

## MINUTES

### **VIII MEETING OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND PLANNING COUNCIL (COSIPLAN)**

On November 28, 2013, the city of Santiago, Republic of Chile, hosted the VIII Meeting of the Coordinating Committee of the South American Infrastructure and Planning Council (COSIPLAN) within the Union of South American Nations (UNASUR), as provided for in the COSIPLAN Work Plan 2013.

The meeting was presided by the delegation of Chile, holding the COSIPLAN Presidency Pro Tempore, and was attended by the delegations of the Republic of Argentina, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Federal Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Ecuador, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Paraguay, the Republic of Peru, the Republic of Suriname, the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and the UNASUR General Secretariat. The list of participants is attached as Annex 1.

After the welcoming speech and the opening session by the Presidency Pro Tempore held by Chile, the meeting agenda was approved. The agenda is attached as Annex 2.

Next, the following items on the agenda were taken up:

#### **1.-. COSIPLAN Activity Report 2013**

1.1. **COSIPLAN Report:** The COSIPLAN Coordinating Committee and Working Groups Activity Report 2013 was presented by the COSIPLAN Vice-Presidency held by Peru. This document was approved following deliberations by the countries and is attached as Annex 3.

1.2. **IIRSA Report:** The COSIPLAN Coordinating Committee adopted the Activity Report 2013 of IIRSA Technical Forum. This document is attached as Annex 4.

## **2.- Countries' Attendance at and Participation in the COSIPLAN Meetings**

Importance was attached to ensuring a greater participation of the COSIPLAN delegates. In the understanding that this depends on several factors, the following measures to be taken by the PPT and the countries themselves were agreed:

- a) Within the framework of Article 5 of the COSIPLAN Regulations and with absolute respect for the sovereign decision by the countries, the countries were invited to domestically encourage the incorporation of the technical bodies responsible for planning issues to the national coordination.
- b) The PPT will undertake a more intense monitoring to ensure the participation of representatives in the meetings, by sending notes to the authorities as well as to the focal points and the countries' embassies with representation in the country holding the PPT.
- c) Should a country be unable to participate for any circumstance despite the measures adopted, its diplomatic representation in the host country of the meeting will be invited to send a representative of such diplomatic mission with instructions from relevant authorities.
- d) Request the UNASUR General Secretariat to facilitate the participation of the representatives of less developed countries requesting assistance by resorting to the relevant fund.
- e) Foster measures to make progress concerning visa requirements among the South American countries.

## **3.- Civic Participation**

It was agreed to encourage the participation of civil society in the processes carried out within COSIPLAN through dialogue and interaction with the different social actors within the framework of the Guidelines for the Functioning of the Civic Participation Forum, considering the following aspects, among others:

- National mechanisms for participation.
- Define the most effective information, inquiry and follow-up channels concerning the development of the various initiatives undertaken within the COSIPLAN framework.
- Take advantage of the processes already underway within COSIPLAN that contribute to the objective above, such as the EASE methodology, the dissemination of the COSIPLAN projects, and the development of a website, as well as other regional experiences.
- Create innovating mechanisms and forums to encourage discussions on such initiatives.

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- Promote an exchange of experiences among the COSIPLAN Member States and other integration forums that may contribute elements leading to the design of a specific work plan for this integration framework.
  - Establish a consensus mechanism for the 12 COSIPLAN Member States to invite representative groups from different social actors to the meetings.
  - Set up consensual criteria to define the representativeness of civil organizations requesting direct participation in the meetings or in some of the COSIPLAN working groups, considering that the specific projects fostered in this forum usually have a limited territorial scope.
  - Brazil will contribute with elements of civic participation based on sub-regional experiences.

#### **4.- Adjustment of the COSIPLAN Regulations according the General Regulations of UNASUR**

It was agreed that the countries should send the PPT their proposals regarding the text delivered by the Republic of Peru in order to hold a videoconference.

#### **5.- Working Group on Telecommunications**

The delegations agreed to the following:

- This Working Group will be coordinated by the Republic of Paraguay.
- Encourage projects that promote regional integration through ICTs.
- Secure the funds to define the studies concerning the “South American Connectivity Network for Integration” for the construction of the South American Broadband Network on the basis of what was agreed by the Communications Ministers in August 2013.
- Work jointly with the South American Defense Council to maintain regular coordination on issues related to cybernetic defense and the interconnection of the fiber optic networks.

#### **7.- COSIPLAN Geographic Information System and Website**

It was agreed to consolidate the work on the Geographic Information System and the COSIPLAN Website in a single Working Group under the coordination of the Argentine Republic. The following tasks will be performed:

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- Make headway with the execution of the work plan for the development and implementation of the COSIPLAN GIS, with the assistance of the Common Initiatives Fund of UNASUR
  - Design and implement the work plan for the development of the COSIPLAN Website in cooperation with the UNASUR General Secretariat
  - Organize GTE meetings to assess the progress of the work plan

#### **8.- Financing of Portfolio Projects**

For the program to be undertaken by the Working Group on Financing and Guarantee Mechanisms and Financial Support, it was agreed as follows:

- Explore new sources for the financing of integration projects in South America, preparation of studies, and implementation of projects
- Undertake coordination with the Council on Economy and Finance
- Work toward the enlargement of the CCT

#### **9.- PAE 2012-2022**

The proposal to create follow-up mechanisms to monitor this Plan considering its progress in the annual evaluation was approved.

#### **10.- COSIPLAN Activities and Work Plan 2014**

- The PPT presented the COSIPLAN Work Plan 2014, which was approved with modifications introduced by the delegates. The final text, to be presented for the consideration of the Ministers, is attached as Annex 5.
- COSIPLAN Activity Timetable 2014. The COSIPLAN meeting and activity calendar, attached as Annex 6, was approved.

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**11.- Declaration and Documents to be Submitted to the IV Ordinary Meeting of COSIPLAN Ministers**

The delegations proposed a draft declaration to be considered by the COSIPLAN Ministers and agreed to submit the following documents to the Ministers:

- COSIPLAN Activity Report 2013
- 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
- Integration Territorial Programs (PTIs) – Conceptual Guidelines for their Design
- Methodology for Risk and Disaster Prevention and Management in Infrastructure
- Survey on the Best Practices in Customs Postal Import Processes
- COSIPLAN Work Plan 2014
- Agreement concerning the creation of the Working Group on the COSIPLAN Geographic Information System and Website, “GIS-COSIPLAN WEB WG”



**COSIPLAN**  
**Presidencia Pro Tempore**  
**Chile 2013 - 2014**

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

By the Republic of Argentina

By the Plurinational State of Bolivia

By the Federal Republic of Brazil

By the Republic of Chile

By the Republic of Ecuador

By the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

By the Republic of Paraguay

By the Republic of Peru

By the Republic of Suriname

By the Oriental Republic of Uruguay

By the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

**AGENDA OF THE VIII MEETING OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE  
AND PLANNING COUNCIL – COSIPLAN**

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