

**13TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE
AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION**

RES/XIII MRE-OTCA/01

WHEREAS:

Since 2010 the Member Countries have been making decisions aimed at adopting a funding strategy, to facilitate the implementation of the thematic agenda of the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda, approved at the 10th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ACTO;

As established by RES/X MRE-OTCA/05; RES/XI MRE-OTCA/03; and, RES/XII MRE-OTCA/13, in Lima, 2010, Manaus, 2011 and El Coca, 2013, respectively;

The results of the CCA *Ad-Hoc* Working Group to propose a long-term funding strategy created through RES/XII_MRE/OTCA/14 and the explanatory document "Long Term Financial Strategy", prepared by the Permanent Secretariat and submitted to the Group to guide its work;

The decisions made in the context of the CCA Extraordinary Meetings held in 2014 in Bogota and Brasilia, in Rio de Janeiro in 2015 and in Santa Cruz de la Sierra in 2016;

New opportunities were identified as part of these funding decisions that need to be finalized;

The realization of new funding opportunities, is essential to give the Organization more financial autonomy so that it is able to respond to the renewed desire of its Member Countries, expand and deepen their cooperation and implement the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda; and

Cooperation sources from Member Countries need to be scaled-up to strengthen regional cooperation.

RESOLVE TO:

ADOPT the ACTO Long-Term Funding Strategy, following the recommendations of the Meeting of the ACC Ad Hoc Working Group on Long Term Funding Strategy, and start its implementation where possible, from 2018.

ENTRUST the PS with the implementation of the recommendations contained in the document attached to the resolution, which includes the conclusion of the updates of yearly fees of MC for 2018 and potentiate the national and international cooperation projects and advance in identifying the contribution of public and private companies to the value of the Amazon culture.

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RES/XIII MRE-OTCA/02

WHEREAS:

The new Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda was approved by Resolution RES X/MRE-ACTO/05 of 30 November 2010, and the Permanent Secretariat was requested to disseminate said agenda at national, regional and international levels with a view to identifying new sources of cooperation to ensure the implementation thereof;

Resolution RES X/MRE-ACTO/07 of 30 November 2010 lays down the procedures, mechanisms and terms for negotiating and signing proposed agreements between the Permanent Secretariat and third countries, international organizations and other agencies, in addition to approving the guidelines for relations with international cooperation;

Resolution RES/XI/MRE-ACTO/04 of 22 November 2011 acknowledges the contributions made by international cooperation through the governments of Member Countries, friendly countries and international organizations to the achievement of the objectives and mandates of ACTO Member Countries, by funding projects on the Strategic Agenda for Amazon Cooperation;

Resolution RES/XII/MRE-ACTO/09 of 3 May 2013 recognizes and pays tribute to the contribution of the Member Countries, as well as that of international cooperation, to the implementation of the priority programmes, projects and initiatives at regional level on the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda;

It is a priority to continue to make decisions to allow for the signing and implementation of agreements and/or memoranda with cooperation agencies, within the framework of the above-mentioned RES X/MRE-ACTO/07; and

It is necessary to consolidate and provide continuity to the regional cooperation process.

RESOLVE:

TO EMPHASIZE the contribution made by ACTO Member Countries to the implementation of the programmes, projects and activities within the framework of ministerial mandates and the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda.

TO RECOGNIZE the progress made in the execution of the project "Support for ACTO's Amazon Social Agenda", with the support of the Brazilian Government in the framework of Resolution RES/XI MRE-ACTO/03 of 22 November 2011. Through this project, progress was made in identifying the main actions taken by Member Countries at national level to enable the issue of social inclusion to be incorporated into the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda.

TO EMPHASIZE the signing of the framework agreement with the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), in 2014. Entrust the Permanent Secretariat to follow-up the negotiations for the "Regional Project Strengthening of Capacities of Integrated Forest Fire Management in the Amazon. "

TO EXPRESS GRATITUDE FOR the support given to ACTO by the Governments of Germany and the Netherlands (BMZ-DGIS) during the period 2005 - 2017, through the project "Institutional Strengthening of the ACTO - Amazon Regional Program", which has, among other results, allowed for the establishment and operating of the Technical Support Unit of the Permanent Secretariat. To INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to seek new

forms of cooperation with these Governments, which were discussed during a meeting with the Federal Ministry of Economic Development Cooperation of the German Government (BMZ), in Bonn. This proposal was well received by the German counterpart, who demonstrated interest in continuing to cooperate with ACTO in areas of common interest.

TO WELCOME the Regional Project for the Management, Monitoring and Control of Species of Wildlife Endangered by Trade, funded by the German Government through the German Reconstruction Credit Bank – KfW, which started in August 1, 2016.

