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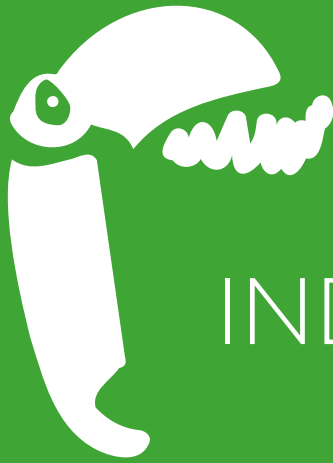
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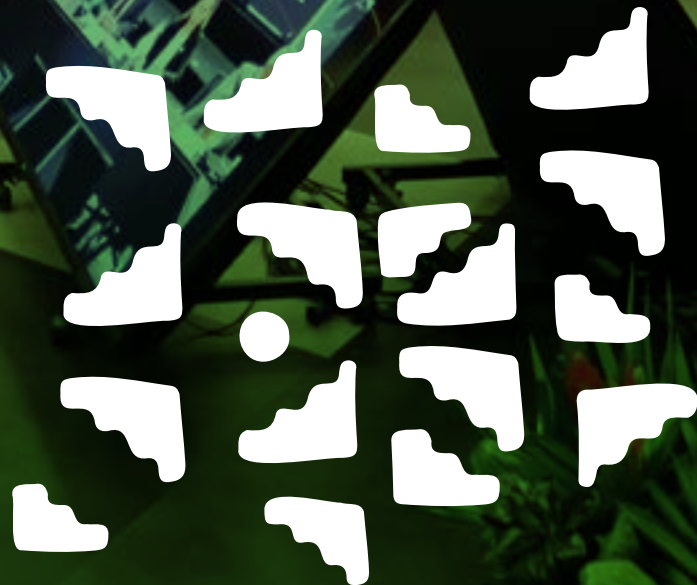
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The Leaders of State Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), meeting in the city of Belém do Pará, on August 9, 2023,

Conscious of the urgency of the challenge of protecting the integrity of the Amazon region, fighting poverty and inequalities in the Amazon region, with the purpose of gathering efforts to promote sustainable development that is harmonious, integral, and inclusive in the region;

Considering the results of the internal consultations conducted by the State Parties at the governmental level and with the civil society of their respective countries, with a view to this Summit;

Convinced that cooperation, integrated vision and collective action are fundamental to address political, social, economic and environmental challenges in the Amazon region, in particular those related to climate crisis, biodiversity loss, water pollution, soil contamination, deforestation and wildland fires, and increasing inequality, poverty and hunger, aiming at stopping the Amazon region from reaching the point of no return;

Determined, thus, to promote once again and update a common cooperation agenda among our countries, which shall be adapted to the new regional and global contexts so as to guarantee the conservation, protection, ecological and sociocultural connectivity of the Amazon region, the sustainable development, and the well-being of its populations, with particular emphasis on Indigenous populations and local and traditional communities in situation of vulnerability;

Highlighting the human face of the Amazon region, the key role played by Indigenous populations and local and traditional communities in conserving the biodiversity and natural resources in the region, the need of ensuring the well-being of Amazon populations, and solidarity towards current and future generations;

Emphasizing the urgency of agreeing on common goals by 2030 to fight deforestation, halt the advance of illegal natural resources extraction activities, and promote the approaches to land-use planning and transition to sustainable models with the ideal of reaching zero deforestation in the Region;

Reaffirming the principles of respect for democracy, the dignity of peoples, the rule of law, human rights, including the right to development, the rights of Indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, social justice, self-determination of peoples and territorial sovereignty, within the framework of the commitment to sustainable development in the Amazon;

Reaffirming the principles of the Rio Declaration on the Environment and Development, and the 1992 Declaration of Principles on Forests, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Paris

Agreement, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), its protocols and its Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Convention to Combat

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Desertification (UNCCD), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Convention 169 of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the document "The Future We Want", adopted by the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20), and the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, the Minamata Convention on Mercury and the Sendai Framework for Risks and Disaster Reduction (2015-2030);

Taking note of the Guidelines for the Protection of Indigenous Peoples in isolation and initial contact of the Amazon Region, Gran Chaco and Eastern Paraguay of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Report of Indigenous Peoples in Voluntary Isolation and Initial Contact in the Americas of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights of the OAS, the "Principles and Guidelines for the Health Care of Indigenous Peoples in Isolation and Initial Contact of ACTO", and the "Strategic Framework for the Protection of Indigenous People in Isolation and Initial Contact of ACTO";

Recalling the Declarations adopted in previous Meetings of Presidents of the State Parties of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty in 1989, 1992, and 2009;

Highlighting the importance of the Meeting of Presidents of the State Parties of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty as a political and strategic mechanism for decision-making and adoption of priorities within the Amazon cooperation context, as well as the convenience that such meeting happens in a more regular basis, with rotation among the State Parties;

Recognizing that effective solutions to problems in the Amazon Region may only be achieved through full and effective participation of its populations, both in urban and rural, subnational governments, of civil society emphasizing the indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, with special emphasis on all women, of the youth and of other different social actors, in accordance with national legislations and local specificities;

Recognizing that women and girls are disproportionately affected by adverse effects of climate change and environmental degradation, and that their participation in decision-making is fundamental for sustainable development, for the promotion of peaceful, fair, and inclusive societies, and for the eradication of poverty in all its forms and dimensions;

Recognizing the central role of natural riches and cultural diversity for developing medium- and long-term development strategies for the region, conscious of the importance of protecting such cultural, economic and environmental heritage, and noting that respect for the diversity and cultural identity of each community plays a fundamental role in building a sustainable and harmonious future for the Amazon region;

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 interrelations between the Amazon and other biomes and regions within the State Parties which are strictly related to it, and the need of preserving such interrelations to guarantee the integrality and balance of the Amazon region;

Taking note of the importance that the Andean-Amazonian countries assign to the water cycle and the rivers that originate in the Andean zone and that make up the Amazon basin;

Emphasizing that the eradication of hunger, poverty and violence against Amazon populations in all its forms and dimensions, within the scope of fulfilling the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, is an indispensable requirement for the development of the Amazon region and that the strengthening of multilateralism in the environmental, social and economic-commercial areas is an important tool for these purposes;

Condemning the proliferation of unilateral trade measures based on environmental requirements and norms, which constitute trade barriers and primarily affect smallholder farmers in developing countries, the pursuit of sustainable development, the promotion of Amazon products and the efforts to eradicate poverty and fight hunger, in addition to threatening the integrity of the international trade system;

Urging developed countries to meet their obligations to provide and mobilize predictable and adequate support to developing countries, including development financing, climate financing and biodiversity conservation, with necessary and commensurate scope, scale and speed, as well as access to technology and its markets, and capacity building and development, as fundamental measures of international cooperation, aiming at implementing national policies and programs for the sustainable development of the Amazon region;

Reiterating the promotion of and respect for the Purposes and Principles of the United Nations Charter, and for international law, which fosters the peaceful settlement of disputes and an international system based on respectful relationships of friendship and cooperation, free of threats, aggression and unilateral coercive measures that are opposed to the international law, within an environment of peace, stability and justice;

Reaffirming the principles of equality of States and respect for the sovereignty of countries over their territories, as well as the objective of strengthening regional cooperation, expressed in the Amazon Cooperation Treaty signed on July 3, 1978, and which motivated the creation of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO);

Considering that some countries recognize the rights of nature or Mother Earth in the context of promoting sustainable development, express the conviction that, in order to achieve a fair balance between the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations, it is necessary to promote harmony with nature for living well, and note the importance for some of the concept of “climate justice”, when adopting measures to address climate change;

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Taking note of the understandings brokered by some Ministers of Finance, Treasury/Economy, and Planning of the Amazonian countries to accelerate joint efforts to increase funding, share knowledge and improve regional coordination for Sustainable Development in response to the priorities of the State Parties of the Amazon Region;

Recognizing the independence of the other public authorities existing in the State Parties, and inviting them to take appropriate action, within the framework of their mandates, for the effective implementation of the present declaration;

Recognizing that ACTO is the sole intergovernmental coordination body for the eight Amazon countries with regard to jointly implementing projects, and actions that produce equitable and beneficial results to Amazon countries, due to its institutionality, its extensive knowledge of the region, and the relevant experience of its Permanent Secretariat in coordinating dialogue and implementing development cooperation initiatives;

Also noting that, based on this coordination, the State Parties shall promote dialogue, exchange of experiences and cooperation with developing countries with significant areas of tropical forests in different regions of the world;

Recognizing the value of the pragmatic and operational orientation adopted by ACTO, which is evidenced in the expansion and implementation of projects and programs, and efforts to give visibility to the Amazon cooperation agenda in multilateral and regional debates on topics related to sustainable development;

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS

Crosscutting principles and objectives that underpin the implementation of the Declaration of Belem

1. Combine the efforts, to the highest level, of their Governments to advance in a new common agenda in the Amazon, to be implemented under the objective of sustainable development, conservation of forests, sustainable use of biodiversity, forests and water resources, urgent action to avoid the point of no return in the Amazon, the fight against deforestation and illicit activities in the region, economic development with social inclusion and generation of income and employment, based on mechanisms of social participation, particularly of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, and the strengthening of ACTO. To this end, the following principles will be observed:



- a. Active participation, and respect for and promotion of the rights of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, with special emphasis on populations in situation of vulnerability;
- b. Protection and promotion of human rights, including the equality of all people, without racial distinction or of any other kind, and fight against all forms of discrimination;
- c. Gender equality, with active participation and promotion of the rights of all women for their empowerment;
- d. An intercultural and intergenerational approach that promotes recognition, respect, identity, and cultural diversity in the Amazon region;
- e. The sovereignty of the States, including the respect of national legislation of each country;



ACTO Institutional Strengthening

2. Provide firm support for the institutional strengthening of ACTO and expansion of its areas of cooperation and means for implementation as an instrument for sustainable, harmonious and inclusive development in the Amazon region, and improvement of the national capacities of State Parties through exchange of good practices, knowledge and public policies, South-South cooperation and mobilization of international cooperation resources;
3. Entrust to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs the negotiation of an Additional Protocol to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty that establishes the Meeting of Presidents of the State Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty as an instance for the decision-making and the adoption of political strategic priorities, in the framework of ACTO. Furthermore, also instruct that, as part of the preparatory process for the presidential meetings, meetings be held to bring together representatives of the Government, academia, society and indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, in order to identify possible recommendations to be considered by the Meeting of Presidents;
4. Reactivate the Special Commissions, at ministerial level when applicable, under ACTO, among which are the following: (i) Environment, (ii) Science and Technology, (iii) Health, (iv) Education, (v) Indigenous Peoples' Affairs, (vi) Transports, Infrastructure and Communications and (vii) Tourism, without

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prejudice to the establishment of new commissions on other thematic areas, such as public security;

5. Reactivate and strengthen the effective functioning of the Permanent National Commissions (CONAPERs), in each of the MCs, which are responsible for the application in their respective territories of the provisions of the ACT, as well as the execution of the decisions adopted by the meetings of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Amazon Cooperation Council, without prejudice to other activities entrusted to them by each State;
6. Establish the Amazon Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples to strengthen and promote dialogue between governments and indigenous peoples in the Amazon region for management and coordination with regard to topics relating to indigenous peoples and that contribute to achieving ACTO's objectives;
7. Establish a Working Group to evaluate a Financial Mechanism aimed at Amazon cooperation within the ACTO framework, so as to provide the means for raising and capitalizing on non-refundable financial resources from various sources, including voluntary contributions from State Parties, resources from international cooperation, development banks and other donors endorsed by the State Parties for the purpose of financing projects, programs, studies and other initiatives of national and regional scope, strengthening human and institutional capacities, as well as the permanent exchange of experiences between the Amazon countries;
8. Institutionalize the Amazon Regional Observatory (ARO) under the structure of ACTO, with the strengthening of its various modules on economic, social, environmental and cultural topics, as a permanent instrument for monitoring, and consolidating information, data, and scientific knowledge, formally endorsed by the State Parties, and to ask the different areas of their governments to collaborate with regular submission of data and information to be fed into the various ARO modules. ACTO will provide the State Parties and their institutions with real-time access to ARO and its various modules;
9. Establish a Working Group to prepare a proposal for the modernization and strengthening of ACTO's Permanent Secretariat and a new Succession Process Regulation, based on previous work, so as to strengthen the Organization's institutionalization and governance in its various instances;
10. Resume negotiations on the update of the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda (ASCA);
11. Strengthen regional development cooperation by establishing a Working Group on South-South Cooperation within the framework of ACTO to better coordinate, join efforts and rationalize development cooperation and activities of State Parties' cooperation agencies, in favor of the Amazon region, especially in its border areas;



12. Strengthen the channels for communication and exchange of experiences between scientific research and technological innovation programs and their related mechanisms within the ACTO framework with other similar international mechanisms;
13. Reaffirm the commitment with the implementation of project, programs, studies, negotiations and other ongoing initiatives, such as the Programs on Forests, on Biological Diversity and the Biomaz Project, of the Strategic Actions for Integrated Water Resources Management and the Amazon Basin Project, the Memorandum of Understanding on Integrated Fire Management, Project Amazonas, Amazon Aquifers, Bioamazon, Support to the Formulation and Implementation of ASCA, Contingency Plans for Health Protection of Highly Vulnerable Indigenous Peoples and in Initial Contact, Indigenous People Platform, Studies on Sociodemographic Inequalities and Gaps and Rapid Evaluation of Biological Diversity and Ecosystem Services, ARO and the Water Resources Situation Room, the Working Group for the Formulation of a Regulation on Commercial Navigation in Rivers in the Amazon Region, as well as the Strategic Plan on Cooperation in Health in the Amazon Region and the Regional Plan on Water, Sanitation and Solid Waste;

Amazonian cities

14. Establish the Forum of Amazon Cities, under the ACTO, to strengthen cooperation between local authorities in State Parties, particularly in cities in border areas, aiming at the implementation, at the local level, of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, thus strengthening leadership among all women, as well as leaderships of indigenous and local and traditional communities and promotion of interculturality, in which proposals for action can be identified to address main urban challenges in the Amazon region, such as the access of Amazon populations to public services and the development and implementation of public policies;

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Amazonian Parliament

15. Establish an ACTO Working Group to advance the assessment of an institutional link between the Amazon Parliament (PARLAMAZ) and the Organization;

Science, education, and innovation: knowledge and entrepreneurship in the Amazon region

16. Determine the creation of the Intergovernmental Scientific Technical Panel for the Amazon, within the scope of the ACTO, which will annually convene representatives of the State Parties, including technicians, scientists and researchers specialized in the Amazon region, with the permanent participation of civil society organizations, indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, in order to promote the exchange of knowledge and in-depth debate on studies, methodologies, monitoring and alternatives to reduce deforestation, promote sustainable development and prevent the environmental imbalance in the Amazon region from approaching a point of no return; the panel will organize the systematization of information and the preparation of periodic reports on prioritized topics, in addition to analyzing the social and economic dynamics of the region, in order to facilitate the planning of preventive actions and identify bottlenecks and potentialities for scientific-technological production in the Amazon region, with recommendations for the governments of the State Parties, based on their priorities and needs;
17. Encourage the exchange on the design, updating and articulation of National Environmental Education Policies that guarantee the integration of the environmental dimension in the education curriculum for the formation of ethical and responsible citizens, with knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors regarding the sustainable management of the environment, prepared to make decisions with criteria on environmental management, respectful of themselves, others and their surroundings;
18. Foster contact networks that articulate research and teaching institutions in the Amazon Region, including indigenous universities, and those focused on professional and technological education, and create action programs



for academic and student mobility in the Amazon, including internships and scholarships, in order to contribute to the reduction of inequalities, the prevention of socio-environmental imbalances, fostering scientific and technological development, creating professional development opportunities for the region's youth, and strengthening and valuing sustainable production and consumption practices, with special attention to the promotion of interculturalism and the protection of the knowledge of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities;

- 19.** Foster and support programs for training and exchange of students and researchers in the Amazon region, at all levels of education, for recognition of significant teaching and scientific experiences aiming at sharpening the qualifications of educators and players in the academia in a contextualized manner;
- 20.** To resume dialogue and cooperation between ACTO and the Association of Amazon Universities (UNAMAZ), a privileged space for the management of knowledge and scientific and technological information in the Amazon region;
- 21.** Promote the development of strategies, programs and projects for the developing and strengthening of science, technology and innovation in the Amazon region in the scope of research and innovation policies geared towards the conservation and recognition of the intrinsic value of biodiversity; sustainable use of fauna and flora, and territory; to the promotion of the human right to food; energy transition; health sovereignty; and science for peace and development, among others;
- 22.** Improve technical and technological capacities for planning, designing and developing, collecting, processing, validating, analyzing, disseminating and continuously improving information on the environment related to the sustainable management of water resources, so as to contribute to developing priority actions and strategies in the short-, medium- and long-term, with a view to achieving ACTO's objectives related to monitoring and evaluating the environment and water resources in line with the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, and other international instruments ratified and enforced by the State Parties;
- 23.** Strengthen the national governance models for information management, fostering interaction and interconnection among actors for integration of information on the environment and sustainable management of water resources, bridging the gaps that have been identified in the access to information and public participation in decision-making related to environmental issues, and share lessons learned among the States Parties;
- 24.** Establish the Innovation and Technological Dissemination Network of the Amazon Region, with the purpose of stimulating sustainable regional development, and sustainable technology-based entrepreneurship, and facilitate

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the creation of solutions aimed at addressing environmental, economic, and social challenges of the region. The Network will bring together actors from innovation ecosystems in the Amazon region, including indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, and promote business rounds between public agents, local companies and startups, in addition to facilitating the exchange of good practices between technology parks, universities, research institutions, incubators and accelerators, and commercial promotion agencies, respecting human rights and the rights of indigenous peoples. Additionally, it will facilitate the dissemination of the entrepreneurial spirit among young people in the region, through specialized courses, with a special focus on low-income families, recognizing the value of traditional knowledge associated with biodiversity, and will work in an integrated manner with the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda (ASCA) and a strategic agenda for the integrated development of production based on the sustainable use of biodiversity resources in Amazon countries;

- 25.** Encourage the renovation, expansion and consolidation of scientific and technological research infrastructures in the Amazon region, as well as to stimulate graduate courses in topics related to the Amazon region and international cooperation programs for their integration and use by researchers from States Parties, in addition to the strengthening of actions meant to reduce socioeconomic, digital and technological inequalities, particularly in border areas;
- 26.** Support the implementation of programs and initiatives of technical assistance and rural extension targeting family farmers, artisanal fishermen, regional traditional communities, focusing on sustainable food production and promotion of income generation through marketing spaces;
- 27.** Foster the establishment of an Observatory of Rural Women for the Amazon Region in the framework of ACTO, with an interactive data platform and other tools to inform the development of strategies, projects, programs and public policies for women working in agricultural, forestry and aquaculture activities, and to support the organization of knowledge networks for women entrepreneurship;
- 28.** Promote the establishment, in the framework of Amazon Indigenous People Mechanism, of a consultative forum of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities that contributes with their ancestral knowledge, data and cross-cultural technical and scientific information for the advancement of appropriate technologies to the preservation and sustainability of the Amazon Region within the scope of public policy management and formulation;



Monitoring and cooperation in water resources management

29. Stimulate coordinated actions to guarantee the human right to drinking water and sanitation, balance and harmony with ecosystems related to water, and its healthy balance with food and energy needs in the Amazon region;
30. Establish the Network of Water Authorities of ACTO States Parties for cooperation in the sustainable management of regional water resources, with the objective of establishing regional protocols for monitoring, cooperation and mutual support regarding the management of water resources in the Amazon among State Parties with a view to rehabilitation, conservation and protection of water sources and its basins, and approvable criteria and parameters for water quality; and supporting the implementation of regional projects and actions regarding surface and underground water resources, planning and cooperation for the sustainable management of transboundary water resources including the transboundary, progressive strengthening of technical, technological and institutional capacities, technology innovation and intercultural dialogue, in line with the national contexts, including political, social and cultural commitments of each country;
31. Strengthen cooperation and harmonization of monitoring and hydrometeorological warning systems of States Parties for an effective exchange of experience, information and knowledge, and improvement of monitoring capacities through strengthening of national monitoring networks; for generation of warnings of risks and threats to the environment and human health, disasters and extreme events of hydrometeorological nature to inform the populations in the Amazon Region; for environmental planning and preparation of protocols and actions to prevent, manage and mitigate the impacts of natural disasters; and to support water management as an instrument for preventing, adapting and mitigating the effects of climate change, fighting hunger, ensuring water quality and quantity in the Amazon basin, for current and future generations;
32. Stimulate the strengthening of actions for monitoring water quality for human consumption in the region, including joint technical-scientific studies and research, focusing on the exposure to mercury and other hazardous substance from mining activities/small-scale and large-scale mining, in particular those that affect indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, and to carry out prevention and remediation activities and to strengthen regional and international cooperation for the fight against illegal mining, illegal trade, and other related crimes;

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Climate change

- 33.** Welcome the Brazilian candidacy endorsed by Grulac for the holding of the COP-30 under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Belém, in the Amazon, in 2025, expressing its commitment to join efforts for its full success, and stressing that the process from COP-28 to COP-30 will be critical for the very future of the global response to climate change;
- 34.** Establish a dialogue among the State Parties on the adequate treatment that should be given to the Amazon region with regard to climate change, with a view to working to reach a consensus on common standpoints for Amazon countries about such topic in relation to declarations and other actions in the scope of international and multilateral funding institutions;
- 35.** Urge developed countries to meet their commitments to provide and mobilize resources, including the target of mobilizing \$100 billion per year in climate finance, to support the needs of developing countries and recognize the need to make substantial progress in the deliberations on the new collective quantified climate finance goal to be concluded by 2024 in view of the urgent need to scale up climate action, taking into account the needs and priorities of developing countries;
- 36.** Advance innovative mechanisms for financing climate action, which could include debt-for-climate action swaps by developed countries;
- 37.** Encourage coordination and exchange of experiences in the planning and implementation of public policies on climate change, as well as cooperation to channel funding flows towards the implementation of actions for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. Efforts will be put into incorporating sustainable employment and income opportunities into such public policies and actions, focusing on local populations, with special emphasis on low-income families, women, indigenous peoples, traditional communities, and producers of family farms, as per the local contexts and in synergy with national plans and initiatives of Amazon countries;
- 38.** Promote the implementation of climate change adaptation programs in States Parties boosting access to external non-reimbursable financing, with a view to mitigating vulnerabilities of indigenous peoples and traditional and local communities, according to national realities and plans;
- 39.** Strengthen cooperation among scientific and academic institutions in States Parties to deepen the understanding of interrelations between climate change and forest ecosystems and peatlands in the Amazon region, with a view to



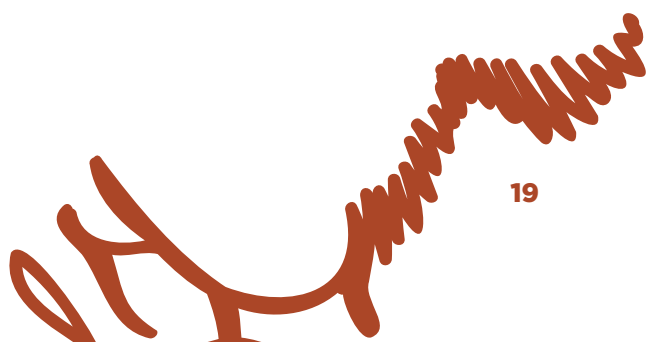
providing inputs for decision-making regarding public policies on climate changes, with adaptation and resilience, recovery or re-establishment of native vegetation in deforested, degraded or altered areas, and forest conservation, with sustainable management and transition towards new ways of sustainable production and consumption, following national plans;

- 40.** Systematize, exchange, and make available, in the context of climate action, technologies and strategies to consolidate and improve agroforestry systems and other agricultural practices linked to sustainable forest management, including family or peasant agriculture, based on national plans;
- 41.** Strengthen the protagonist role and participation of all women, indigenous peoples and youth in decision-making forums and spaces, deepening and building proposals that make them actors in climate solutions, and create a forum for intersectional debate on gender, cultures, ethnicity and climate to participate in the debate on the construction and implementation of public adaptation and mitigation policies in the States Parties, in coordination with national plans;
- 42.** Initiate dialogue on common perspectives in relation to the implementation of Art. 6.8 on approaches not based on the markets, including the possibility of establishing a Joint Amazon Mechanism of Mitigation and Adaptation for Integrated and Sustainable Forest Management, within the scope of Decision 16/CP.21 of the UNFCCC, through the submission of concrete actions by the countries, thus promoting the search for financial resources from cooperation focused on this purpose;
- 43.** Strengthen the participation of an Amazon perspective in the Platform of Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in coordination with the Amazon Mechanism for Indigenous Peoples;
- 44.** To guarantee the rights of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities in line with the different regulatory frameworks of the States Parties and in particular through the application, monitoring and reporting of social and environmental safeguards and verification;



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Protection of forests, Amazonian coastal areas, vulnerable ecosystems and biodiversity

- 45.** Establish an Amazon Alliance to Fight Deforestation among States Parties to promote regional cooperation on fighting deforestation, with the purpose of stopping the Amazon region from reaching the point of no return, acknowledging and promoting the compliance of national goals, including the ones related to zero deforestation through elimination of illegal logging, by strengthening the implementation of forest legislation of the State Parties, sustainable forest management, integrated fire management for recovery of and increase in native vegetation stocks by means of financial and non-financial incentives; and other instruments for conservation and sustainable forest management, promotion of ecosystem connectivity, and exchange of technologies, experiences and information to facilitate prevention, monitoring and control actions, including promotion of regional programs to support forest control, capacity building for managers and park rangers stationed in protected areas, and the strengthening of Amazonian ecosystems in face of the impacts of climate change;
- 46.** Ensure and enable, in accordance with multilaterally agreed upon commitments, that our terrestrial and inland water areas and marine and coastal areas, which are of particular importance for biodiversity and the provision of ecosystem functions/services, are effectively conserved and protected through conservation units, recognizing and respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, including over their traditional territories;
- 47.** Guarantee the rights of indigenous peoples, local and traditional communities, including the right to the territories and lands inhabited by such peoples, full and effective possession, considering the knowledge and practices of ancestral conservation, including through the processes of definition, delimitation or demarcation, and titling of their territories and lands, in line with the various national regulatory frameworks, as well as the development of indigenous territorial and environmental management policies, as an indispensable condition for the conservation of biodiversity;
- 48.** Establish under ACTO the Amazon Network of Forest Authorities for strengthening the implementation of ACTO's Forest Program and relevant actions under the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda, with the purpose of improving forest management and local capacities, exchanging technology breakthroughs, establishing sustainable development projects, and promoting access to funding for those projects, among others;



