



DECLARATION OF THE MINISTERS OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING COUNCIL (COSIPLAN)

LIMA, REPUBLIC OF PERU

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2012

The Ministers of the South American Infrastructure and Planning Council (COSIPLAN) of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), assembled in the City of Lima, Republic of Peru, on November 16, 2012, at the III Council Ordinary Meeting:

1. Highlight the need to advance in the physical integration of South American spaces to contribute to the gradual overcoming of structural inequalities and poverty and to continue on the road to the economic and social development of the Region.
2. Emphasize the need for South American nations to increase their physical infrastructure in line with the highest standards, including associated logistic services, in order to strengthen regional integration and union and, thus, improve their internal efficiency and insertion into globalization.
3. Envision South America as a region with an identity of its own and as a fully integrated economic space, as an area of peace and cooperation, where borders become places for full integration.
4. Reaffirm the commitment to continue promoting physical infrastructure projects and the improvement of logistic services in national and sub-regional levels, as a priority in their public policies and development strategies, for the connectivity and integration of their different spaces.
5. Point up the 2012 – 2022 Strategic Action Plan (PAE) as an instrument to guide and structure COSIPLAN lines of action for the next 10 years,



especially in the application of planning methodologies, the execution of infrastructure projects, financing mechanisms, and the harmonization of the countries' regulatory frameworks.

6. Welcome the actions taken during 2012 by the different COSIPLAN bodies to advance the implementation of the 2012-2022 Strategic Action Plan; therefore, they approve the 2012 COSIPLAN Activity Report, and the documents produced as a result of such actions, including COSIPLAN 2012 Project Portfolio Report, 2012 Integration Project Priority Agenda (API) Progress Report, and the Basic Technical Guidelines for the Development of a COSIPLAN Geographic Information System (SIG).
7. Celebrate the establishment of annual plans to implement the 2012-2022 Strategic Action Plan; therefore, they approve the 2013 COSIPLAN Work Plan as a tool to guide the activities to be performed by the Pro Tempore Presidency.
8. Highlight the need to continue promoting actions for the South American regional integration by constructing the South American Optical Ring and the intensive use of Communication and Information Technologies (TICs), fostering the improvement and compatibility of communication infrastructure and its interconnection, the quality of services rendered and the expansion of the regional content available in the networks, in order to overcome space and technological constraints, especially in the connection of deprived and border areas with other more developed areas.
9. Emphasize the relevance of advancing the strategic vision for integrating geographical spaces in South America. For this purpose, it was agreed to carry out a workshop during the first half of 2013 towards the creation of a Work Group on Integral Planning.

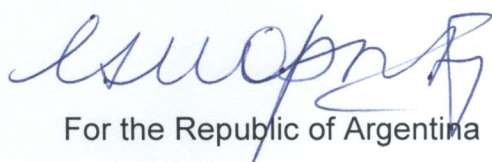


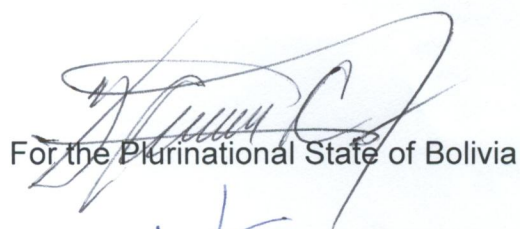
10. Stress the willingness of the countries to support and participate in the different activities of COSIPLAN Pro Tempore Presidency of Peru; and within the regulatory framework established in UNASUR, they agree to entrust the Federative Republic of Brazil with the Presidency of the COSIPLAN Work Group on Financing and Guarantee Mechanisms and the Oriental Republic of Uruguay with the Presidency of the Work Group on Railway Integration.

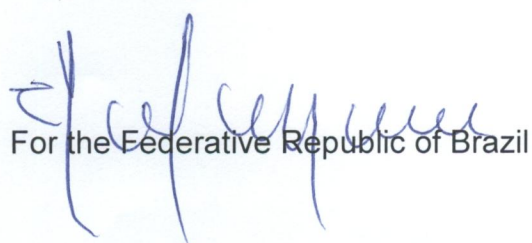
Value the commendable efforts made by the Pro Tempore Presidency of Peru, especially considering the exceptional circumstances in which office was assumed.

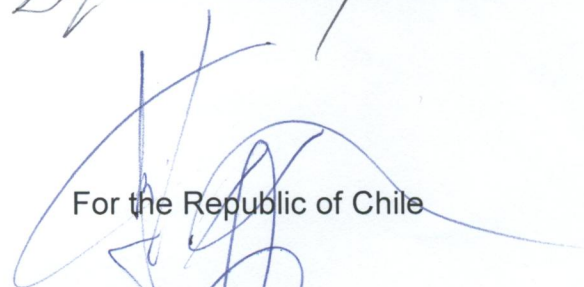
Express the Republic of Peru their appreciation for their hospitality and the excellent organization of activities.

Signed in the City of Lima, Republic of Peru, on November 16, 2012.

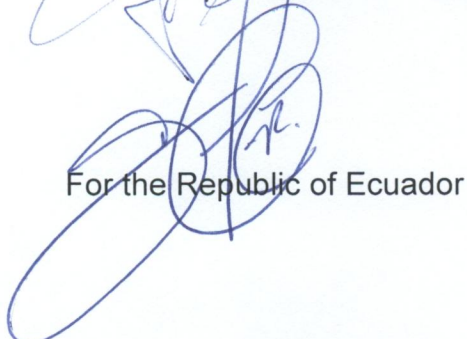

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For the Plurinational State of Bolivia


For the Federative Republic of Brazil

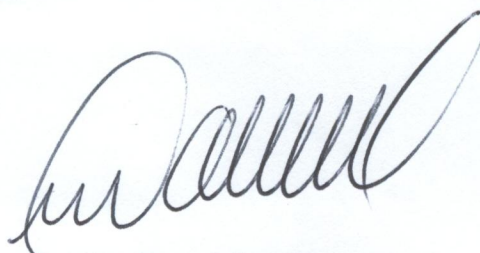

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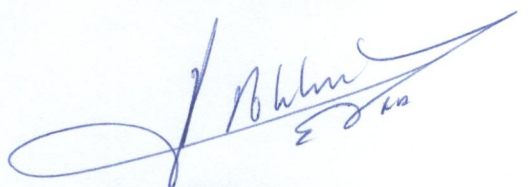

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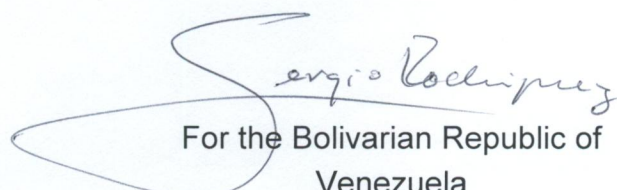
For the Republic of Peru



For the Republic of Suriname



For the Oriental Republic of Uruguay



For the Bolivarian Republic of
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