TO WELCOME the implementation of the Project "Monitoring Forest Coverage in the Amazon Region", funded by the Amazon Fund/National Bank for Economic and Social Development of Brazil (BNDES), as clear example of the efforts of the Member Countries against deforestation. It is scheduled to conclude during the first quarter of 2018. To highlight the preparation, under this project, of three Regional Maps on Amazon Deforestation, and subsequently, Coverage and Land Use. To instruct the Permanent Secretariat to continue with the process of coordination and formulation of the Conceptual Note of the Forests and Climate Change Project for its presentation before the Amazon Fund BNDES of Brazil.

TO EMPHASIZE the importance of the project "Integrated, Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources of the Amazon River Basin considering climate variability and climate change", taking into account that the results included were: i) Shared vision of the management of the Amazon Basin's water resources; ii) Transboundary Diagnosis Analysis; and iii) the final draft of the project's Strategic Action Plan. As well as to continue with the formulation of the projects identified and prioritized in the Project Identification Format (PIF).

TO THANK the Peruvian Government for conducting the Regional Meeting for the Preparation of a Regional Gender Strategy for ACTO, held in the city of Lima, Republic of Peru, on October 24 and 25, 2017. To recognize that the incorporation of the gender perspective in the implementation of the current mandate of ACTO can be developed through different modalities and requests the PS to present concrete proposals and options for this objective considering the accreditation process of the PS of ACTO before the Climate Green Fund.

TO THANK the Brazilian Government's support, through the National Water Agency of Brazil (ANA), the Brazilian Cooperation Agency (ABC), and the Department of Northern and Western South America (DASSO), for the support provided in the implementation of the Project "Regional Action in the Area of Water Resources", emphasizing that the results of the project are a clear example that south-south cooperation is essential to promote regional actions among the Member Countries of the ACTO.

TO EXPRESS its firm commitment to the implementation of the final phase of the regional project "Institutional Strengthening of ACTO Member Countries for Ecologically Responsible Forest Management and the Conservation of Biodiversity in Amazon Forests", implemented with the financial support of the International Tropical Timber Organization (ITTO), within the framework of the ITTO Initiative and the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) for the conservation of the biodiversity of tropical forests, highlighting the contribution of the project for the strengthening of the Member Countries in matters of sustainable forest management and the conservation of the biodiversity of the Amazonian forests.

TO HIGHLIGHT the results of the project "Electronic Issue of CITES Permits in ACTO Member Countries", as a valuable contribution to national systems for issuing e-permits and a vital step for the implementation of the project for the Management, Monitoring and Control of Species of Wildlife Endangered by Trade.

TO COMMEND the financial support provided to the Permanent Secretariat by the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for the execution of the Project "Strategic Framework for

the preparation of a Regional Agenda for the Protection of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact (PIACI) and the Project "Indigenous Peoples in Border Regions of ACTO" as a second phase of the PIACI Project. It is recognized that the indigenous agenda is a priority for achieving the sustainable development of the Amazon Region.

TO HIGHLIGHT the significance of the "Environmental Health Surveillance System Program for the Amazon Region" for its contribution to the regional management of public health surveillance.

TO HIGHLIGHT the Project Support to the Development of Ecological and Economic Zoning of the state of Roraima in Brazil that seeks the promotion of socioeconomic development on sustainable bases as well as the modernization of the planning structure of the government of that state.

WELCOME the inter-institutional cooperation agreement signed in 2017 with the Pan American Health Organization.

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RES/XIII MRE-OTCA/03

WHEREAS:

Subsection a) of Article VII of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty commits: “to promote scientific research and the exchange of information and technical personnel among the competent agencies within the respective countries so as to increase their knowledge of the flora and fauna of their Amazon territories, and to prevent and control diseases in said territories”. Furthermore, Article IX states that the Parties “agree to establish close cooperation in the fields of scientific and technological research” by conducting joint or coordinated research and development programmes, and the creation and running of research institutes or centres for advanced studies and experimental production;

Gathered at their First Regional Meeting in the city of Puyo, Ecuador, in June 2011, the Regional Authorities of Science, Technology and Education pinpointed a need to develop and strengthen scientific and technological capacity in the Amazon Region;

At the Second Regional Meeting of Science, Technology and Education (Leticia, Colombia, October 2012), the Member Countries ratified their interest in forging closer cooperation to enhance scientific and technological capacity for the Amazon Region;

According to Resolution RES/XII-MRE-OTCA/02 of 3 May 2013, it was decided to establish the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY as a permanent forum, bringing together institutions and authorities connected to the study of the Amazon, as a reference centre for regional information on biodiversity, natural resources and socio-diversity in the Amazon Region;

It was further decided in the aforementioned resolution that, to ensure its smooth running, the Observatory and the Amazon Research Centres Network would be governed by regulations, in the case of the Observatory, and a settlement proposal in the case of the Amazon Research Centres Network, as discussed at the Meeting of the Special Working Group held in Quito, Ecuador, on 25 and 26 June 2013;