49. Promote under ACTO's Forest Program the exchange of good practices on national regulatory frameworks on the environment regarding regulation of land use, so as to strengthen planning and land use mechanisms and promote acknowledgment for the lands and territories of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, including their efforts towards conservation;
50. Deepen cooperation in risk and disaster management, to address floods, severe droughts and wildland fires, with coordination in different areas of emergency response of national civil protection and humanitarian cooperation systems in accordance with the demands of the State where these phenomena may occur;
51. Develop a common strategy to prevent and mitigate the effects of the El Niño phenomenon in the Amazon Region, in conformity with the national legislations of the State Parties, recommending ACTO to explore the exchange of scientific information with international organizations such as the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS, in Spanish) and the International Committee for the El Niño Phenomenon (CIIFEN);
52. Deepen cooperation and joint actions within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance for Integrated Wildland Fire Management between the State Parties, to address wildfires, through the development of policies, instruments, technical actions, and the use of innovation and technology, aimed at prevention, fire management, the promotion of alternatives to the use of fire in rural areas, fire fighting and the strengthening of technical, scientific, institutional and community capacities;
53. Strengthen the mapping and monitoring of degraded, contaminated or altered areas and identify priority areas for the restoration and/or recovery of ecosystems, with emphasis on native vegetation, with the aim of promoting sustainable economic activities, fostering sustainable forest management, and contributing to the sustainability, productivity, and resilience of local productive systems;
54. Foster opportunities for sustainable employment and income generation for local populations in programs and projects, including those of multilateral funds agreed upon by the State Parties and international cooperation, aimed at the protection of forests, biodiversity, restoration, and recovery of degraded areas;
55. Join efforts to build a fund to finance programs for promoting integrated and sustainable management and adding value to forest products and biodiversity, and for socio-labor reconversion for social actors, peasants and farmers, for their participation in ecosystem conservation efforts, reducing deforestation and forest and soil degradation, as well as wildland fires and the loss of biodiversity, with the active participation of indigenous peoples and local communities;

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- 56.** Support the identification, recognition, maintenance and sustainability of conservation plans and management of agrobiodiversity zones and traditional agricultural systems in the Amazon, drawing on the experience of the International Program of Important Systems of World Agricultural Heritage (SIPAM), created by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), through the State and/or cooperating partners that establish funds for the maintenance and sustainability of these systems;
- 57.** Strengthen the conservation and sustainable management of inland water and marine and coastal ecosystems and their resources, considering their ecological functions, multiple uses and the ways of life of local and traditional communities, including through synergy between national and regional initiatives for the conservation and sustainable use of the biodiversity of the aquatic ecosystems of the Amazon Region, including the implementation of the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for Amazonian river dolphins, adopted by the members of the International Whaling Commission;
- 58.** Promote participatory management and sustainability of artisanal fisheries, strengthening the coordination of community and collective planning measures, as well as those for monitoring fish stocks and fish quality, with special attention to contamination from economic activities and waste discharges, including illegal mining;
- 59.** Foster actions for the conservation and management of endangered species in the Amazon region, promote their monitoring and encourage fundraising for these initiatives;
- 60.** Establish a Working Group, in the framework of ACTO, aimed at integrating and harmonizing the National Access and Benefit Sharing Systems (ABS) of Amazon countries, related to the sustainable use of genetic heritage and associated traditional knowledge in processes of research, development and innovation of commercially exploited products and processes, within the scope of the Convention of Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol and national legislations of the State Parties, as well as the dialogue and exchange of standpoints related to the agenda on genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge (ABS) in different multilateral forums;



Police, judicial and intelligence cooperation in the fight against illicit activities, including environmental crimes

- 61.** Strengthen and increase police and intelligence cooperation, aiming at the prevention, repression and investigation of illegal activities, including environmental crimes and violations of the rights of defenders of human rights, the rights of indigenous peoples and socio-environmental rights, affecting the Amazon region, through exchange of information, including intelligence and experiences, and the carrying out of coordinated criminal investigation and operations, as well as training of human resources, among other actions, always in accordance with the protection of biodiversity and the rights of indigenous peoples and of local and traditional communities, particularly with regard to applicable international agreements; and promote, under ACTO, discussions of technical nature among government representatives, with the objective of identifying priority areas for cooperation;
- 62.** Emphasize, in addition, the need for effective cooperation by countries of destination to combat illegal trafficking of Amazonian species and products, including endemic species, native seeds and products derived from the illegal exploitation of minerals and related crimes, in accordance with the legislation of the countries of origin, so as to prevent the entry and discourage the demand for these products in consumer markets;
- 63.** Develop regional and intersectoral cooperation: among actors in the administrative oversight of violations, investigation and prosecution of environmental and related crimes; including the exchange of information, strengthening of intelligence capabilities, development of guidelines for joint action, with a view to harmonizing legislation and developing comprehensive and common action protocols so as to prevent, investigate and prosecute crimes that result in deforestation and biodiversity loss in the Amazon and threaten the rights of present and future generations, indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities;
- 64.** Work in an articulated manner in the implementation of actions for the eradication of the illicit exploitation of minerals and related crimes, including money laundering, especially in terms of exchange of information on the trade and smuggling of mercury and other heavy metals and the harmonization of public policies for their regulation and control;

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- 65.** Welcome the future establishment of the Amazon International Police Cooperation Center, with headquarters in Manaus, to articulate with the competent authorities of each State Party, for the exchange of information, intelligence and the development of investigations, warnings and training activities so as to strengthen regional cooperation and contribute to the eradication of illicit activities, including environmental and related crimes;
- 66.** Initiate a process of dialogue for the creation of an Integrated Air Traffic Control System among State Parties, which coordinates with the competent national authorities, with a view to collaborating in the surveillance of illicit air traffic and the fight against drug trafficking and other related crimes, deforestation and the illegal exploitation of natural resources in the Amazon Region;
- 67.** Take note with satisfaction of the proposal to convene a Meeting of Ministers and authorities of the State Parties in the field of Public Security to be held in Colombia, in order to evaluate the current situation of criminal phenomena and transnational organized crime in the Amazon region and to promote the exchange of information and police and intelligence cooperation to combat illegal activities and environmental crimes affecting the Amazon region;

Sustainable Infrastructure

- 68.** Strengthen public policies, cooperation and open dialogue on the incorporation of sustainability standards in territorial planning and implementation of infrastructure projects in the Amazon, considering their direct and indirect environmental, social and economic impacts, in harmony with the conservation of ecosystems, landscapes, environmental functions and associated ecosystem services, in consultation and with due focus on human rights in relation to affected communities, including indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, from the planning phase, in accordance with the respective national legislations;
- 69.** Deepen cooperation, with the aim of promoting technological inclusion, bridging digital gaps and the capacity building, sustainable development and support for environmental monitoring, including in regulatory matters related to the joint mapping of the infrastructure and demand for connectivity; the provision of new interconnection points; coordination on the use of frequency bands; and



certification/approval of equipment used for public protection, disaster relief, security, remote sensing and satellite telecommunications;

- 70.** Deepen existing initiatives to integrate and strengthen the electricity systems of the isolated localities of the State Parties, as well as to identify new electricity generation and interconnection projects and new clean energy models, in order to promote access to energy, energy security, sustainable development and integration of the region, with a view to the full utilization of the complementarities of the different resources of each country;

Economy for sustainable development

- 71.** Promote the innovation of technologies for sustainability in the production chains of agriculture, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture, forestry, agroforestry, family farming and other prioritized areas, through the integrated management of standing forests and the sustainable use of natural resources, the generation of knowledge, the recovery of degraded areas, the promotion of sustainable agricultural practices, and agroecology, recognizing the knowledge and practices of traditional agricultural production, other innovative approaches, more sustainable aquaculture production systems, production and use of renewable energies, promotion of the circular economy, improvement of agri-food systems and food security of Amazonian populations, in accordance with the national legislations and existing monitoring mechanisms in the respective Amazonian territories;
- 72.** Encourage and strengthen geochemical studies of the Amazon region soil and hydrographic resources in order to develop agroecological and climate risk zoning instruments to define areas suitable for productive activities and their scale, taking advantage of the need to reinforce sustainability in the Amazon and recover degraded areas, contain deforestation in sensitive areas and strengthen biodiversity conservation;
- 73.** Create, within the scope of ACTO's Strategic Agenda for Amazonian Cooperation, a strategic agenda for the integral development of production based on the sustainable use of biodiversity resources in the Amazon, promoting a fair and ethical economic development model for the generation of products, processes and services based on the sustainable use of biological resources, particularly biodiversity, and in knowledge of science, innovation, technology, ancestral and traditional knowledge, with social inclusion, especially of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, as well as policies for the promotion and consolidation of research, development, innovation and production chains

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based on the sustainable use of the biodiversity of the Amazonian countries and associated traditional knowledge;

- 74.** Establish, within the scope of that agenda, a program of production chains for the sustainable use of biodiversity, of interest to indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities based, among others, on the objective of forest management and forest recovery, with a view to map these production chains, with the protection and recognition of the value of their practices and knowledge, with income generation and promotion of their quality of life and the environment, training and strengthening of the productive organizations of these peoples and communities, the development and sharing of technologies to provide greater added value, the promotion of fair trade strategies and recognition for environmental services/functions, and the exchange of good production practices in a complementary manner to the activities of ACTO's Forestry and Biodiversity Programs;
- 75.** Develop a program for the joint promotion of Amazonian products and services and products compatible with the sustainability of forests in the international market, to add value to products and promote initiatives to improve the quality of products and the qualification of producers from indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, collectors and community organizations, such as associations and cooperatives of family farmers and riparian communities, through trade promotion agencies and other agencies and public entities of the States Parties, with the support of international cooperation;
- 76.** Act in coordination with international partners and organizations, in particular the World Customs Organization (WCO), with the objective of facilitating, when appropriate, the registration of Amazonian products in the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS);
- 77.** Establish a dialogue for the development of a regional cooperation framework in the areas of certification and valorization of Amazonian products and incentives for the recognition of environmental and ecosystem services/functions;
- 78.** Foster joint investments in regional research and innovation activities and networks that allow for the development of innovative solutions and technologies, rescuing traditional knowledge and know-how, in order to expand the possibilities of wealth generation associated with sustainable use and forest conservation in the Amazonian territory;
- 79.** Initiate a dialogue among States Parties on the sustainability of sectors such as hydrocarbons and mining in the Amazon Region, under the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and their sovereign national policies;
- 80.** Foster the development of sustainable tourism, especially the typologies and morphologies most associated with the region, such as nature, cultural,



indigenous, regenerative, community and agro-ecotourism, as one of the vectors of sustainable development in the Amazon Region, in order to offer, among other benefits, income alternatives, including through training and the improvement of tourism services;

- 81.** Adopt urgent measures to reconcile economic activities with the objective of eliminating air, soil, and water pollution, with emphasis on Amazonian rivers, with a view to protecting human health and the environment. Welcome the leadership of Amazonian countries in chairing the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the legally binding international instrument to end plastic pollution that is based on a life-cycle approach to plastics and includes sufficient means of implementation for developing countries and is informed by science and knowledge. In this regard, the State Parties commit to contribute to the development of an ambitious agreement, as well as to the adoption of public policies that consider the entire life cycle of plastics, including those related to sustainable production and the strengthening of safe waste management, recyclability of materials and sustainability of product recycling chains, recognizing the important role played by waste pickers and other workers in these chains, indigenous traditional knowledge systems, in addition to promoting sustainable solutions that do not exacerbate existing pressures in the Amazon, nor create new negative impacts;
- 82.** Invite development banks of the States Parties operating in the Amazon Region to work in an integrated and concerted manner in the sustainable development of the region through the formation and announcement of a Green Coalition, which promotes financial solutions that are in accordance with the programming of the States Parties and that, respecting local and regional characteristics, create and improve local productive activities and promote the viability of socially, environmentally and economically sustainable enterprises. Financial support to public and private projects that adhere to the Coalition's objectives will allow the structuring and support of sustainable, inclusive economic alternatives, with local generation of employment and income opportunities, especially for low-income families. The proposed financial solutions should use catalytic public and private resources to promote risk reduction and leverage private sector participation, with the objective of expanding and accelerating the sustainable development of the region;
- 83.** Exchange information on the actions taken by the States Parties to obtain bilateral or multilateral non-reimbursable financing for sustainable development and, when appropriate, articulate such actions in favor of joint projects in the Amazon to be implemented by ACTO;

