

**DECLARATION OF THE MINISTERS OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN
INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING COUNCIL**

The Ministers of the South American Infrastructure and Planning Council (COSIPLAN) of the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), assembled in the city of Santiago, Republic of Chile, on November 29, 2013, at the COSIPLAN IV Ordinary Meeting:

Convinced of the importance of the development of a South American platform for the connectivity of territories which should contribute to the social, cultural and productive integration processes promoted in the region, in the strategy of enhancing UNASUR as a geopolitical project for a world context, facing the challenges of international economy and policy changes, and which should help reduce inequalities among countries;

Conscious of the progress in developing integration infrastructure and of the need to enhance this process and to tackle pending challenges;

Considering that the requirements for infrastructure, logistics systems and norms result in a growing need for more and better roads, airports, ports, railways, border crossings, telecommunications, electricity, water supply and sanitation facilities;

In full concordance with the Declaration of Paramaribo, issued on August 30, 2013, at the VII Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Heads of State and Government of the Union of South American Nations, which expressed that the regional strategic vision should be based on "*... the strengthening of the physical infrastructure and connectivity among Member States to promote the integration of their citizens and encourage the establishment of the South American identity*";

Considering that the regional dimension of infrastructure and logistics systems can effectively contribute to promoting development and competitiveness in the South American nations;

Acknowledging the excellent performance of the COSIPLAN Presidency Pro Tempore held by the Republic of Peru between July 2012 and August 2013, which is given recognition in the person of the Minister of Transport and Communications Mr. Carlos Paredes Rodríguez and his collaborators;

Emphasizing the importance of the Strategic Action Plan (PAE) 2012-2022 as an instrument structuring the lines of action of COSIPLAN for the application of planning methodologies, the execution of infrastructure projects, the adoption

of financing mechanisms and the harmonization of the regulatory frameworks of the countries, entrust the Presidency Pro Tempore to adopt a mechanism to monitor the PAE actions, establishing a baseline and keeping record of their progress over time.

The COSIPLAN Ministers:

1. Approve the COSIPLAN Activity Report 2013 as well as the following documents produced: COSIPLAN Project Portfolio Report 2013; Integration Priority Project Agenda (API) Progress Report 2013; Elements for the Sustainable Development of the Territory of the Expanded Amazon Hub; Methodologies for Integration Territorial Programs (PTIs): Conceptual Guidelines for their Design; Methodology for Risk and Disaster Prevention and Management in Infrastructure; and Survey on the Best Practices in Customs Postal Import Processes.
2. Agree on the COSIPLAN Work Plan 2014 as an instrument to guide the activities to be performed by the Presidency Pro Tempore.
3. Compliment the disposition of the countries to support and participate in the different activities of COSIPLAN, and, under the regulatory framework established by UNASUR, approve:
 - a) Entrust the Federative Republic of Brazil to organize a Workshop on Ports in order to exchange experiences and lessons learned, as identified by the countries in the port sector and articulate the regional south American positions concerning these matters
 - b) Entrust the Federative Republic of Brazil to organize a Workshop on Integration of the Regional Area
 - c) Assign the Republic of Perú the coordination of a Workshop on Freight Transport and Logistics with the purpose of advancing towards a systemic view of infrastructure, transport and logistics
 - d) Entrust the Republic of Paraguay to coordinate the Working Group on Telecommunications. For this, Paraguay is assigned the effort to manage procurement of funds for the studies on "Network for South American Connectivity for Integration", which should produce the South American Broadband Network according to the agreement reached by the Communications Ministers, in August, 2013. Here, the presidential direction for steady coordination with the South American Defense Council on matters of cybernetics defense and optic fiber interconnection is pointed out;

4. Agree on the formation of a WG on Geographic Information System (GIS) and COSIPLAN website, and entrust the Republic of Argentina to coordinate close collaboration with the UNASUR General Secretariat. Emphasize the support of the Economics Initiative Fund for the financing of activities assigned to this WG;
5. Point out progress made by the Executive Technical Group on Risk and Disaster Prevention and Management in the South American Integration Infrastructure, led by the Republic of Chile, with the presentation of the Methodology for Risk and Disaster Prevention and Management. Ask coordinated actions in this matter with the High Level Group for Disaster Risk Integral Management;
6. Entrust the Republic of Argentina and the Republic of Chile Argentina to lead the efforts for coordination on facilitating and upgrading of border paths;
7. Entrust the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the Republic of Ecuador to organize two Workshops on Integral Planning, aiming at strengthening the strategic view that enhances the South American integration process;
8. Highlight progress of WG on Financing and Guarantee Mechanisms led by the Federal Republic of Brazil, and instruct the Working Group to work in coordination with the UNASUR Council on Economy and Finance, as expressed by the Heads of State in the Declaration of Paramaribo. For this, they instruct exploring new sources for financing integration projects in South America so as to generate studies and the implementation of the projects, as well as expanding the CCT scope in order to include participation of other financing entities, at a national or regional level;
9. Taking into consideration the need to count on financing new resources to adequately implement infrastructure projects in the South American region, COSIPLAN Ministers promote coordinated participation of UNASUR members in the next meeting of Bid Governors which will take place in the city of Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, in March 2014;
10. Express recognition to the progress attained by the Working Group on South American Rail Integration led by the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, and encourage further progress with the Terms of Reference for the analysis of regulatory aspects associated with rail transport in the region, as well as procurement for obtaining funds for technical assistance;
11. Point out the progress achieved by the Executive Technical Group on Trade Integration through Postal Services, led by the Federal Republic of Brazil, oriented to incentivizing import and export flows originated by small and medium sized companies.

Signed in the city of Santiago, Republic of Chile, on November 29, 2013.



By the Republic of Argentina



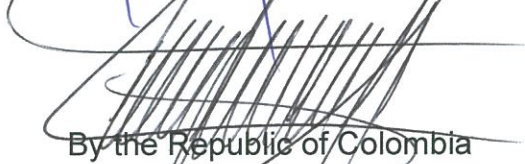
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By the Federative Republic of Brazil



By the Republic of Chile



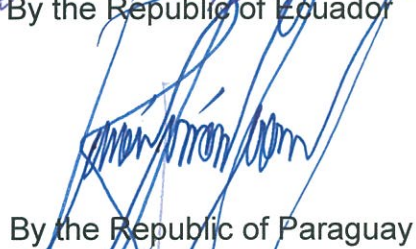
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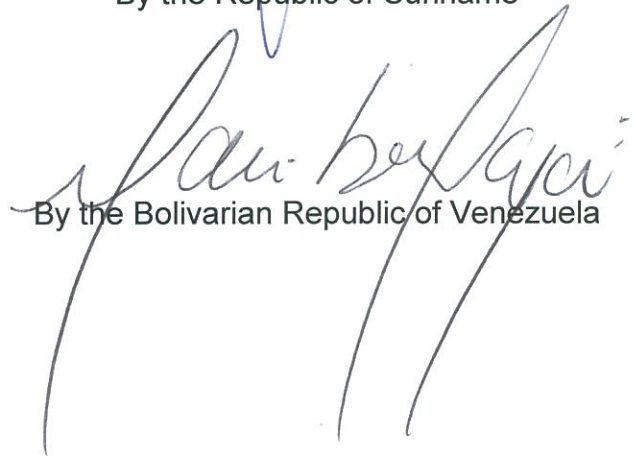
By the Republic of Peru



By the Republic of Suriname



By the Oriental Republic of Uruguay



By the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela