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SPECIAL MEETING OF NATIONAL COORDINATORS ON CARTOGRAPHIC AGENDAS

March 8, 2012

Asunción, Paraguay

NOTES OF THE MEETING

On March 8, 2012, the city of Asunción, Paraguay, hosted the Special Meeting of National Coordinators on Cartographic Agendas. The objective of the meeting was to discuss and agree upon the main characteristics and requirements for developing a geo-reference tool to guide territorial planning in South America, according to objective 5.2 of the Strategic Action Plan (PAE 2012-2022). The meeting agenda and the list of participating delegations are attached as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

After the opening of the work session by the Presidency Pro Tempore (PPT) of Paraguay, the Argentine delegation presented a proposal to develop a geo-referenced information system for COSIPLAN. The proposal made by the Argentine delegation is attached as Annex 3.

As a result of the exchange of opinions held by the delegates, the following steps were agreed to be taken:

- Draw up a basic technical guide taking the Argentine proposal as a reference. To this end, each country will send its observations, suggestions, and complementary contributions regarding such document, which will be under the consideration of the other countries so as to produce a consensual document. This information should be sent to the CCT Secretariat not later than Friday, March 23, in order to be considered at the coming GTE Meeting on Cartographic Agendas to be held in Buenos Aires on April 11.
- Consider the support offered by CAF to cooperate in the development of the system, either through the GeoSUR program, by modifying and/or adjusting it to make it compatible with the geo-referenced data formats, or through another tool designed to socialize the information.
- Encourage training, taking into account the institutes specialized in this field.
- Design a readily accessible and user-friendly socialization tool.
- Enter the geo-referenced information gradually, depending on availability in each country.
- Encourage National Coordinators and experts from geographic institutes or similar organizations to participate in the GTE meetings with a view to producing a comprehensive and interdisciplinary work.

List of Annexes

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda

Annex 2: List of Participating Delegations

Annex 3: Proposal made by the Argentine delegation to develop a geo-referenced information system for COSIPLAN