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Health

- 84.** Promote universal health systems with an intercultural approach that guarantee access and respond to the characteristics of the territory and the populations of the Amazon region, with special emphasis on the needs of women;
- 85.** Foster actions and services that provide knowledge and detection of changes in the social and environmental determinants that interfere with human health, considering the One Health approach, with the purpose of recommending and adopting measures to promote health, prevention and monitoring of risk factors related to diseases or health problems;
- 86.** Cooperate in the development and implementation of national health plans for indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, reducing persistent barriers to access to health services, respecting the right to prior and informed consultation and strengthening social participation in the construction of actions, programs and policies aimed at these populations;
- 87.** Facilitate the dissemination to suppliers in Amazonian countries of procurement calls for the acquisition and purchase of health technologies and products, as well as registered traditional medicine products, in accordance with national regulatory frameworks, thereby contributing to sustainable development;
- 88.** Improve the performance of environmental public health programs and related institutions, prioritizing environmentally sustainable and resilient communities and cities, and promote environmental epidemiological health studies and generate intervention programs that prioritize the incidence of the social and environmental determinants of indigenous peoples' health;
- 89.** Strengthen, within the scope of ACTO, programs and contingency plans for the protection of the health of highly vulnerable indigenous peoples in initial contact or in conditions of geographic dispersion, with a view to creating a favorable context for the mitigation of threats from pandemics and endemic and emerging tropical diseases, as well as re-emerging diseases and those associated with the impacts of climate change;
- 90.** Expand health cooperation in the Amazon Region, with special attention to border health actions and the populations living there, through joint actions for health care and nutrition of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, focusing on respect for the culture and eating habits of the peoples, with special attention to women's health, the fight against chronic child malnutrition, the fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, viral hepatitis, parasitosis, malaria, dengue, zika, chikungunya, neglected tropical diseases and other



communicable diseases, offering humanitarian cooperation actions in health and expanding vaccination coverage. This cooperation will include capacity building for indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities for the development of rehabilitation therapies for disabilities and pain management, among other measures;

- 91.** Initiate a process of dialogue with a view to developing a regional epidemiological surveillance system and request the support of the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO for the coordination of the State Parties in this regard;
- 92.** Strengthen actions to monitor the health of populations exposed to chemicals, particularly mercury, hazardous waste and plastic pollution, and to monitor air quality due to atmospheric pollutants in the Amazon, promoting the exchange of experiences to mitigate risks and negative impacts on human health and environmental quality, considering the commitments assumed by Amazonian countries in international conventions, treaties and agreements on mercury, chemicals, hazardous waste and plastic pollution;
- 93.** Promoting the articulation of Western or allopathic medicine systems with ancestral or traditional medicine, respecting the knowledge and wisdom of the people who practice them and promoting an integral and holistic approach based on the reality of the indigenous peoples of the Amazon;

Food and nutrition security and sovereignty

- 94.** Coordinate actions towards food and nutritional security and sovereignty, in accordance with applicable legislation and international agreements, favoring traditional, family and community production systems, improving the flow and quality of forest, biodiversity and agricultural products in the Amazonian regional market, and their international presence, including access to and dissemination of technologies;
- 95.** Initiate a process of dialogue for the elaboration of an Amazonian strategy for food and nutritional security and sovereignty, with attention to production, availability, supply, and access to food from Amazonian biodiversity, in which the fight against chronic child malnutrition is a priority;
- 96.** Request the support of ACTO's Permanent Secretariat for the organization of events and initiatives to promote the exchange of experiences and collaboration

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in food and nutritional security and sovereignty, technical assistance and rural extension, in particular to promote food production systems based on traditional agriculture, family agriculture and aquaculture and artisanal fisheries, focusing on the products and particularities of the region. Such actions should consider the challenges and specific solutions to guarantee dignity, sustenance and the human right to adequate food, particularly for indigenous peoples, traditional communities and impoverished populations in the region's urban centers, with respect to their cultural particularities, with a view to promoting adequate and healthy food and preventing the multiple forms of malnutrition;

Social Protection

- 97.** Consider Social Protection as a policy with a structuring intercultural approach for the preservation of the wellbeing, ways of life, life plans and social coexistence of the Amazonian population;
- 98.** Cooperate in the joint development of connectivity technologies and of mutual support, coordinated and programmed, to facilitate access to isolated locations, by water and by air for social care purposes;
- 99.** Develop and share service modalities that identify and address the phenomena of vulnerability in specific communities, recognizing the need for full and effective participation of these populations in decision-making processes, seeking recognition of their particularities and avoiding negative impacts on their way of life;



Human rights and social participation

- 100.** Carry out sectoral government policies, including subnational governments, in order to adopt measures to ensure the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples, urban populations, and local and traditional communities of the Amazon Region in decision-making and public policy formulation processes, in accordance with their national legislations, ILO Convention 169, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas, including free, prior and informed consultation protocols for indigenous peoples;
- 101.** Promote actions to protect and guarantee the human rights of indigenous peoples and their collective rights over their territories and lands located in the Amazon Region, especially indigenous peoples in isolation and in initial contact, strengthening the available resources and public policies adapted to this region;
- 102.** Adopt measures to prevent and avoid negative impacts of infrastructure projects on indigenous and traditional lands and territories and to rescue and value the diversity of practices, traditional and ancestral knowledge, knowledge, and practices and cosmovisions of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities;
- 103.** Strengthen regional cooperation for the prevention and confrontation of gender-based violence, misogyny and racism in the Amazon Region, in all its forms and dimensions, and with the incorporation of the promotion and protection of the human rights of Afro-descendants, girls and all women, as a cross-cutting issue in actions for the conservation, restoration, management and sustainable use of biodiversity;
- 104.** Implement measures to ensure a safe and enabling environment in which individuals, groups and organizations that promote and defend human rights, the environment, lands, territories and resources of indigenous peoples and cultural rights can operate free of racism, violence, discrimination, threats and insecurity, promoting actions to ensure the highest possible level of physical and mental health of human rights defenders and victims of violence in the territory where they carry out their activities, based on the laws of the State Parties;

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- 105.** Promote, within ACTO's framework, the creation of an Observatory on the situation of human rights defenders and defenders of the rights of indigenous peoples and of the environment in the Amazon, with a view to promoting the exchange of experiences and cooperation among the State Parties and to identify methodologies, sources of funding and best practices for their protection activities;

Recognition of Amazonian cultures

- 106.** Promote the preservation, revitalization and recognition of Amazonian cultural expressions, in particular indigenous languages and cultures, including within the framework of UNESCO's International Decade of the World's Indigenous Languages, encouraging collaboration among States Parties, and supporting initiatives that foster the exchange of knowledge and experience;
- 107.** Promote and support, within the framework of ACTO, meetings of promoters and managers of culture in the Amazon Region, to stimulate dialogue between cultural agents and institutions, strengthen the collective understanding of the cultures of the Amazon as a shared heritage, and provide opportunities to organize joint cultural activities, income generation and social inclusion;
- 108.** Cooperate in the development of national and regional policies aimed at guaranteeing the protection and respectful and dignified use of the knowledge and wisdom of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities that inhabit the Amazon;

Diplomatic cooperation

- 109.** Instruct, through the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, that the Embassies and Missions of the State Parties accredited to international organizations and donor countries may, where appropriate, exchange information and coordinate actions in support of issues of interest to the State Parties related to ACTO and Amazonian cooperation in international negotiations;



- 110.** Entrust ACTO with the organization, on a regular basis and alternating among the different States Parties, of new editions of the Course on Amazon Diplomacy for Young Diplomats of ACTO Member States, in order to promote dialogue and cooperation in an area of strategic importance for the diplomatic academies or equivalent in the region, and to welcome the first edition, organized by the Government of Brazil, in the context of this Summit;

Implementation of the Belem Declaration

- 111.** Instruct the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT) to adopt the corresponding measures for the progressive implementation and incorporation of the actions of this Declaration, with a schedule, deadlines and means of implementation, as regards the Organization's areas of work and the next version of ACTO's Strategic Agenda, to be completed as soon as possible;
- 112.** Welcome the holding of the Amazon Technical-Scientific Meeting (Leticia, July 5 to 8, 2023) and the Amazon Dialogues (Belém, August 4 to 6, 2023), which were attended by representatives of different sectors of the societies of the State Parties, and take note of their conclusions, which will also be considered by the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ACT to decide on their progressive implementation and incorporation into the areas of work of the Organization; and
- 113.** Appreciate the offer of the President of the Republic of Colombia to convene and hold the V Meeting of Presidents of the States Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty in August 2025.

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We, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, and high-level representatives of the State Parties of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), gathered in the city of Brasília, in the Federative Republic of Brazil, on November 23, 2023, on the occasion of the XIV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO):

WELCOME the presidential mandates contained in the Belém Declaration, originating from the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the State Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, held in Belém from August 7th and 9th, 2023, and COMMIT to its progressive implementation and incorporation in all that corresponds, in accordance with the national legislations, within the framework of the ACTO. We also INVITE the international community to join the Amazon countries for the swift implementation of the Declaration by providing technical and financial cooperation to the initiatives it outlines.

TAKE NOTE of the conclusions of the Amazon Technical-Scientific Meeting, held in Leticia (Colombia), from July 7th to 8th, 2023, and the plenary meetings of the Amazon Dialogues, which took place in Belém do Pará (Brazil), from August 4th to 6th, 2023.

EMPHASIZE that the resolutions approved at this XIV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ACTO meet the purpose of continuing the progressive implementation and incorporation of the presidential mandates contained in the Belém Declaration.

INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization to take the necessary actions to enable the full and timely execution of the actions stipulated in the approved resolutions as corresponds.

WELCOME the reactivation of the Special Commissions at ministerial level within the Organization, including those on (i) Environment, (ii) Science and Technology, (iii) Health, (iv) Education, (v) Indigenous Affairs, (vi) Transport, Infrastructure and Communications and (vii) Tourism, as well as the creation of the Public Security and Transboundary Illicit Commission, which will play an important role in the implementation of the Belém Declaration.

REAFFIRM our Governments' interest in being able to count on the broadest mobilization and support from all sectors in our countries, at the governmental and civil society areas, as well as internationally, related to the international obligations developed by countries, in favor of protecting the Amazon, combating poverty and inequality, and promoting harmonious, integral, and inclusive development of the region, consistent with the national legislations and plans in each country, with the aim of preventing the Amazon from reaching the point of no return.

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WELCOME the holding of the First Meeting of the Amazon Alliance for Combating Deforestation, which took place on November 22, 2023.

URGE the international development banks and those of the States Parties to the ACT, to cooperate and work in coordination with ACTO, concentrating on the priorities that the Amazon countries have determined to achieve the sustainable development of the region with a particular focus on the structuring and support of sustainable, inclusive economic alternatives that generate employment and income opportunities, especially for low-income families in the Amazon.

MANIFEST our commitment to urge for the fight against climate change, to protect the forests and jungles and to guarantee the care of our Planet/Mother Earth, as recognized by some countries, the conservation and sustainable use of its ecosystems, biodiversity and cultural diversity, in order to avoid reaching the point of no return to guarantee the well-being of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, and all forms of life in the Amazon.

REAFFIRM the importance of strengthening the implementation of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Paris Agreement, adopted on December 12, 2015, with the aim of keeping the global temperature increase below 2°C and, if possible, 1.5°C, in accordance with the principles of the Convention, common but differentiated responsibilities, respective capabilities and equity, in the context of sustainable development and efforts to eradicate poverty, with climate justice and leaving no one behind. In this context, WE EMPHASISE that the 28th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP28) will be an opportunity to strengthen international cooperation and demand greater ambition in mobilizing financial, technological, and capacity-building resources to combat climate change, while reducing inequalities between countries and within our societies.

EXPRESS our concern over the severe drought impacting the Amazon Region, worsened by the El Niño phenomenon, leading to a drastic reduction in water levels. This affects the supply to indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities significantly, along with navigation, commerce, industry, electrical power generation, and aquatic ecosystems in the region. It also contributes to the increased incidence of wildfires and loss of biomass and biodiversity, further harming air quality and causing soil erosion and deforestation. In this context, we URGE the Working Group established during this XIV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to develop with priority an Amazon Disaster Risk Management Strategy in response to the El Niño phenomenon, for the benefit of the affected populations.

CONSIDERING the near conclusion of the succession process, we EXPRESS our recognition of the work and the achievement of important and significant results by the outgoing Board of Directors of the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO, composed by the Secretary-General, Lic. Alexandra Moreira (Bolivia), the Executive Director, Ambassador Carlos Lazary Teixeira (Brazil), and the Administrative Director, Eng. Carlos Armando Salinas Montes (Peru).

AGREE, finally, to hold the XV Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the ACTO in June 2024, at Paramaribo, Suriname, upon invitation of the Surinamese Government.

Brasília, November 23, 2023



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01

CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO ESTABLISH a Working Group composed of representatives from the Governments of the Member Countries to draft an Additional Protocol to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty establishing the Meeting of Presidents of the Member Countries to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty as a decision-making body and for adopting strategic political priorities within the framework of the ACTO.

The host country of the Meeting of Presidents of the Member Countries to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty will propose the form of the preparatory process for such presidential meetings, that congregates representatives from Government, academia, civil society, indigenous peoples, and local and traditional communities, to identify possible recommendations to be considered by the Meeting of Presidents.

TO DETERMINE that the draft text be submitted for consideration at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries for its approval.

Adopted in the city of Brasilia, Brazil, on the twenty-third day of November 2023.

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02

CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO ESTABLISH a Working Group composed of representatives from the Governments of the Member Countries to evaluate a Financial Mechanism aimed at Amazon cooperation within the framework of the ACTO, which allows for the raising and capitalization of non-reimbursable financial resources from various sources, including voluntary contributions from the Member Countries, international cooperation resources, development banks, and other donors endorsed by the Member Countries, as well as innovative mechanism for climate action financing with the purpose of financing projects, programs, studies, and other national and regional initiatives, strengthening human and institutional capacities, as well as the permanent exchange of experiences among Amazon countries.

TO DETERMINE that a proposal for the Financial Mechanism be submitted for consideration at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries for approval.

Adopted in the city of Brasilia, Brazil, on the twenty-third day of November 2023.

