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BOGOTÁ DECLARATION

V MEETING OF PRESIDENTS OF THE STATES PARTIES OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY

Bogotá, August 22, 2025

The Leaders of the State Parties of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACT), gathered in the city of Bogotá, on August 22, 2025:

Reaffirming the principles enshrined in the ACT, as well as the commitments made at previous presidential and ministerial meetings, particularly those contained in the Belém Declaration adopted at the Fourth Meeting of Presidents of the States Parties of the ACT, and in the Brasília Declaration adopted during the XIV Ordinary Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in November 2023, and in the Declaration of Cali adopted during the Extraordinary Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in October 2024, and in the Declaration of Paramaribo, adopted at the XV Ordinary Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, in February 2025;

Recognizing that the implementation of the Belém Declaration has led to the adoption of twenty-nine resolutions during the XIV Regular Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, which have been the subject of deliberations in the various bodies of the Organization, as well as the approval of new decisions at the Extraordinary Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in Bogotá city at 21 August, 2025, which allow for the continued implementation of the commitments made at the IV Meeting of Presidents;

Aware of the urgency of the common goal of protecting and conserving the Amazon, combating poverty and inequality in the Amazon region, and with the aim of unifying efforts to continue implementing the commitments made in the 2023 Belém Declaration through actions aimed at promoting sustainable, comprehensive, and inclusive development in the Amazon Region;

Reaffirming the principles contained in the Multilateral Environmental Agreements in the text of the 2023 Belém Declaration, as well as in the 2024 United Nations Pact for the Future;

Recognizing the need to comprehensively address the challenges facing the Amazon region, including the climate crisis; move towards a fair, orderly, and equitable energy transition; increasing inequality; poverty, and hunger; pollution; accelerated biodiversity loss; deforestation; the expansion of illegal economies; transnational organized crime, and the socio-environmental vulnerability of the Amazon region; of its populations, including Indigenous Peoples and the local and traditional communities as well as the urgency of taking action for the protection, conservation, and sustainable management of the Amazon to avoid its tipping point, in accordance with the realities and regulations of member countries;



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Highlighting the richness and potential of amazon biodiversity resources, including native Amazon fruits, for sustainable development, food security, cultural protection, and food sovereignty and security for Indigenous Peoples and local and traditional communities, in accordance with relevant national legislation and policies, phytosanitary protocols, and international and regional instruments in this area;

Aware of the urgency of continuing to fully and effectively implement the political decisions set forth in the Belém Declaration, through an agenda of cooperation based on solidarity and respect for the sovereignty and jurisdiction of Member Countries, which strengthens national capacities and coordinates efforts to protect the Amazon and guarantee the rights of its peoples; in an environment of peace, stability, and justice, free from threats, aggression, and/or that restrict trade under the pretext of combating climate change or protecting the environment contrary to international law;

Considering the need to promote sustainable agricultural production practices in the Amazon through mechanisms such as agroforestry and silvopastoral systems, which provide opportunities to increase income and improve livelihoods to the populations inhabiting the Amazon region, including Indigenous Peoples and local and traditional communities, according to each State Party's reality, taking into account that these practices conserve the environment and diversify the rural economy through incentives and technical support, thereby recognizing and strengthening their work;

Recognizing the work and progress achieved during the Regional Workshop on Mercury in the Andean and Amazon Countries, organized by the Andean Community and the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, as well as the importance of continuing to work in a coordinated manner exchanging experiences, knowledge, and best practices with a view to developing initiatives to address the issue of mercury in the Amazon facilitating access for affected communities, including Indigenous Peoples, and traditional territories, to information on health risks; and the implementation of environmental monitoring programs focusing on mercury pollution resulting from illegal activities;

Highlighting the fundamental value of ACTO as the main intergovernmental cooperation mechanism that brings together all Amazon countries to coordinate collective responses to common challenges in the Amazon, based on a shared vision of the Amazon region and the people who inhabit it;

Recognizing the relevance of water as a source of life in the Amazon Region and the need to continue promoting its sustainable management, within the framework of national and regional efforts in the Amazon;

Recognizing the convenience of promoting social participation in the ACTO framework, in line with the mandates of the Belém Declaration;

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:



