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REPORT OF THE MEETING

On June 25, 2014, the city of Santiago de Chile hosted the XXIV Meeting of IIRSA-COSIPLAN National Coordinators, which was attended by delegations from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname and Uruguay, as well as by representatives from UNASUR General Secretariat and IIRSA Technical Coordination Committee. The meeting agenda and the list of participants are attached as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

Objectives of the Meeting:

- i) Assess the progress made in the activities that are being carried out in the context of the COSIPLAN-IIRSA Work Plan 2014.
- ii) Review and update the Activity Timetable for July-December 2014 and the tasks derived from this process.

The meeting was opened by the Ministry of Public Works of Chile, Mr. Alberto Undurraga. The Minister noted the importance currently given in South America to the process of integration, particularly to infrastructure as a component of such process. He mentioned the priority attached by President Michelle Bachelet to the South American integration process in all its dimensions: cultural, political and, of course, physical. In this context, the Minister emphasized that it is essential to consider two aspects. First, the transnational hubs that connect our countries, enable physical and economic integration and facilitate cultural integration. This calls for investments in modern and efficient infrastructure, joining efforts with the private sector, reaching regional agreements and working on a bilateral basis. Second, a process of learning and exchange of experiences concerned with the lessons learned in each country regarding the development of connectivity, domestic production, and goods and services. Finally, South America must leverage its competitive advantages, its natural resources, its strategic position and, above all, its human capital. The Minister considered that this meeting was an excellent opportunity to move towards integration infrastructure with a social content intended to improve the quality of life of the South American peoples.

Next, the progress made in the activities set forth in the Work Plan 2014 was presented and analyzed. This presentation is attached as Annex 3.

The following are the main topics examined.

COSIPLAN PROJECTS

The results of the GTE Meeting to Update the Portfolio and API, held on April 22-24 in Bogotá, were presented. In this regard, the delegations:

- Agreed to the incorporation in the API structured projects files contained in the PIS of information about the progress of such projects, and to the inclusion of this information in the API Report 2014.
- Confirmed the date of implementation of functional adjustments and improvements to the PIS as June 30.
- Reiterated their commitment to enter this year's information in the PIS. The deadline is August 18, after which date the information will be retrieved to prepare the Portfolio and API Reports 2014.

	2014		
	Type of Project	Stage/s	Estimated Number of Projects
DESCRIPTORS BY SECTOR, SUBSECTOR AND TYPE OF WORKS	API and Anchor	Pre-execution/ Execution	93
RESULTS INDICATORS	API and Anchor	Completed	17
APPLICATION OF THE CMS TO THE PROJECT PORTFOLIO	Anchor	All	35
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PLANNING METHODOLOGIES AND TOOLS

Integration Territorial Programs (PTIs)

Argentina and Chile said that they are working to obtain support from the CCT to contribute to the tasks of both countries' teams to define the objective and the strategy guiding the actions of a PTI to be applied to the area of influence of API project Agua Negra Binational Tunnel.

EASE Methodology

Argentina and Paraguay expressed their interest in conducting an application of the EASE Methodology to their common border. Furthermore, they said that they were carrying out studies for the projects Construction of the El Dorado - Mayor Otaño Bridge, with Border Service Center, and Study for the Optimization of the Ñeembucú - Bermejo Node, both of which fall in the area of influence to which the methodology would be applied. The National Coordinations stated that they would submit the formal request before the CCT, thus initiating the activities to secure the resources.

It was announced that the final report on the application to the Multimodal Transportation in the Merín and dos Patos Lakes project is already available on the website.

Risk and Disaster Management in Infrastructure

A description was made of the actions underway coordinated by Chile with the support of an IDB Technical Coordination. These include the drafting of the Methodology User's Manual, a pilot application, and the organization of the GTE meeting, which was rescheduled for October 17 in Buenos Aires.

The PPT held by Chile announced that a meeting of the UNASUR High-Level Group for Integrated Risk and Disaster Management would be held. This Group is more focused on response to emergencies, and is working on the preparation of a dictionary of terms commonly used in this field. The collaboration of the Group in the revision and application of the COSIPLAN methodology was requested.