RES/XIV MRE-OTCA

03

CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO ESTABLISH a Working Group composed of representatives from the Governments of the Member Countries to advance the examination of an institutional link between the Amazonian Parliament and the Organization.

TO DETERMINE that the result of an examination of institutional linkage be submitted for consideration at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries for approval.

Adopted in the city of Brasilia, Brazil, on the twenty-third day of November 2023.

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04

CONSIDERING:

That Articles VII a) and IX of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT) express the decision of the Contracting Parties to promote scientific research and the exchange of information and technical personnel among the competent entities of their respective countries in order to expand knowledge of the flora and fauna resources of their Amazon territories; and to establish close collaboration in the fields of scientific and technological research, with the aim of creating more appropriate conditions to accelerate the economic and social development of the region;

That through RES/XII-MRE-OTCA/02, of May 3, 2013, it was decided to establish the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY as the permanent forum that brings together institutions and authorities related to the study of the Amazon, as a reference center for regional information on biodiversity, natural resources, and socio-diversity of the Amazon Region;

That through RES/XIII-MRE-OTCA/03, of December 1, 2017, the establishment of the Steering Committee of the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY was approved, as well as its operating mechanism;

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO CONSOLIDATE the institutional of the Amazon Regional Observatory (ARO) in the structure of the ACTO, strengthening its various modules on economic, social,

environmental, and cultural thematic areas, as a permanent tool for monitoring, consolidating information, data, and knowledge, endorsed by the Member Countries, and to guide the different areas of their governments to collaborate by regularly supplying data and information that feed the different ORA modules.

TO ENTRUST the Permanent Secretariat with analyzing the human, financial, and technological resources needed to ensure the continuous operation of the ARO situation room and the online platform integrating official data from public and scientific institutions on water resources, indigenous peoples, forests, biodiversity, fauna and flora and forest fires.

TO ENTRUST to the Permanent Secretariat to continue ensuring real-time access to the Amazon Regional Observatory and its various modules to the Member Countries and their institutions, as well as the establishment of future national observatories in each Member Country.

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to carry out the necessary steps to ensure the required financing for the institutionalization of the Amazon Regional Observatory.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO.

Adopted in the city of Brasilia, Brazil, on the twenty-third day of November 2023.

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05

CONSIDERING:

That the Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO ESTABLISH an Intergovernmental Working Group composed of representatives of the foreign ministries to prepare a proposal for the modernization and strengthening of the ACTO Permanent Secretariat and a new Succession Regulation Process, based on previous work, in order to strengthen the institutional and governance of the Organization at its various levels.

TO DETERMINE that the aforementioned proposals be submitted for consideration at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries, for approval.

Adopted in the city of Brasilia, Brazil, on the twenty-third day of November 2023.

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06

CONSIDERING:

That through RES/XII-MRE-OTCA/02, of May 3, 2013, it was decided to establish the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY as the permanent forum that brings together institutions and authorities linked to the study of the Amazon, as a reference center for regional information on biodiversity, natural resources, and socio-diversity of the Amazon Region;

That through RES/XIII-MRE-OTCA/03, of December 1, 2017, the establishment of the Steering Committee of the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY was approved, as well as its operating mechanism;

That through RES/XIV/MRE-OTCA/04, of November 23, 2023, it was decided to institutionalize the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY within the structure of the ACTO, strengthening its different modules on economic, social, environmental, and cultural topics;


The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO CREATE, within the framework of the AMAZON REGIONAL OBSERVATORY a module about the situation of human rights defenders and the rights of indigenous and environmental peoples in the Amazon (defenders module), to support the Member Countries in the permanent monitoring of such rights, with the aim of

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promoting the exchange of experiences and cooperation among them and identifying methodologies, cooperation, and best practices for their protection activities.

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to develop, in consultation with Member Countries and civil society entities, a detailed design project for the defenders module, consistent with legislations, realities, and national plans of each country.

TO REQUEST the Permanent Secretariat, with the support of the Member Countries, to mobilize international cooperation resources for the implementation of the defenders' module.

TO DETERMINE that the project be submitted for consideration at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries, for approval.

Adopted in the city of Brasilia, Brazil, on the twenty-third day of November 2023.

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07

CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

That the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples states that indigenous peoples have the right to participate in decision-making in matters that affect their rights, through representatives elected by them in accordance with their own procedures, as well as to maintain and develop their own decision-making institutions. It also establishes that States will consult and cooperate in good faith with the interested indigenous peoples through their representative institutions before adopting and implementing legislative or administrative measures that affect them, in order to obtain their free, prior and informed consent;

That the creation of the Amazon Indigenous Peoples Mechanism is proposed on the basis of international instruments on Indigenous Peoples, agreed language and the Declarations of the ACTO Heads of State meetings;

That the Declaration of the II Meeting of the Presidents of the Amazon Countries - 1992, paragraph 10 recognizes the rights of Indigenous Peoples and their contribution to environmental conservation; and in the Declaration of the III Meeting - 2009, paragraph 3 instructs the strengthening of institutional and political mechanisms of indigenous and tribal peoples of the ACTO Member Countries, in order to identify joint actions for their development in harmony with nature, protecting and conserving traditional extractive products;

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RESOLVES:

TO ESTABLISH the Amazonian Mechanism of Indigenous Peoples (the “Mechanism”), to strengthen and promote dialogue between governments and Amazonian indigenous peoples for the management and coordination on matters concerning indigenous peoples and contribute to the objectives of ACTO.

TO ENCOURAGE in the creation of a Forum of Indigenous Peoples and Local and Traditional Communities (the “Forum”), within the framework of the Mechanism, to contribute with their ancestral knowledge, data, and intercultural scientific and technical information for the advancement of technologies suitable for the preservation and sustainability of the Amazon in the context of public policy management and formulation;

TO ESTABLISH in the creation of a Working Group, composed of delegates from the Member Countries to elaborate the basis and structure of operation and implementation of the Mechanism and the Forum, in order to strengthen and promote the dialogue between governments, Amazonian indigenous peoples for management and coordination on concerns of indigenous peoples and contribute to the objectives of ACTO.

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to analyze the necessary human and financial resources to ensure the functioning of the mechanism and prepare a proposal on possible external funding sources for the Forum, whose first meeting will be sought to be organized in 2025.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO.

Adopted in the city of Brasilia, Brazil, on the twenty-third day of November 2023.

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CONSIDERING:

That the Special Commission on Amazon Health constitutes a forum for exchanging experiences and coordinating the design of health plans appropriate to the Amazon reality;

The serious impacts of the COVID 19 pandemic on the health of the peoples of the Amazon, who were disproportionately affected by the burden of this disease, especially the indigenous peoples;

The desirability of promoting cooperation in health, especially for epidemiological surveillance purposes;

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023.

RESOLVES:


TO REACTIVATE the Special Commission on Amazon Health (CESAM).

TO REQUEST the Commission to work for the implementation of the agreements relevant to its field of action recorded in the Declaration of Belém.

TO CREATE a Working Group on Epidemiological Surveillance subordinated to the Special Commission on Amazon Health, composed of epidemiological surveillance

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authorities of the Member Countries, to determine how to initiate a process of dialogue with a view to developing a regional system on this matter.

TO COOPERATE for the development and implementation of national health plans for indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, reducing persistent barriers to access to health services, respecting the right to prior and informed consultation and strengthening social participation in the construction of actions, programs and policies aimed at these populations.

TO STRENGTHEN, within the scope of ACTO, programs and contingency plans for the protection of the health of highly vulnerable indigenous peoples in initial contact or in conditions of geographic dispersion, with a view to creating a favorable context for the mitigation of threats from pandemics and endemic and emerging tropical diseases, as well as re-emerging diseases and those associated with the impacts of climate change.

TO PROMOTE the articulation of Western or allopathic medicine systems with ancestral or traditional medicine, respecting the knowledge and wisdom of the people who practice them and promote an integral and holistic approach based on the reality of the indigenous peoples of the Amazon.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO.

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CONSIDERING:

That, Article XXIV of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty establishes that, whenever necessary, the Contracting Parties may constitute special commissions for the study of specific problems or subjects related to the purposes of this Treaty;

The need to strengthen and expand police and intelligence cooperation for the prevention, repression, and investigation of illegal activities, including environmental crimes and violations of the rights of human rights defenders, the rights of indigenous peoples, and socio-environmental rights, affecting the Amazon Region;

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023, which foresees the establishment of the Special Commission on Public Security;

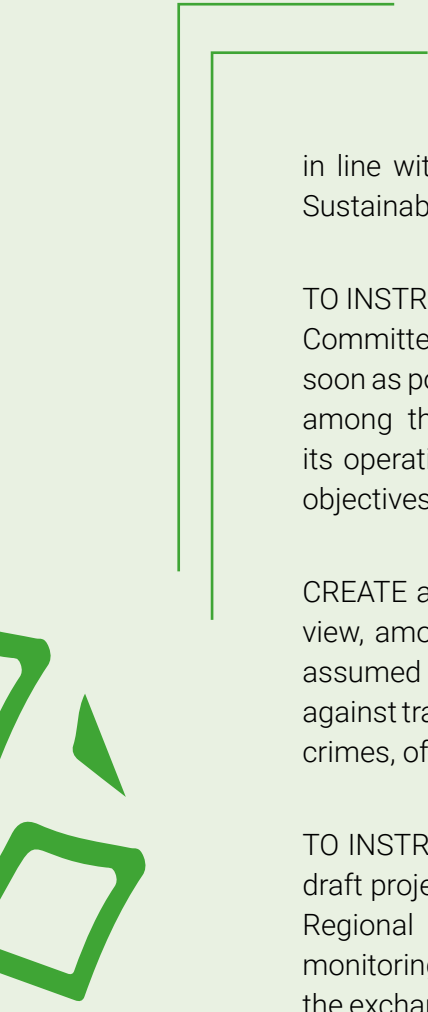
RESOLVES:

TO CREATE the creation of a Special Commission on Public Security and Transboundary Crime in the Amazon Region with the aim of, among other, promoting the implementation of commitments made in the chapter on police, judicial, and intelligence cooperation in the fight against illegal activities, including environmental crimes, from the Belém Declaration;

TO SHARE national strategies and programs among the Member Countries of ACTO to combat such illicit activities, recognizing the importance of coordination of regional policies and strategies to move towards secure and peaceful societies,

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in line with their national objectives and policies, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development;

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to convene the first meeting of the Special Committee on Public Security and Transnational Crime in the Amazon Region, as soon as possible; in which they will define, based on previous technical consultations among the Member Countries with the support of the Permanent Secretariat, its operation, governance, a work plan and a schedule for the development of its objectives;

CREATE a Special Commission on Public Security and Transnational Crime with a view, among other things, to promoting the implementation of the commitments assumed in the chapter on police, judicial and emergency cooperation in the fight against transboundary illicit activities in the Amazon Region, including environmental crimes, of the Belém Declaration;

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to prepare with the Member Countries, a draft project of monitoring transnational illicit in the Amazon Region in the Amazon Regional Observatory (ARO) including human trafficking as an instrument for monitoring and consolidating information, data and knowledge that will allow for the exchange of experiences and cooperation among the States Parties in their fight against such illicit drug trafficking; as well as identify methodologies, sources of financing and best practices in this area;

TO RECOMMEND to the Permanent Secretariat, with the support of the Member States, to seek complementary sources of external financing for the implementation of the public security and transnational crime module;

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO.

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CONSIDERING that the cooperative relations among the Governments of the Member Countries to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization and the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (hereinafter referred to as “ACTO”) are based on the Amazon Cooperation Treaty signed on July 3, 1978 and the Protocol of Amendment to the Treaty signed on December 14, 1998;

EMPHASIZING the role of ACTO in the process of Regional Cooperation and South-South Cooperation among Amazon countries, as well as the mandates and guidelines granted to it in the 2009 Declaration of Heads of State of ACTO Member Countries and the 2010 and 2011 Declarations of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ACTO Member Countries;

WHEREAS the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda (ASCA) is ACTO’s working framework, whose 8-year implementation began in 2011 and ended in 2018;

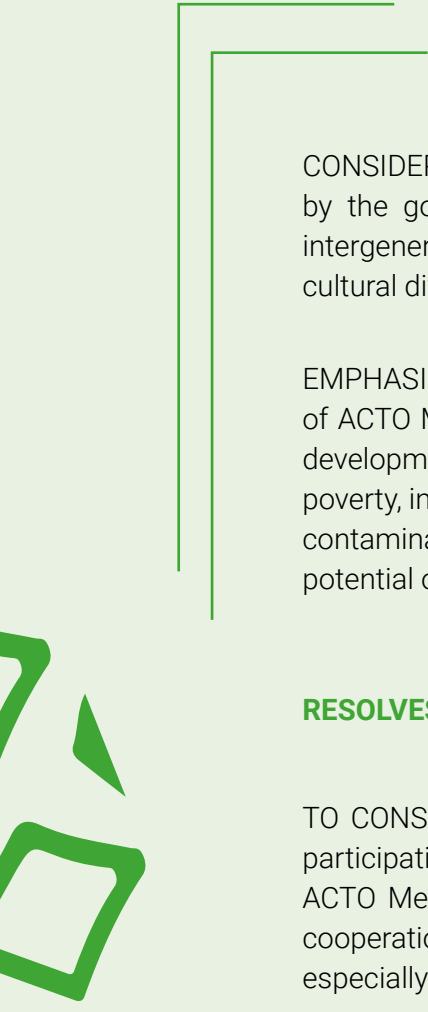
EMPHASIZING that on December 1, 2017, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ACTO Member Countries approved Resolution RES/XIII/MRE-OTCA/04, in which they determined that the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO would follow up on the review of the ASCA, coordinated by the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries through regional, national and sectoral consultations and dialogues;

