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VI Meeting of National Coordinators

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Buenos Aires, Argentina

NOTES OF THE MEETING

I. Opening Session

II. Implementation Agenda based on Consensus (AIC) 2005-2010

Progress Status and Report to the Presidency of the Executive Steering Committee (CDE)

1. The AIC Report was submitted to the consideration of the national delegations. It was emphasized that the AIC report reflects the progress made by the Agenda up to a specific date and that it will be subject to regular updates.
2. Comments on the report were requested to be submitted to the Secretariat not later than July 28.
3. On the basis of the work carried out, once the comments by the national delegations are incorporated, the report will be submitted to the Presidency of the CDE at the next meeting, to be held in November.

Online Monitoring System

1. The delegations expressed their interest in and support to the prototype system development.
2. The Technical Coordination Committee (CCT) was requested to prepare a work plan for implementing the system. This plan should include an explanation of the guidelines for the system use and pilot testing time frame before actual go live.

III. Evaluation of the VESA National Workshops and Next Steps towards the VESA Regional Workshop, to be held in October

1. The conclusions of the VESA (South American Strategic Vision) Workshops already held were presented, and suggestions concerning the organization of the workshops scheduled for the next few months were put forward.
2. Several remarks were made noting that this is the beginning of a process. Emphasis was placed on the need to make dissemination efforts by publishing material, in addition to exploring other communication tools.
3. A consensus was reached on the need to further analyze these matters at the Planning Workshops and at the VESA Regional Workshop scheduled for October.

IV. Strengthening the Business Vision of the Hubs: The Business Perspective

1. The Peruvian delegation presented a proposal for strengthening the business vision of the Hubs to contribute to the integration process, as provided for in the founding objectives of IIRSA.
2. Specifically, this proposal consists in discussing and analyzing the mechanisms for the participation of the private sector by including such topics in the CDE agenda. For this purpose, the countries could select particular projects and regions where the priority actions leading to such participation are concentrated.
3. The delegations expressed their agreement with the content and importance of the proposal. This issue will be further examined at the VESA Regional Planning Workshop and at the Meeting of National Coordinators to be held in October.

V. Financing Instruments

Report by the National Coordinator of Paraguay, Mr. Roberto Salinas, on the visit made by the Ministry of Public Works and Communications, Mr. Alberto Alderete Rodríguez, to the Inter-American Development Bank, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund

1. The Presidency delivered a detailed presentation on the visits made to the World Bank (WB), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the results attained.
2. The delegations considered the possibility of inviting representatives from the WB and the IMF to IIRSA meetings.
3. The Peruvian delegation submitted a proposal on behalf of the delegation of the Puebla-Panama Plan (PPP) expressing their interest in delivering a presentation on the PPP at the next meeting of the CDE.

Evaluation of the Special Missions to Each Country by the CCT concerning Financing

4. The CCT expressed that it is encountering difficulties and obtaining few results in its special missions on financing.

5. The delegations made several remarks regarding the quality of the projects, the search for innovative financing mechanisms, the criteria for assessing the integration projects, and the dialogue with the IMF.

Ministerial Workshop on Financing Scheduled for September

6. The delegations agreed on the need to postpone the Workshop on Financing scheduled for September until a consensus is reached about a substantive agenda for the workshop.
7. This matter will be further discussed at the Planning Workshop and at the Meeting of National Coordinators to be held in October.

VI. Facilitation of Border Crossings – Assessment of the Pilot Experiences

1. The delegations analyzed the progress made in the activities as presented by the CCT on this topic, and expressed their interest in holding a seminar to examine the results. The seminar would be conducted in the first quarter of 2006 upon completion of the studies involved in this stage.

VII. Sectoral Integration Processes

Networks of Experts

1. The CCT expressed that it is necessary to bring more dynamism to the expert networks dealing with the Sectoral Processes. The CCT will submit a proposal basically consisting in assigning responsibilities and leadership to the countries so that they be in charge of the Sectoral Processes.

South American Roaming

2. South American Roaming: A proposed work plan and information request will be submitted for comments from the national delegations.
3. Exports through Postal Services: A questionnaire will be submitted to gather information.
4. A seminar on ICTs organized by Ecuador in coordination with the CCT is scheduled to be held in the second half of the year, but its precise date is yet to be decided. This seminar will include the five countries involved in the Amazon Hub.
5. In the first half of 2006, a seminar in South American Roaming and Exports through Postal Services will be held with the expected participation of the twelve IIRSA member countries.

VIII. Preparation of the GTE Meetings on the Paraguay-Paraná Waterway and the MERCOSUR-Chile Hubs

1. Details of the scope and attendance of both meetings were provided. Argentina requested that the Uruguay River area be incorporated into the Paraguay-Paraná Waterway Hub, and

announced that it will put forward this proposal at the meeting on this Hub. The Presidency took note of the proposal.

IX. Workshop on Planning Experiences to be Held in October – Proposed Organization of a Pilot Workshop in the MERCOSUR Countries and in Chile to subsequently incorporate the results into the IIRSA Workshop

1. The Presidency gave details of the scope of the MERCOSUR-Chile Workshop on Territorial Planning Experiences. Both its agenda and date are yet to be determined. The Presidency invited the other countries to participate in this sub-regional workshop as observers.

X. Tour to Europe and Asia by the Presidency of the CDE to Introduce IIRSA

1. The Presidency made reference to this matter while considering item V on the Agenda (visit by Minister Alderete to the financing organizations).

XI. Meeting of the GTE on the Amazon Hub regarding Information and Communications Technologies

1. This matter was discussed as part of the Sectoral Integration Processes item, and the conclusions are presented in paragraph VII.4.