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1. **CELEBRATE** the 45th anniversary of the entry into force of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, which attests to the importance and relevance of Amazonian cooperation and the impetus given by member countries to strengthen this process;
2. **STRENGTHEN** urgently the actions being taken by Amazonian countries in response to the climate crisis, coordinating informed, ambitious, and coherent national climate actions to meet the objectives of the Paris Agreement for the protection of the Amazon, and considering regional initiatives, where appropriate, based on the best available scientific knowledge about the Amazon, integrated with the traditional knowledge systems and ancestral wisdom of Indigenous Peoples and local and traditional communities;
3. **REINFORCE** coordinated actions to guarantee the human right to drinking water and sanitation, balance and harmony with water-related ecosystems, and a healthy balance with food and energy needs in the Amazon;
4. **RECOGNIZE** the potential of sustainable agricultural production systems, including, among others, such as agroforestry and silvopastoral systems, and sustainable soil and forest management to offer small-scale farmers, Indigenous Peoples, local and traditional communities the opportunity to improve their livelihoods, and contribute, to climate resilience in the Amazon;
5. **ADVANCE** toward a fair, orderly, and equitable energy transition, taking into account national circumstances and capabilities, based on the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement adopted within its framework, including the implementation of the calls made by the first Global Stocktake established in decision 1/CMA.5, among others, and promoting sustainable development models in the Amazon, with the active participation of Indigenous Peoples and local and traditional communities;
6. **ENCOURAGE** the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization to continue joining forces with the Andean Community and other subregional mechanisms to advance the development of initiatives and projects that enable a coordinated approach, issues related to mercury;
7. **EXPRESS** our strong commitment to continue advancing the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Paris Agreement, adopted within its framework, including, where appropriate, strengthening actions to halt and reverse deforestation and increase climate resilience, in line with the first Global Stocktake of the Paris Agreement, the Nationally Determined Contributions, National Adaptation Plans, and Long-Term Low Carbon Development Strategies, through measurable targets, based on the best available scientific evidence, taking into account the shared goal within the framework of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty to avoid the tipping point in the Amazon, through the promotion of sustainable development, including the conservation of biodiversity;
8. **REAFFIRM** our commitment to the preservation of tropical forests in the Amazon region and other developing countries with tropical forests, as we are convinced that our forests and those from other developing countries can be centers of sustainable development and sources of solutions for sustainability challenges and based on nature, especially in



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the ancestral knowledge of Indigenous Peoples and local and traditional communities in terms of recognizing their contributions to combating climate change, and biodiversity loss, through the establishment of innovative mechanisms that reconcile human rights, the promotion of ecosystem services, and the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity;

9. **SUPPORT** the launch of the Tropical Forest Forever Fund (TFFF) in Belém during COP30, and recognizing that it will be an innovative mechanism designed to mobilize long-term, results-based financing for the conservation of tropical forests in the Amazon and other developing countries, encouraging potential investor countries to announce substantial contributions in order to ensure the fund's capitalization and prompt operationalization;
10. **REAFFIRM** the urgency of providing comprehensive and differentiated protection to Indigenous Peoples in Isolation and Initial Contact (PIACI) in member countries, where appropriate, recognizing its importance, formally recognizing their presence as an irreplaceable part of Amazonian cultural and biological diversity, and safeguarding their lives, territories, and self-determination through coordinated regional and national actions that include respecting the principles of non-contact, precaution, and intangibility, and avoiding any activity that jeopardizes their integrity;
11. **REAFFIRM** the need to strengthen instruments for managing intangible cultural heritage and implement the UNESCO Convention for the Safeguarding of Intangible Cultural Heritage, seeking to ensure the protection of the traditional knowledge systems and ancestral wisdom of Indigenous Peoples and local and traditional communities;
12. **RECOGNIZE** the importance of the different Amazonian ecosystems, both terrestrial and aquatic, including wetlands and mangroves within the Amazon region, as ecosystems essential for biodiversity conservation, water regulation, food security, climate mitigation, and resilience;
13. **WELCOME** the progress made within the framework of ACTO in discussions on promoting an economy oriented toward sustainable development in the Amazon, including the bioeconomy, and recognize the progress achieved in developing the Strategy for a Sustainable Economy in the Amazon Region, in accordance with the mandates of the Belém Declaration, and reiterate the commitment of Member Countries to continue strengthening coordination, cooperation, implementation, and monitoring of the Strategy, with the aim of generating lasting benefits for the region and its populations;
14. **REAFFIRM** our strong commitment to support the success of the 30th Conference of the Parties (COP30) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), to be held in Belém do Pará in 2025, and to work, within the framework of the Convention, to promote outcomes that respond to our common priorities as Amazon countries;
15. **HIGHLIGHT** the progress made by the Working Groups, Special Commissions, and other ACTO bodies that were included in the Belém Declaration of August 2023 and **INSTRUCT** the competent authorities of our States to accelerate efforts to implement the commitments of the Belém Declaration and the contents of this declaration;