CONSIDERING that the resumption of negotiations for the updating of the ASCA was decided by the leaders of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), meeting in the city of Belém do Pará, on August 9, 2023;

REITERATING the commitment of the Governments of the Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization and the ACTO to promote South-South Cooperation as an instrument to strengthen coordinated and integrated action for the sustainable development of the Amazon Region;

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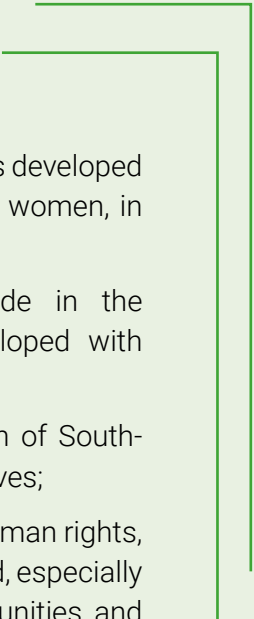
CONSIDERING that South-South Cooperation coincides with the policies defined by the governments of ACTO Member Countries, through an intercultural and intergenerational approach to promote recognition and respect for the identity and cultural diversity of the Amazon;

EMPHASIZING the importance of regional cooperation to strengthen the capacity of ACTO Member Countries to face common social, economic and environmental development challenges, particularly those related to overcoming hunger and poverty, increasing inequalities, the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, water and soil contamination, deforestation and forest fires, considering the particularities and potential of the Amazon Region;

RESOLVES:

TO CONSTITUTE a Group of Focal Points for South-South Cooperation, with the participation of representatives of the agencies responsible for cooperation in the ACTO Member Countries, in order to better coordinate, articulate and rationalize cooperation and sustainable development activities in favor of the Amazon Region, especially in transboundary areas, through the following actions, among others:

- A.** Development of training and capacity building initiatives to strengthen national capacities in ASCA's priority areas, with special emphasis on indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, paying particular attention to women, youth and other social actors in the Amazon Region;
- B.** Holding biannual meetings of focal points to prepare, approve and implement a Strategic and Operational Plan that brings together initiatives and successful practices of ACTO Member Countries that can be shared and adapted through South-South and Triangular/Trilateral Cooperation;
- C.** Identification of innovative public policies that value local production chains and the economy of the Amazon region in an integrated manner;
- D.** Identification and exchange of best practices to eradicate hunger, poverty and violence against Amazonian populations in all its forms and dimensions, in line with the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, through South-South Cooperation;

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- E.** Incorporation of the gender perspective in projects and initiatives developed within the framework of ACTO, with the active participation of women, in order to promote their rights and empowerment;
 - F.** Periodic monitoring and evaluation of the progress made in the implementation of South-South cooperation initiatives developed with emphasis on the promotion of sustainable development;
 - G.** Identification and management of resources for the execution of South-South and Triangular/Trilateral Cooperation projects and initiatives;
 - H.** Incorporation of perspectives of protection and promotion of human rights, equality of all people, without distinction of race or any other kind, especially the rights of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, and of populations in vulnerable situations, in projects and initiatives developed within the framework of ACTO and South-South Cooperation;

TO DETERMINE that the Permanent Secretariat report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO.

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CONSIDERING the human right to adequate food and the fundamental role of nutritional, security, safe, nutritious and sufficient food in ensuring this right for the populations of the Amazon Region;

RECOGNIZING the sociobiodiversity of the Amazon Region as a vital heritage for promoting healthy, diversified, nutritional, security, safe, nutritious and sufficient food, as well as for the resilience and sustainability of food systems;

RECOGNIZING the importance of food sovereignty as a right of the people to define their own sustainable policies and strategies for food production, distribution, and consumption;

REAFFIRMING the commitment of Member Countries to eradicate hunger and malnutrition in all its forms, in line with the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals;

RECALLING the commitments adopted at the XII Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ACTO (RES/XII MRE-ACTO/05), in El Coca, Ecuador, on May 3, 2013, when the Ministers highlighted the need to analyze and develop concepts such as food sovereignty and its relationship with food security and the right to adequate food, and CONSIDERING the results of the Regional Technical Meeting on the Analysis and Development of concepts such as Food Sovereignty and its relationship with Food Security and the Right to Food, held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, on October 24- 25, 2013;

HIGHLIGHTING the importance of regional cooperation as a means to strengthen the capacity of Member Countries to face common challenges related to sovereignty and food and nutritional security, given the peculiarities and potential of the Amazon Region;

EMPHASIZING that the traditional, sustainable and resilient food systems of our countries are part of the solution to the challenges of sustainability since they generate food, ecosystemic functions, favor territorial rootedness and the development of our countries and are highly vulnerable to the effects of climate change and biodiversity loss, global phenomena where developed countries have a historical and current responsibility.

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém, on August 8th, 2023;

RESOLVES:

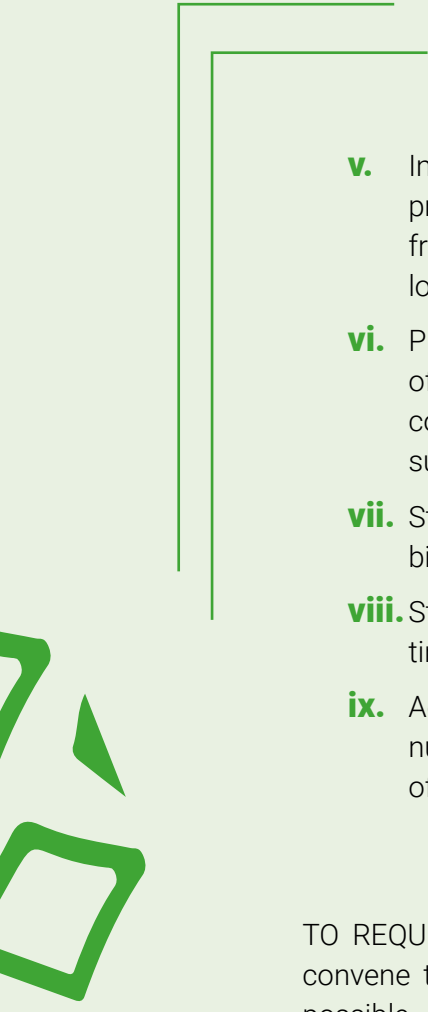
TO ESTABLISH an Intergovernmental Working Group, with the participation of representatives appointed by the Member Countries, to draft an Amazon Strategy for Sovereignty and Food and Nutritional Security;

As part of the drafting process of the Amazon Strategy, the Intergovernmental Working Group shall consider and present proposals related, among others, to the following topics:

- i.** Establishment of an Amazon Food and Nutritional Security Observatory, to promote regional cooperation and the exchange of diagnostics, knowledge, experiences, and best practices among Member Countries in the field of food and nutritional security;
- ii.** Establishment of a regional mechanism for regular monitoring and evaluation of the processes and results derived from the implementation of the Amazon Strategy and associated initiatives;
- iii.** Development of training and capacity-building initiatives to strengthen national capacities in the domain of sovereignty and food and nutritional security, with special emphasis on indigenous peoples and traditional peoples and communities of the Amazon Region;
- iv.** Promotion of scientific research and innovation, as well as social technologies and rural extension, aiming to enhance the sustainable use of Amazon sociobiodiversity and its contribution to sovereignty and food and nutritional security in the region;

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- v.** Implement public policies that support the production, commercialization, preparation and/or transformation, as well as the consumption of food from local biodiversity, protecting extractive processes and strengthening local production chains and the economy of the Amazon Region;
 - vi.** Promotion of sustainable agri-food systems, protection, and strengthening of biodiversity, integrating production, processing, distribution, and consumption, with a focus on environmental, social, and economic sustainability;
 - vii.** Strengthening of the production, distribution, and trade systems of regional bioeconomy products;
 - viii.** Strengthening of social protection networks to ensure access to food in times of crisis, especially for populations in more vulnerable situations;
 - ix.** Adaptation and, where applicable, drafting of food guides and food and nutritional education strategies aimed at protecting and valuing the diversity of traditional food practices and the sociobiodiversity of the Amazon region;

TO REQUEST the Permanent Secretariat to undertake the necessary actions to convene the first meeting of the Intergovernmental Working Group as soon as possible.

The Intergovernmental Working Group, through the delegates of their respective countries, should provide mechanisms to ensure the engagement and active participation of indigenous peoples and traditional peoples and communities, national and state food and nutritional security councils, where they exist, networks, forums, and collectives of civil society organizations, academia, and the private sector in the development and implementation of the Amazon Strategy.

TO DETERMINE that the Permanent Secretariat report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO.

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CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém, on August 8th, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO URGE that all possible efforts be made to carry out new editions of the Amazonian Diplomacy Course for Young Diplomats of ACTO Member Countries.

TO INVITE ACTO Member Countries, in coordination with the Permanent Secretariat of the Organization (SP/ACTO), to submit voluntary applications to host the 2024 edition, as well as for the successive annual editions of the Course, on dates and formats to be agreed upon between SP/ACTO and the Member Countries.

TO INVITE the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO to act as a co-organizer and facilitator in the organization efforts and in obtaining means and resources for the implementation of the Amazonian Diplomacy Course, in collaboration with the Member Countries and with the support of relevant academic and cooperation institutions from Member States.

TO REQUEST the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO to promote regular exchange of information and best practices among the Member Countries, aiming to continuously improve the Amazonian Diplomacy Course and constantly adapt it to the evolving needs and challenges in the Amazon.

TO DETERMINE that the Permanent Secretariat shall report on the progress of the implementation of this resolution at the XV Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Member Countries of the OTCA.

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CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO RECOMMEND the Special Commission on Science and Technology to conduct the mapping of technological parks, incubators, accelerators, and other innovation-promoting players in the region, with the aim of creating the Amazon Technological Innovation and Dissemination Network with the with the purpose of, among others:

- a.** Integrate local needs and demands into the production of innovative and sustainable solutions, respecting human rights and the rights of indigenous peoples;
- b.** Train and develop local innovative entrepreneurship;
- c.** Coordinate Amazonian innovation players to share knowledge and practices according to the quadruple helix model: government, companies, universities, and society;
- d.** Encourage the sustainable use of Amazon biodiversity based on innovation.

TO DETERMINE that the Secretariat Permanent informs on the progress and implementation of this resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of the ACTO.

Adopted in the city of Brasilia, Brazil, on the twenty-third day of November 2023.

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CONSIDERING:

That through RES/XII-MRE-OTCA/02, dated May 3, 2013, it was decided to establish the AMAZONIAN REGIONAL OBSERVATORY as the permanent forum bringing together institutions and authorities related to the study of the Amazon, as a regional reference center for information on biodiversity, natural resources, and socio-diversity of the Amazon Region;

That through RES/XIII-MRE-OTCA/03, dated December 1, 2017, the establishment of the Steering Committee of the AMAZONIAN REGIONAL OBSERVATORY was approved, along with its operating mechanism;

That through RES/XIV/MRE-OTCA/04, dated November 23, 2023, it was decided to institutionalize the AMAZONIAN REGIONAL OBSERVATORY in the structure of the ACTO, strengthening its various modules on economic, social, environmental, and cultural issues;

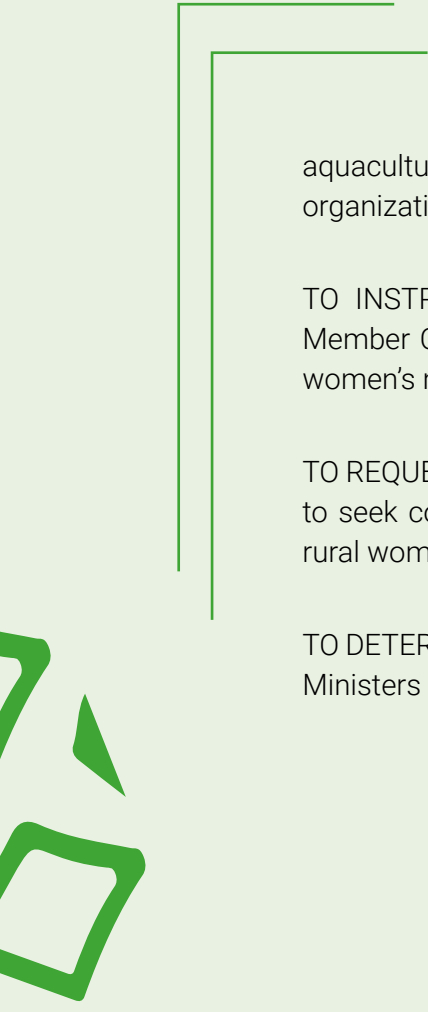
The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO CREATE, within the framework of the AMAZONIAN REGIONAL OBSERVATORY, a rural women's module for the Amazon (rural women's module), with an interactive data platform and other tools to inform the development of strategies, projects, programs, and public policies for women engaged in agricultural, forestry, and

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aquaculture activities, sustainable aquifers, among others and to support the organization of knowledge networks for female entrepreneurship;

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the Member Countries and civil society entities, a detailed design project for the rural women's module;

TO REQUEST the Permanent Secretariat, with the support of the Member Countries, to seek complementary external financing sources for the implementation of the rural women's module;

TO DETERMINE that the project be submitted for consideration at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries for approval.