At the Extraordinary Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council, held on 14 February 2014, a progress report on the implementation of Resolution RES/XII-MRE-OTCA/2 was presented. As a result of this report, the Council decided to hold a meeting of the ad-hoc Working Group of Focal Points of the Ministries of Foreign Affairs responsible for ACTO matters, to discuss, among other points, a proposal for the Operating Mechanism of the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY and the establishment of the AMAZON RESEARCH CENTRES NETWORK. Said model was adopted to facilitate its approval by the Member Countries;

During the Meeting of the ad-hoc Working Group of Focal Points, held in Brasilia on 19 March 2014, the delegates agreed to push forward the consideration of the establishment of the AMAZON RESEARCH CENTRES NETWORK, deciding that a detailed proposal should be drawn up for the implementation thereof. The PS/ACTO was consequently requested to consolidate a final version of the draft Operating Mechanism based on the inputs received;

That in the 3rd. Regional Science Technology and Education meeting hosted in the city of Caracas, Venezuela on February 2015 the participating delegates approved at technical level the content of the functioning mechanism proposal of the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY and the proposal for the establishment of the AMAZON RESEARCH

CENTRES NETWORK and recommended its presentation to higher decision bodies for their approval.

During the XVIII Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council (CCA), held in Rio de Janeiro, on May 28-29, 2015, the Member Countries agreed to submit the respective Resolution to the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for the approval of the functioning mechanism of the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY and the establishment of the AMAZON RESEARCH CENTRES NETWORK;

That in the 4th. Regional Science Technology and Education meeting, held on November 15 and 16, 2016, in the city of La Paz, Bolivia, the Operating Structure, the Steering Committee (SC) and the Working Groups (WG) were defined. The topics prioritized in a first stage were agreed and the Work Plan for the implementation of both initiatives was elaborated;

During the Meeting of the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY and the AMAZON RESEARCH CENTRES NETWORK held in Iquitos, Peru, in November 2017, the activities of the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY and the Amazon Research Centres Network began. An operational document was validated at the technical level to establish the Steering Committee, the specialized working groups and orientations for its implementation, management and sustainability mechanisms;

Against this background, it is vital to continue strengthening the regional cooperation process by encouraging the exchange of information among the Member Countries, with the aim of fostering more suitable conditions for speeding up the economic and social development of the Amazon Region.

RESOLVE:

TO COMMEND the progress achieved and renew the commitment to bolster Amazon Regional Observatory and the Amazon Research Centres Network. Efforts must be doubled for the approval and implementation of both initiatives, to allow greater visibility and sharing scientific-technological information and of socio cultural diversity of the Amazon region to promote cooperation for scientific research.

TO INSTRUCT the Amazon Cooperation Council, to take the necessary measures to approve the functioning mechanism of the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY and the establishment of the Amazon Research Centres Network as well as other operational documents related to ORA and Amazon Research Centres Network.

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RES/XIII MRE-OTCA/04

WHEREAS:

The Declaration of the Heads of States of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) adopted in Manaus on November 26, 2009, instructed the Permanent Secretariat to prepare a new Strategic Agenda of ACTO for the short, medium and long-terms in order to strengthen the cooperation process, to be implemented in a cycle of eight years. The process should end on December 31, 2018;

The Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda (ASCA) was approved by Resolution RES X/MRE-ACTO/05 of 30 November 2010, in order to build a comprehensive vision of the Amazonian regional cooperation, incorporating economic dimensions, as well as environmental, health, indigenous and tribal peoples, education, knowledge, science and technology, water resources, infrastructure, commercial navigation and its facilitation, tourism and communications and emerging issues, in order to promote the harmonious and sustainable development of the respective Amazonian environments;

The Extraordinary Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council (ACC) held in Brasilia, on August 20 and 21, 2014, entrusted the Permanent Secretariat the preparation of a methodological proposal to update and adjust the ASCA, considering the need to maintain coherence of the regional cooperation process and to facilitate the internal consultation work that the Member Countries must carry out to advance in this purpose;

That the Extraordinary Meeting of the CCA, held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra on September 5 and 6, 2016, in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, recommended the initiation of the process of revision and updating of the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda be adjusted to the demands of the global agenda and with the objectives of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the commitments of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, among others.

