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## PARAMARIBO DECLARATION

### XV MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs, and high-level representatives of the State Parties of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT) gathered in the city of Paramaribo - Suriname, on February 3, 2025, on the occasion of the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO):

**EMPHASIZE** the priority and validity of the ambitious Amazon regional strategy promoted by the mandates of the Belém Declaration of August 8, 2023, as well as by the resolutions and agreements reached at the XIV meeting and the extraordinary meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ACTO, held in November 2023 and October 2024, respectively.

**WELCOME** the beginning of Secretary General Martin von Hildebrand's term of office for 2024-2027 and wish him success in his responsibilities to lead the institutional strengthening process adopted at the Belém Summit and subsequent meetings at the level of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ACTO.

**HIGHLIGHT** the progress made by the member countries in progressively implementing the Resolutions approved in November 2023 and congratulating the work carried out by the Permanent Secretariat, while requesting to emphasize the pace of implementation to achieve the proposed results in favor of the Amazon and its inhabitants.

**REAFFIRM** the commitment of their governments to intensify common efforts to keep the increase in global average temperature well below 2 °C with respect to pre-industrial levels, and to pursue efforts to limit this temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels taking into account the principle of common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, recognizing that this would significantly reduce the risks and effects of climate change; and call upon developed countries to fulfill their commitments to provide technology transfer, financial

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resources and capacity building to developing countries to improve resilience to climate change.

**REAFFIRM** the commitment to continue promoting and implementing the common cooperation agenda among ACTO countries, in line with regional and global agreements validly established by ACTO member countries, to ensure the conservation, protection, ecological, and sociocultural integrity of the Amazon region and the sustainable use of resources for the well-being of its populations, particularly the Indigenous Peoples and local and traditional communities in situations of vulnerability, taking into account the national plans and policies of each country.

**REAFFIRM** their commitment to protecting the collective rights and integrity of Indigenous Peoples, taking into account the obligations of States party to the ILO Convention 169 concerning Indigenous and Tribal Peoples. Recognizing the particular vulnerability of these peoples to external threats, member States are urged to take concrete measures to guarantee non-interference in their way of life, respecting their decision to remain in isolation.

**REAFFIRM** the fundamental role of women in the protection of the Amazon region, in the fight against climate change and their contributions to the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity considering the diverse value systems, among others, living well in harmony and balance with Mother Earth, as recognized by some countries.

**EMPHASIZE** the importance of promoting sustainable development in the Amazon Region, for which the mobilization of new, additional, sufficient, accessible, adequate and predictable financial resources is essential, as well as the right to development under the policies sovereignly chosen by each country, the promotion of sustainable, resilient, inclusive economies, without unilateral measures, including coercive ones that restrict trade under the excuse of combating climate change or protecting the environment and financial mechanisms for the concrete benefit of tropical forest countries; also promoting innovation, technology transfer, knowledge exchange, reduction of digital gaps, inter-scientific dialogue, and cooperation in all



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areas, to generate favorable conditions for Indigenous Peoples and local and traditional communities.

**AGREE** to continue working on the issues of climate change, biodiversity loss and pollution, including with concrete actions in the fight against deforestation, illegal mining and wildlife trafficking.

**RECOGNIZE** the urgent need for collective action to address climate change and the loss of biodiversity and take note of various initiatives established by ACTO member States with third parties to advance the global climate agenda through research, advocacy, and capacity building, according to the plans, realities and legislation of each country.

**REAFFIRM** the importance of a prompt activation of the eight Special Commissions at the ministerial level, under the framework of ACTO, which are fundamental for regional articulation and the coordination of sectoral policies, reiterating the request to the Permanent Secretariat to carry out the necessary actions to prepare a proposal for the operability of this mandate, with the participation of Member Countries.

**EXPRESS** their support for Brazil in the realization of the 30<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Climate Change Framework Convention (UNFCCC COP 30), which will take place in November this year in the Amazonian city of Belém and commend Brazil for its leadership role as presidency of COP30.

**ENCOURAGE** Parties to seek concrete advances to strengthen climate action in the five pillars of the international regime: mitigation, adaptation, finance, technology and capacity building.

**INSTRUCT** the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization to set up an ACTO pavilion at the UNFCCC COP 30 and to organize side events with the participation of its member States to have an impactful representation of the Amazon Region in this process.



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**WELCOME** the renewal of the invitation made by Colombia to host the 5th Summit of the Presidents of the Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), to be held in August of this year.

**EXPRESS** gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Suriname for its hospitality in hosting the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, as well as to the Permanent Secretariat for its support in coordinating this Meeting.

**Paramaribo, February 3, 2025**