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CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:


TO INTEGRATE the Forum of Amazon Cities into the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), which will serve as a platform for Amazon local governments to cooperate, exchange experiences and best practices, and jointly address the social and environmental challenges faced by their cities and territories in the framework of its competences, thus strengthening the articulation and regional integration of the Amazon, as well as the promotion of female leadership in the region.

TO REQUEST the Forum to submit a working plan to the ACTO, that includes a calendar of regular meetings, as well as a schedule of workshops, courses, exchanges of experiences and best practices, in addition to the development of technical cooperation programs and projects and other initiatives that promote a dynamic of collective action in favor of achieving the goals of the New Urban Agenda (Habitat III), the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the UNFCCC and its Paris Agreement, and the search for solutions to common challenges.

TO REQUEST the Forum to establish a Working Group opened to representatives from local, subnational governments, and representatives of the Member Countries to develop a proposal for an Institutional Framework that includes its governance and management.

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The Working Group may invite sustainable regional development banks and other organizations willing to cooperate with the Forum's activities as observers.

TO DETERMINE that the proposal for the Institutional Framework be submitted for consideration at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries, for approval.

TO DETERMINE that the Permanent Secretariat report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO.

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to provide the Forum with the necessary support for the achievement of its activities and, in particular, for the development of its work plan and Institutional Framework.

Adopted in the city of Brasilia, Brazil, on the twenty-third day of November 2023.

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CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

That the Amazon Cooperation Treaty expresses the common purpose of the Parties to combine efforts to promote the harmonious development of the Amazon, allowing an equitable distribution of the benefits of this development among the Contracting Parties, to raise the standard of living of their peoples and achieve the full incorporation of their Amazonian territories into their respective national economies, preserving the environment and promoting the conservation and rational use of natural resources;


That Articles VII.a and IX of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty express the decision of the Member Countries to promote scientific research and the exchange of information and technical personnel among the competent entities of the respective countries, in order to expand knowledge about the resources of the flora and fauna of their Amazon territories and to prevent and control diseases in these territories; and to establish close collaboration in the fields of scientific and technological research, with the aim of creating more suitable conditions for accelerating the economic and social development of the region.

RESOLVES:

TO ESTABLISH the Intergovernmental Technical-Scientific Panel of the Amazon, with which will meet annually with representatives of the Member Countries, including technicians, scientists, and researchers specialized in the Amazon region,

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with the permanent participation of indigenous organizations, local and traditional peoples and communities, civil society, and scientific community and academic, with the aim of promoting the exchange of knowledge and in-depth debate on studies, methodologies, monitoring, and alternatives to reduce deforestation, boost sustainable development, prevent biodiversity loss, and prevent the environmental imbalance in the Amazon from approaching a point of no return.

TO DETERMINE that the Intergovernmental Technical-Scientific Panel of the Amazon promotes the systematization of information and the preparation of periodic public reports on priority topics, as well as analyze the social and economic dynamics of the region, to facilitate the planning of preventive actions and identify bottlenecks and potentialities of scientific- technological production in the Amazon region, with recommendations for the governments of the States Party, according to their priorities and needs.

TO DEFINE that the Intergovernmental Technical-Scientific Panel of the Amazon will support the implementation of the Regional Biodiversity Program for the Amazon Basin/Region, agreed upon in 2021 within the framework of the ACTO.

TO CREATE a Special Working Group on the Intergovernmental Technical-Scientific Panel of the Amazon, aimed at developing and considering a proposal for regulations, work plan, and schedule to enable the operation of the Panel, with its first meeting to be held in the first half of 2024.

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to carry out the necessary actions to ensure the necessary funding for the activities of the Intergovernmental Technical-Scientific Panel of the Amazon and to administratively support its operation.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO.

Adopted in the city of Brasilia, Brazil, on the twenty-third day of November 2023.

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CONSIDERING:

That the Amazon Cooperation Treaty expresses the common purpose of the Parties to join efforts to promote the harmonious development of the Amazon, allowing an equitable distribution of the benefits of this development among the Member Countries, to raise the standard of living of their peoples and to achieve the full incorporation of their Amazon territories into their respective national economies, preserving the environment and promoting the conservation and rational use of natural resources;

That articles I, V, and XI of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty express the decision of the Member Countries to undertake joint efforts and actions to promote the harmonious development of their respective Amazon territories, so that these joint actions produce equitable and mutually beneficial results, as well as for the preservation of the environment and the conservation and rational use of the natural resources of these territories; that seek the rational use of water resources; and that encourage the conduct of studies and the adoption of joint measures to promote economic and social development in these territories and generate forms of complementarity that strengthen the actions envisaged in the national plans for these territories;

That fair and equitable participation in the benefits arising from the utilization of the genetic resources of biological diversity is one of the objectives of the Convention on Biological Diversity and that its promotion in the Amazon Basin/Region is an important component for the implementation of the Regional Biodiversity Program for the Amazon Basin/Region, agreed in 2021 within the framework of the ACTO;

That the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization establishes, in its article 11, that countries, in cases where the same genetic resources are found in situ in the

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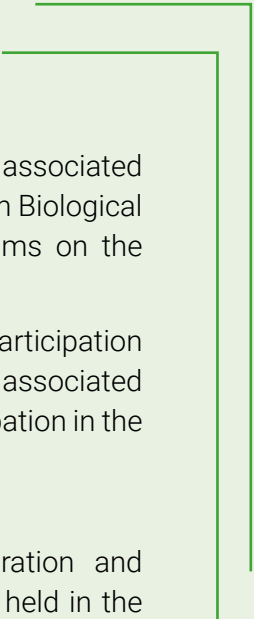
territory of more than one country, shall seek to cooperate, with the participation of the relevant indigenous and local communities, with a view to implementing the Nagoya Protocol.

RESOLVES:

TO CREATE a Working Group within the framework of ACTO, aimed at the integration and harmonization of the National Access and Benefit-sharing Systems (ABS) of the Amazon countries, related to the sustainable use of heritage and associated traditional knowledge in research, development, and innovation processes of commercially exploited products and processes, in accordance with the Convention on Biological Diversity, its Nagoya Protocol, and the national legislation of the Member Countries, as well as dialogue and coordination of positions on the genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge agenda (ABS) in different multilateral forums;

That the Working Group on Integration and Harmonization of National Access and Benefit-sharing Systems will initially have the following objectives:

- a.** Promote the exchange of information and experiences, such as legislation, policies, guidelines, regulations, tools, and procedures to implement national access and benefit-sharing systems, as well as in the implementation of best practices in access and benefit-sharing, conservation, and sustainable use of biodiversity.
- b.** Promote the exchange of perspectives on regulatory aspects related to the transboundary use of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge in research, development, and innovation processes of commercially exploited products and processes in the region.
- c.** Explore mechanisms for integration and harmonization of national systems through the creation of a virtual platform of access and distribution of benefits, and, within the framework of ACTO, for the Member Countries of the Organization to register the results generated from the use of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge in the region, to allow continuous exchange of relevant information for the traceability of the use of genetic resources and to strengthen compliance with national legislation.

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- d. Promote the exchange of positions on genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge within the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Protocols, as well as other multilateral forums on the subject, with a view to exploring joint positions.
 - e. Explore mechanisms that provide an integral and inclusive participation of all key stakeholders in the access to genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, as well as in the fair and equitable participation in the benefits derived from their utilization.

TO CONVENE the First Meeting of the Working Group on Integration and Harmonization of National Access and Benefit-sharing Systems, to be held in the first half of 2024.

TO INSTRUCT the Working Group on Integration and Harmonization of National Access and Benefit-sharing Systems to, at its 1st Meeting, prepare a work plan and a schedule to guide the implementation of the aforementioned objectives.

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to take the necessary measures to ensure the necessary funding for the activities of the Working Group and to provide administrative support for the organization and holding of its meetings.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

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CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

That the Amazon Cooperation Treaty expresses the common purpose of the Parties to join efforts to promote the harmonious development of the Amazon, allowing an equitable distribution of the benefits of this development among the Member Countries, to raise the standard of living of their peoples and to achieve the full incorporation of their Amazon territories into their respective national economies, preserving the environment and promoting the conservation and rational use of natural resources;

That Articles I, V, and XI of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty express the decision of the Member Countries to undertake joint efforts and actions to promote the harmonious development of their respective Amazon territories, so that these joint actions produce equitable and mutually beneficial results, as well as for the preservation of the environment and the conservation and rational use of the natural resources of these territories; that they seek the rational use of water resources; and that they encourage the conduct of studies and the adoption of joint measures to promote the economic and social development of these territories and generate forms of complementation that reinforce the actions outlined in national plans for these territories;

The commitments of the V Regional Meeting of Forestry Authorities of ACTO Member Countries, held June 21-23 in Quito, Ecuador;

RESOLVES:

TO CREATE within ACTO the Amazonian Network of Forest Authorities to strengthen the implementation of the ACTO Forest Program and the relevant actions of the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda, in order to promote conservation, improve sustainable forest management, and restore native vegetation, with safeguards for biodiversity conservation and the promotion of connectivity in forest landscapes. Additionally, to exchange technological advancements, establish sustainable development projects, and promote access to financing for such projects, among other initiatives.

TO CONVENE the First Meeting of the Amazonian Network of Forestry Authorities, to be held in the first semester of 2024.

INSTRUCT the Amazonian Network of Forestry Authorities, in its 1st Meeting, to define its rules and operating parameters, as well as to develop a work plan and a schedule to guide the implementation of the aforementioned objectives, coordination, and regional cooperation modalities, and the relationship with other mechanisms, such as the Amazon Network for Comprehensive Fire Management and the Amazon Alliance for Combating Deforestation.

INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to take the necessary measures to ensure the necessary funding for the activities of the Amazonian Network of Forestry Authorities and to provide administrative support for the organization and holding of its meetings.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO.

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The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

That the Amazon Cooperation Treaty expresses the common intention of the Parties to join efforts to promote the harmonious development of the Amazon, allowing an equitable distribution of the benefits of this development among the Member Countries, to improve the standard of living of their peoples and to fully incorporate their Amazon territories into their respective national economies, while preserving the environment and promoting the conservation and rational use of natural resources;

That Articles I, V, and XI of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty express the decision of the Member Countries to undertake joint efforts and actions to promote the harmonious development of their respective Amazon territories, ensuring that these joint actions yield equitable and mutually beneficial results, as well as for the preservation of the environment and the conservation and rational use of the natural resources of these territories; aiming for the rational use of water resources; and encouraging the conduct of studies and the adoption of joint measures to promote economic and social development in these territories, and generate forms of complementarity that strengthen the actions envisaged in the national plans for these territories;

That the Belém Declaration decided to join efforts of their governments, at the highest level, to advance a new common agenda of cooperation in the Amazon to be implemented under the auspices of sustainable development, the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, forests and water, urgent action to avoid the point of no return in the Amazon, the fight against deforestation and illegal activities in the region, economic development with social inclusion and generation of income and

employment, based on mechanisms of social participation, especially of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, and strengthening the ACTO;

RESOLVES:

TO ESTABLISH the Amazonian Network of Water Authorities of the Member States of ACTO (RADA, in Spanish), which held its first meeting in Belem Summit of August, 06th, 2023, for cooperation in the sustainable management of water resources in the region, with the aim of enabling the Member Countries to establish regional monitoring protocols, cooperation, and mutual support in the management of the Amazon's water resources by the Member Countries for the revitalization, conservation, and protection of water sources, criteria, and parameters for water quality and quantity; and to support the implementation of regional projects and initiatives on surface and groundwater, cooperative and sustainable planning and management of water resources, including transboundary ones, progressively strengthening technical, technological and institutional capacities, technological innovation, and intercultural dialogue, in accordance with national circumstances, including the political, social, and cultural commitments of each country.

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to convene, in the first semester of 2024, the First Meeting of the Amazonian Network of Water Authorities (RADA) for the approval of its by-laws the development of a work plan and a schedule to guide the implementation of its objectives, among others.