Finally, Argentina stressed the importance of incorporating the prevention component into the methodology during the stage of land use and occupancy planning.

SECTORAL PROCESSES

Freight Transport and Logistics

The invitation to the Workshop on Freight Transport and Logistics was made, and the National Coordinations had a week to propose lecturers and send comments on the workshop agenda. The workshop would be held on August 5 and 6 in Lima.

Ports

The workshop on ports was postponed to 2015. Progress would be made in the development of a study to identify possible action lines at the regional level in order to make headway with sea and river integration, with an emphasis on waterways.

At the Workshop on Freight Transport and Logistics, the National Coordination of Brazil would submit a proposal to broaden the scope of the Action on Ports so as to include waterways. Additionally, Brazil would present the scope of the study for the countries to make comments.

Air Integration

Two studies were being conducted: A Case Study on Air Cargo Terminals in the Airports of the UNASUR Member States, and a Study on Air Transport Integration in Latin America. The organization of a GTE Meeting on Air Integration on September 10 and 11 in Rio de Janeiro was confirmed.

Facilitation and Modernization of Border Crossings

The Argentine and Chilean delegations proposed to broaden the scope of the next GTE meeting to include border integration issues. Thus, the objective of this meeting would be to identify the necessary elements for border crossing integration and facilitation in order to define action lines to be implemented within the framework of COSIPLAN. It was stated that, on a preliminary basis, the agenda would include binational experiences, integrated border management, facilitation of cross-border movement, and performance standards and indicators, among other items. The meeting would be held on October 16 in Buenos Aires, and a preliminary version of the agenda would be sent within a month for the countries to submit their comments.

Trade Integration through Postal Services

Work was being carried out on two lines of action: export and import through postal services. The upcoming GTE meeting was said to be an opportunity to analyze the activities underway at a national and regional level, and to integrate them with those being carried out at the international level within the framework of the UPAEP,¹ the UPU,² and the WCO.³

The GTE meeting was rescheduled for September 18 and 19 in Montevideo to take advantage of the fact that meetings of the UPU and the UPAEP would be taking place in the same week, thus facilitating the participation of experts in customs and postal services.

Next, in the context of the UNASUR mandate to serve as a forum for discussion and citizen participation, Mr. César Gamboa, from Derecho, Ambiente y Recursos Naturales (Law, Environment and Natural Resources – DAR Peru), and Ms. Margarita Florez, from Ambiente y Sociedad (Environment and Society, Colombia), delivered their presentations, in which they stressed the importance of supporting investments in infrastructure with the active participation of the social and political organizations involved in the territories, and highlighted the EASE Methodology and the Integration Territorial Programs as instruments contributing to such purpose. The presentations are attached as Annexes 4 and 5.

The delegations considered this to be an opportunity to reach agreements among different actors of the region and to establish a dialogue that would encourage alliances between the governments and social movements, foster participatory planning, and promote investments in physical infrastructure following environmental sustainability and social participation criteria. Furthermore, they stated that the responsibility for the execution of projects lied with the governments and, therefore, they had to establish consultation processes to ensure citizen participation.

Next, the Executive Director of Red Clara, Mr. Florencio Utreras, delivered a presentation on the mission and projects of his institution, which is a Latin American system of collaboration in the fields of research, innovation and education through the use of state-of-the-art telecommunication networks. In March 2011, a study was undertaken concerning a submarine communications cable to link Latin America and Europe, between Fortaleza and Lisbon, with a carrying capacity of up to 30 Tbps (which is higher than the whole carrying capacity of the cables currently serving South America). The cable will become operational in January 2016. The project seeks to meet the need for better telecommunication services of academia and research communities as well as to facilitate the exchange of information on all fields between both continents. The presentation is attached as Annex 6.

Finally, the Presidency Pro Tempore presented the Activity Timetable for July-December 2014, and the delegations made adjustments and reschedules. The new version of the timetable is attached as Annex 7.

¹ Postal Union of the Americas, Spain and Portugal.

² Universal Postal Union.

³ World Customs Organization.

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