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16. **WELCOME** the reactivation of the Special Commission on Amazon Health (CESAM) and the willingness to continue advancing in the development of its Work Plan and the establishment of its Subcommittees;
17. **REAFFIRM** the importance of implementing the provisions of RES/XIV MRE-OTCA/15 regarding the Amazon Cities Forum, so that it serves as a platform for cooperation among local authorities of the States Parties, incorporated into the structure of ACTO;
18. **WELCOME** the reactivation process of the cooperation mechanism between ACTO and the Association of Amazonian Universities (UNAMAZ), in compliance with the Belém Declaration, with special emphasis on the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan, approved by the entity's Board of Directors;
19. **WELCOME** the approval of the basis and structure of the Amazonian Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples, considering that this body will be a space to strengthen and promote the dialogue and coordination between Governments and Amazonian Indigenous Peoples;
20. **CONTINUE** the dialogue on common perspectives regarding the implementation of Article 6.8 on non-market-based approaches, including the possibility of establishing a Joint Amazonian Mitigation and Adaptation Mechanism for the Comprehensive and Sustainable Management of Forests, within the framework of Decision 16/CP. 21 of the UNFCCC;
21. **ADVANCE** the definition and establishment of ACTO Financial Mechanism, based on the resolution approved by the Extraordinary Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on the subject, in order to continue efforts aimed at implementing and strengthening Amazon cooperation within the framework of ACTO;
22. **REAFFIRM** our support for the the Special Commission on Public Security and Cross-Border and Transnational Illegal Activities in the Amazon Region, created by Resolution RES/XIV/MRE-OTCA/09, as an important body for promoting the implementation of the commitments made in the chapter on police, judicial, and intelligence cooperation in the fight against cross-border illegal activities in the Amazon Region, including environmental crimes, threats to defenders, and human rights violations through coordinated security and justice actions under the Belém Declaration;
23. **EXPRESS** concern over the increase and scope of environmental crime, in particular wildlife trafficking and illegal mining, and **HIGHLIGHT** the need to strengthen cooperation and the global regulatory in the framework to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC);
24. **AGREE** the need to continue supporting the negotiation process for proposals for one or more protocols to the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC), including within the framework of the open-ended intergovernmental expert group on crimes affecting the environment;
25. **SUPPORT** the establishment and objectives of Amazon Network of Forest Authorities (RAFO), its Work Plan, Rules, and Operating Parameters developed during its First Meeting, and **WELCOME** Peru's assumption of the Presidency of the Network for the period 2025-2027;



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26. **STRENGTHEN** within the framework of the Special Commission on Public Security and Cross-Border and Transnational Crime in the Amazon, technical cooperation among member countries for the exchange of information, experiences, and best practices in gold traceability, recognizing the links between illegal mining to biodiversity loss and other environmental threats affecting the Amazon region;
27. **WELCOME** the reestablishment of the Permanent National Commission on the Amazon in the Plurinational State of Bolivia and **CELEBRATE** the full and continuous functioning of the Permanent National Commissions of Venezuela, Peru and Ecuador;
28. **ENCOURAGE** the States Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty to continue with the reactivation and strengthening of their respective Permanent National Commissions;
29. **REAFFIRM** the commitment to continue working in multilateral forums to finalize negotiations on a global legally binding instrument on plastic pollution, including in the marine environment, and to consider and coordinate, where appropriate concrete and effective regional initiatives aimed at combating plastic pollution in order to protect human health and ecosystems;
30. **RECOGNIZE** the interdependence between biodiversity loss and climate change, and **GUIDE** regional strategies to enhance synergies between biodiversity and climate actions, seeking the conservation, restoration, and sustainable use of Amazon ecosystems, while contributing to climate change adaptation and mitigation;
31. **ADVANCE** in the adoption of the Protocol of Amendment to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, which establishes the Meeting of Presidents as the highest authority of ACTO for reflection, decision-making and the adoption of political-strategic priorities of special importance for Amazon cooperation;
32. **REAFFIRM** the importance of institutional strengthening of ACTO, and its Permanent Secretariat, in terms of technical, human, and financial capacities for the effective fulfillment of its mandates, intensifying the commitment and effort of Member States to consolidate an efficient and sustainable operational structure;
33. **WELCOME** the holding of the Amazon Dialogues (Bogotá, August 18-20, 2025), in which participated representatives from different sectors of the societies of the States Parties, **TAKE NOTE** of their conclusions, which will be considered by the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in order to decide on their progressive implementation and incorporation into the areas of work of ACTO; and **INSTRUCT** that these meetings continue to be held, according to each country's capacities, as part of the preparatory process for presidential meetings;
34. **ACKNOWLEDGE** the Republic of Ecuador for proposing to convene and organize the VI Meeting of Presidents of the States Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty in 2027, which reaffirms its commitment to the Amazon through joint and coordinated work with ACTO member countries;
35. **EXPRESS** their gratitude to the Government of Colombia for its hospitality and its offer to host the V Meeting of Presidents of the States Parties to the ACT, as well as to the Permanent Secretariat for its support in holding this meeting;



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