the list of participating delegations are attached as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

After the working session was opened by the Presidency Pro Tempore (PPT), held by Paraguay, a presentation was made on the progress attained regarding the Work Plan for 2012 and on the activities scheduled for the rest of the year. This presentation is attached as Annex 3.

Then, the delegations made comments on the following issues:

- Indicative Territorial Planning

The Brazilian delegation expressed its interest in participating with its technical teams in the development of the study.

- Integration Territorial Programs (PTIs)

This methodology will be developed by a consulting firm under the supervision of the CCT in three phases: (i) Phase I – Proposed scope of the methodology; (ii) Phase II – Contents and development of the methodology; and (iii) Phase III – Identification of the PTIs.

For the purpose of identifying the needs that the Governments wish to address using this methodology, “case studies” of API projects to be mutually agreed by the National Coordinators will be conducted. The countries selected to carry out these studies are Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Peru. The criterion for this selection was to involve a Southern Cone country (Argentina), an Andean region country (Peru), and a landlocked country (Paraguay), as well as Brazil because it has borders with almost all the countries. Furthermore, the delegations agreed to include the project entitled “Routes Interconnecting Venezuela (Ciudad Guayana) - Guyana (Georgetown) - Suriname (South Drain - Apura - Zanderij - Moengo - Albina), including Construction of the Bridge Over the Corentyne River” (API No. 16) as one of the case studies.

- Database and Project Portfolio

The delegations agreed to conduct a complete update, including a review of the dynamic fields (amount and current status), manage additions, removals and projects to be discussed, and review all the files on

a case by case basis until all empty fields are completed and all inconsistencies and/or mistakes are amended.

The activities are listed below:

ACTIVITIES	DEADLINES	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Send the diagnosis involving the project files information to the countries	May 7	CCT
Review and update the Portfolio	Not later than June 1	National Coordinators
Send any additions, removals and projects to be discussed	Not later than June 1	National Coordinators
Draw information from the DB to prepare the GTE documentation	June 1	CCT
Hold GTE meetings on the 9 Integration and Development Hubs	June 26 to 28	National Coordinators

- Integration Priority Project Agenda (API)

The delegations agreed to change the name “API Follow-up and Monitoring System (SSM)” for “API Continuous Monitoring System (CMS).”

- COSIPLAN GIS and Cartographic Agendas

The delegations agreed that Actions 5.2 and 6.1.3 be undertaken together. In the light of this change, it was established that the name of the “Cartographic Agendas” GTE be replaced by “Geographic Information System and Cartography.” The National Coordination holding the PPT will inform the COSIPLAN Coordinating Committee about this.

- Strategic Environmental and Social Evaluation (EASE)

Reference was made to the need for a formal request by the countries to ensure the financial resources required to start the application of this tool to the “Multimodal Transportation in the Laguna Merín and Lagoa dos Patos System” project (Brazil-Uruguay).

Furthermore, it was agreed to start preparing its application to the “Paranaguá - Antofagasta Bioceanic Railway Corridor” project. Reference was also made to the need for a formal request by the countries.

- Infrastructure Disaster Management

The Chilean delegation asked the National Coordinators to submit successful experiences and lessons drawn from managing infrastructure disasters. Delegations were informed that a preliminary agenda of the workshop will be available by the end of May, while the workshop information will be distributed in September.

- Air Integration

The Peruvian delegation informed about the progress made in coordination with CAF and LACAC (Latin American Civil Aviation Commission). In addition, it proposed some guidelines in relation to the topics, objectives and possible lecturers of the workshop. Furthermore, it informed the delegations present that a preliminary agenda of the workshop will be available by the end of May.

- Schedule of Activities for 2012

The adjusted Schedule of Activities for 2012 is attached as Annex 4.

List of Annexes

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda

Annex 2: List of Participating Delegations

Annex 3: Presentation on the Progress Made regarding the Work Plan for 2012

Annex 4: Schedule of Activities for 2012