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to take the necessary measures to ensure the necessary funding for the activities of the Amazon Network of Water Authorities (RADA) and to provide administrative support for the organization and holding of its meetings and other activities defined in the RADA regulations.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

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CONSIDERING:

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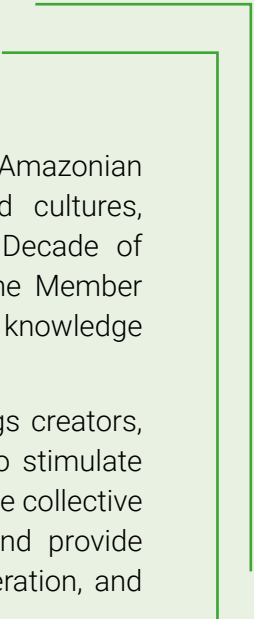
The importance of Culture as one of the central axes of public policies promoting sustainable development in its three pillars: economic, social, and environmental for the Amazonian peoples;

That Culture is a constitutive element of the peoples and a factor of integration that transcends the borders of Member Countries, and that the cultural practices of the population of these territories, especially indigenous peoples, local and traditional communities are fundamental for the balance of the Amazonian ecosystems;

The relevance of the ACTO to promote and support, within its capabilities, meetings of culture creator, promoters and managers, at all levels, of the Amazonian peoples of the Organization's countries, in order to create a permanent Amazonian regional dialogue on Culture with a view to generating employment, income and social inclusion for both impoverished indigenous, urban local and traditional populations throughout the region, always keeping in perspective the protection of biodiversity and Amazonian peoples with a view to preserving the Amazon as a set of cultural ecosystems;

RESOLVES:

TO ESTABLISH an Intergovernmental Working Group, within the framework of ACTO, with the participation of representatives designated by the Member Countries, to, among other things:

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- a.** Promote the preservation, revitalization, and recognition of Amazonian cultural expressions, particularly indigenous languages and cultures, including within the framework of UNESCO's International Decade of Indigenous Languages, encouraging collaboration between the Member Countries and support for initiatives that foster the exchange of knowledge and experiences;
 - b.** Promote and support, within the framework of ACTO, meetings creators, promoters and managers of culture in the Amazon region, to stimulate dialogue between cultural agents and institutions, strengthen the collective understanding of Amazon cultures as a shared heritage, and provide opportunities to organize joint cultural activities, income generation, and social inclusion;
 - c.** Cooperate in the development of national and regional policies that ensure the protection and respectful and dignified use of the knowledge and wisdom of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities living in the Amazon;
 - d.** Create, within the framework of the permanent Amazonian regional dialogue, a Regional Program of Amazonian Cultures that gives international and institutional visibility to the cultural diversity and the plurality of Amazonian identities under the most diverse forms and artistic languages and thematic areas;
 - e.** Visibilize, promote the exchange of experiences and promote cultural and ancestral practices of midwifery and traditional medicine of women and other indigenous populations.

TO INSTRUCT the PS to convene the first meeting of the Working Group for the approval of its rules of procedure, the development of a work plan and a timeline to guide the implementation of its objectives.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO.

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The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO INSTRUCT the resume of the negotiations on the update of the Strategic Agenda for Amazon Cooperation (ASCA), in the first semester of 2024.

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CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO ESTABLISH a Working Group with representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and/or Heads of Delegation to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) to initiate a dialogue on common perspectives regarding the implementation of Art. 6.8 of non-market based approaches, including the possibility of establishing a Joint Amazon Mitigation and Adaptation Mechanism for the Integrated and Sustainable Management of Forests, within the framework of decision 16/CP.21 of the UNFCCC, presenting concrete experiences of the countries, promoting the search for financial cooperation resources for this purpose.

TO INSTRUCT the PS to convene the first meeting of the Working Group for the approval of its rules of procedure, the development of a work plan and a timeline to guide the implementation of its objectives.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of ACTO.

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CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

RESOLVES:

TO ESTABLISH a Commission with the Government representatives of the Member Countries, with the purpose of initiating dialogue for the development of a regional cooperation framework in the areas of certification and valorization of Amazon products and incentives for the recognition of environmental and ecosystem services/functions. Likewise, promote, through coordination between Member Countries, the feasibility of joint investments in regional research and innovation activities and networks that allow the development of new solutions and technologies, rescuing traditional knowledge and know-how, in order to expand the possibilities of generating wealth associated with sustainable use and forest conservation in the Amazon territory.

TO INSTRUCT the PS to convene the first meeting of the Working Group for the approval of its rules of procedure, the development of a work plan and a timeline to guide the implementation of its objectives.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Treaty Cooperation.

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CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

That forest fires in the Amazon represent an invaluable loss of natural, social and economic resources, as well as biodiversity, which contribute to the worsening of climate change due to the high levels of carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the burning of organic matter, affect health and cause material damage to indigenous peoples and local communities, in addition to impacting other regions of South America;

That the material, financial, human and technical resources available to each country may be insufficient to control the fire and that the damage caused may affect and compromise the renewable natural resources of the Amazon countries as a whole, so it is a priority and urgent to deepen cooperation and resources for their attention;

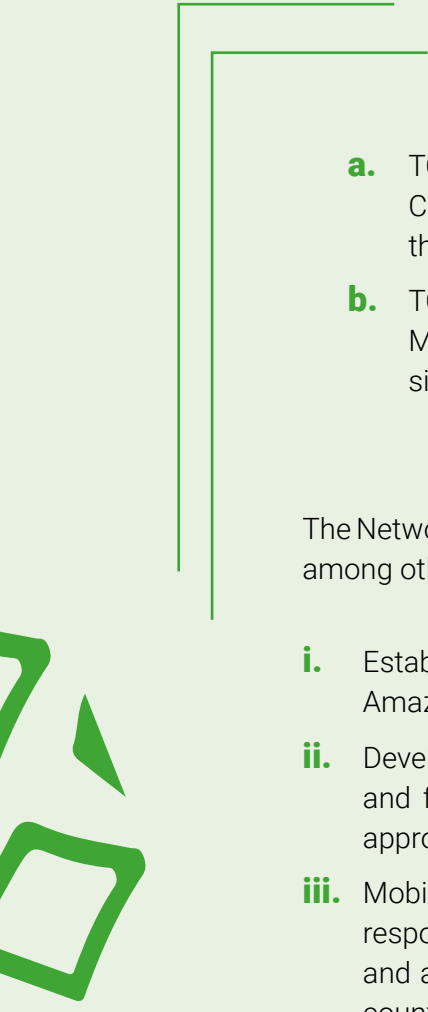
That in previous Meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, they approved Resolutions that resolve as a priority the negotiation and adoption of a Framework Cooperation Agreement for the Fighting of Border Forest Fires among the ACTO Member Countries, with the participation of international cooperation;

RESOLVES:


TO STRENGTHEN cooperation among the Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, through the following:

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- a.** TO ADVANCE in the underwriting of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance for Integral Fire Management between the States Parties;
 - b.** TO PROMOTE the creation of the Amazon Network for Integrated Fire Management (RAMIF) and its Technical Working Group, once the MoU is signed;

The Network and the Technical Working Group will be responsible for these activities, among other:

- i.** Establish the Cooperation System for Integrated Fire Management in the Amazon Region;
 - ii.** Develop and implement effective policies and strategies for integrated forest and fire management, considering ecological, social, cultural and economic approaches;
 - iii.** Mobilize regional cooperation to activate early and timely warning and response, in accordance with the requirements, legal frameworks, fire situation and availability of resources and means available in each affected country or countries;
 - iv.** Strengthen forest fire systems through training or knowledge transfer;
 - v.** Generate concept notes and/or projects to access financing, international cooperation, mobilization of financial resources and climate funds, to advance in the implementation of the Memorandum, have monitoring systems and access to updated satellite information, reduce damages and losses caused by fire, and prevent, reduce risk, control forest fires and recover affected and/or degraded areas;
 - vi.** Deepen the forest module in the Amazon Regional Observatory, emphasizing monitoring, fire forecasting and hot spots;
 - vii.** Provide a registry of data from the survey of information on the loss of species, ecosystems, indigenous peoples and local communities affected;
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TO INSTRUCT the PS to convene the first meeting of the Working Group and/or Networking for the approval of its rules of procedure, the development of a work plan and a timeline to guide the implementation of its objectives.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Treaty Cooperation.

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CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

The conviction that cooperation, integrated vision and collective action are fundamental to address the political, social, economic and environmental challenges faced by adverse climate phenomena in the Amazon Region;

The human face of the Amazon, the centrality of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and natural resources in the region, the need to ensure the well-being of Amazonian populations and solidarity towards present and future generations,

The urgency of articulating national policies for prevention and response to the increased intensity and frequency of the El Niño phenomenon, which affects the Amazon with extreme effects of floods and droughts, generating disasters and increasing the socio-economic vulnerability of the Amazonian ecosystems;

Recent scientific research data, which demonstrate the existence of an anomaly in the behavior of ocean temperature, causing more intense and lasting effects, such as high drought scenarios in the Amazon, producing great water stress and making it more prone to fires;

That the World Meteorological Organization has declared the onset of El Niño conditions for the year 2023, so that governments can make preparations to limit the immediate impacts of this phenomenon.

That the World Meteorological Organization (WMO) predicted that the occurrence of the climate phenomenon is expected to last at least until April 2024, warning of stronger extreme events such as heat waves, droughts, forest fires, heavy rains and floods;

The scientific information contained in the Atlas of Hydroclimatic Vulnerability of the Amazon Region, developed within the framework of the ACTO/UN Environment/GEF Amazon Integrated and Sustainable Management of Transboundary Water Resources in the Amazon River Basin Project, considering climate variability and change;

RESOLVES:

TO CREATE a Interdisciplinary Working Group made up of representatives of the competent national entities of the States Parties to carry out, among other activities:

- 1.** Elaborate an Amazon Strategy for Disaster Risk Management in the face of the El Niño Phenomenon, considering national advances, tools and regulations, to manage risk prevention, focused on understanding the impacts of the El Niño Phenomenon in the Amazon region, and mitigation actions and promote resilience, in accordance with the national legislations of the States Parties.
- 2.** Plan the agile coordination of inventories and logistics of humanitarian assistance at the regional level, in favor of the Amazon populations affected by the El Niño phenomenon;

TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat to convene the first meeting of the Working Group as soon as possible.

TO RECOMMEND that the Working Group, at its first meeting, develop a plan of action and a timetable for its implementation.

TO RECOMMEND to the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization to promote the exchange of scientific information with the hydrological and meteorological monitoring services of the States Parties and with international

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entities such as the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) and the International Center for Research on the El Niño Phenomenon (CIIFEN), among others.

TO RECOMMEND to the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization to design a module in the Amazon Regional Observatory, within the framework of the cooperation of the Memorandum of Understanding with the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), aimed at deepening and strengthening national meteorological systems for the management of risks and disasters caused by the adverse events of the El Niño Phenomenon.

TO DETERMINE that the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO report on the progress of the execution and implementation of this resolution, especially its action plan, at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ACTO.

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CONSIDERING:

The Declaration of the IV Meeting of the Presidents of the States Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT), adopted in Belém on August 8, 2023;

That establishes to resume the dialogue and cooperation between ACTO and the Association of Amazonian Universities (UNAMAZ), a privileged space for the management of knowledge and scientific and technological information of the Amazon;

That the Declaration of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of San Francisco de Quito, established in its Article XI the importance of the Association of Amazonian Universities (UNAMAZ) to intensify contacts between the higher education centers of the region, tending to promote scientific research, technological development and the formation of human resources oriented towards the search for solutions to the economic, social, ecological, educational and cultural problems of the Amazon Region.

RESOLVES:

To INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO, with the support of the Special Commissions on Science and Technology and on Education, to reactivate the cooperation and exchange mechanism with UNAMAZ, in order to resume its role as technical advisor and eventual development of programs and projects between ACTO and UNAMAZ.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Treaty Cooperation.

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CONSIDERING:

That the IV Summit of the States Party to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty mandated in the Declaration of Belém the strengthening of channels of communication and exchange of experiences between scientific research and technological innovation programs and their associated mechanisms within the framework of ACTO with other similar international mechanisms;

RESOLVES:

TO INSTRUCT the Special Commission on Science and Technology (CECTA) to evaluate the possibility of establishing a mechanism for cooperation and collaboration between scientists, academics, local communities, indigenous peoples and government authorities to generate holistic, relevant and applicable knowledge, as well as the development of appropriate technologies and ancestral knowledge, the promotion of technology transfer between member countries of the Amazon Region, and other developing countries with tropical forests and developing countries holding a significant portion of the world's biodiversity.

TO DETERMINE that the PS report on the progress of the implementation of the present resolution at the XV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT).

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CONSIDERING:

That the actions carried out by the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) during the 2019-2023 term have been decisive factors for the successful implementation of the mandates of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT) and those of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, as well as for the organization and coordination of this meeting;

That the joint efforts made in the same direction by the Federative Republic of Brazil, along with the other Member Countries of the Organization and with the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO, which have also been decisive factors in achieving the significant decisions adopted here;

RESOLVES:

TO EXPRESS its most sincere and warm gratitude to the Federative Republic of Brazil for the excellent organization of the XXIII Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council and the XIV Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO), as well as for the numerous courtesies offered.

TO DECLARE its recognition to the works of the ACTO Permanent Secretariat for the effective coordination in implementing the mandates of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT) and the priorities of the Foreign Ministers, as well as in the conducting of these meetings. These actions have strengthened and projected the Amazon regional cooperation process by implementing concerted and beneficial activities, resulting in the implementation of programs, projects, and the mobilization of greater financial resources. Furthermore, this has led to the expansion of strategic partnerships, all of which contribute to fostering greater regional cooperation for the ACTO Member Countries, thus contributing to the achievement of sustainable development in the Amazon Basin."

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CONSIDERING:

The Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) has been presenting Management Reports to the Member Countries on the activities carried out during its mandate;

Previously, no meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization was held, and such a meeting is only taking place during the period of November 2023.

The Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization provided a concise presentation at the XIV Meeting of Foreign Ministers of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization on the work carried out during the periods 2019 to 2023.

RESOLVES:

APPROVE the written Management Reports presented by the Permanent Secretariat for the years 2019, 2020, and 2021, and TAKE NOTE of the reports presented verbally to the CCOOR for the years 2022 and 2023, due to the non-holding of meetings of the Amazon Cooperation Council (CCA);

EXPRESS appreciation and congratulations to the Secretary-General of ACTO, Ms. Alexandra Moreira, the Executive Director, Ambassador Carlos Alfredo Lazary, and the Administrative Directors, Ambassador Cesar de las Casas and Engineer Carlos Salinas, for their efforts in the context of efficient management with concrete results that contribute to the technical, operational, financial, and institutional strengthening of ACTO, positively impacting regional cooperation among Amazonian countries.

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