RESOLVE:

TO COMMEND the success in the implementation of RES/X MRE-OTCA/05 - Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda 2010-2018;

TO ENTRUST the Permanent Secretariat to continue reviewing and updating the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda, in accordance with the schedule included in the Methodological Matrix subject to consideration by the Member Countries, through regional, national and sectoral consultations and dialogues, coordinated by the Foreign Affairs Ministries, with the institutions considered as pertinent, so as to adjust to the demands of the global agenda taking into account the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda and the Paris Commitments on Climate Change, as well as other international agreements that are relevant to achieve the objectives of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

TO ENTRUST the Permanent Secretariat to explicitly incorporate the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the 2030 Agenda, in the formulation, approval and implementation of any cooperation project, considering their comprehensive and indivisible characteristics, to ensure the balance between social, economic and environmental dimensions of development of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT);

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RES/XIII MRE-OTCA/05

WHEREAS:

The results from the forty years of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty to be completed in 2018, encourage renewed political commitments to continue the Amazonian Cooperation process among the Contracting Parties to the Treaty;

That the Amazon Cooperation Treaty contemplates the purpose of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization's Member Countries, which are aware of the responsibilities to combine efforts in promoting the harmonious and integral regional development of the Amazon Region in their respective territories, maintaining the balance between the environment preservation and economic and social development;

That the regional cooperation within the scope of the Treaty benefited the Member Countries, the environment, and the Amazonian populations, throughout its existence.

RESOLVES:

TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND HIGHLIGHT the results from the regional cooperation process, commemorating the 40th anniversary of the entry into force of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty;

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to carry out the necessary organization of celebratory events for the forty years of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, as a way to highlight to the achievements under the Treaty to date.

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RES/XIII MRE-OTCA/06

WHEREAS:

That the 8th World Water Forum, will be held in the city of Brasilia on March 18 to 23, 2018;

That this event constitutes the world's largest event on the theme of water, organized every 3 (three) years. Additionally, it is the first time this meeting will be held in one of the Member Countries of ACTO. This event will gather political leaders, professionals and world class experts.

That this will be a great opportunity to show the importance of the Amazon Basin in the world context, besides contributing to the dialogue of the decision process regarding water at the global level, and searching for reasonable and sustainable usage of this resource. Moreover, ACTO will have the opportunity to present projects executed during its 40 years of experience working in the Amazon Basin.

RESOLVES:

TO ENTRUST the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, jointly with the Member Countries, to carry out the necessary coordination to ensure the participation of the Organization in the 8th. World Water Forum.

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RES/XIII MRE-OTCA/07

WHEREAS:

Financial resources are essential to implement the specific regional activities that have been mandated based on the priorities of the Member Countries, especially those framed by the RES/X MRE-OTCA/5 – Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda (ASCA).

Through Resolution RES/XI MRE-OTCA/03, resources coming from International Cooperation were established as one of the sources of financing for the Organization;

That RES/XII MRE-OTCA/14 recognizes that the expansion of cooperation sources is necessary to strengthen regional cooperation.

That the Amazon Cooperation Treaty and the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda contain the principles and objectives for the identification of the cooperation projects.

RESOLVES:

TO ENTRUST the Permanent Secretariat to adopt the necessary actions to accredit the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty and the Strategic Agenda of Amazon Cooperation as a Regional Implementing Agency of the Green Climate Fund, and inform the Member Countries about the mentioned actions.

TO ENTRUST the Permanent Secretariat to request the evaluation of the nomination letters from the National Designated Authorities (NDAs) to the Member Countries required by the Green Climate Fund.

TO INSTRUCT that the projects selected for funding of the Green Fund must be ruled by the principles of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty and the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda.

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RES/XIII MRE-OTCA/08

WHEREAS:

The Regulations of the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization lay down the obligation, among others, to present Six-monthly Reports on its work to the Member Countries, according to the article 5, numeral 19;

The Permanent Secretariat has presented the relevant monthly activities reports to the Coordination Committee of the Amazon Cooperation Council (CCOOR); and

In the Extraordinary meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council (CCA) held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, in September 5-6, 2016, the Management Report corresponding to the period of January 1-July 31, 2016 was approved.

The consolidated Management Report by the Secretary General of ACTO for the period of August 1, 2016 to October 31, 2017 has been received.

RESOLVES:

TO APPROVE the Management Report presented by the Permanent Secretariat; whose annex is part of this resolution;

TO EXPRESS its acknowledgement to the Secretary General of ACTO, Ambassador Maria Jacqueline Mendoza, and the Executive and Administrative Directors, along with the Coordinators, for their constant work in the regional cooperation process, implementing the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda.

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RES/XIII MRE-OTCA/09

WHEREAS:

The actions carried out by the Republic of Ecuador jointly with the other Member Countries of the Organization and the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) have constituted determinant factors to reach the important decisions adopted on the 12th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ACTO Member Countries.

The actions carried out by the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (SP/ACTO) have been determinant for the success of the implementation of the "Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda".

RESOLVE:

TO EXPRESS its gratitude to the authorities, the Government of the Republic of Ecuador for the excellent organization of the IX Focal Points Meeting, the XX Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council and the XIII Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO, held in the city of Tena, Napo province, December 1st, 2017, as well as for all attentions received.

TO ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE the support provided by the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO.

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