

FINAL MINUTES

10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION

Accepting the kind invitation of the Government of the Republic of Peru, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) celebrated their 10th meeting in the city of Lima, Peru, on 30 November 2010.

The Delegations were led by: Ambassador Pablo Guzmán Laugier, Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade and Integration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Plurinational State of Bolivia; Ambassador Antonio Patriota, Vice-Minister – Secretary General of the MFA of the Federative Republic of Brazil; Ambassador María Ángela Holguín, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Colombia; Ambassador José María Borja, Under-Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean of the Republic of Ecuador; Ambassador Harry Narine Nawbatt of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana in Brazil; Ambassador José Antonio García Belaúnde, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru; Ambassador Winston Lackin, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Suriname; and Ambassador Nicolás Maduro, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela. The Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization was represented by the Secretary General, Ambassador Manuel Picasso.

The complete list of delegations is attached to these minutes as Annex 1.

INAUGURAL CEREMONY

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, Ambassador José Antonio García Belaúnde, offered a warm welcome to the delegations participating in this 10th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) and highlighted that the meeting was being held at a particularly significant moment for the Member Countries of ACTO that were celebrating the 30th anniversary of the entry into force of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, one year after having adopted the Declaration of Heads of State on ACTO in Manaus.

In this context, he expressed Peru's firm commitment to this unprecedented regional cooperation process whose highest body was being convened five years after the last meeting, held in Iquitos.

In addition, he noted that upon celebrating this 10th Meeting in parallel to the onset of the United Nations Climate Change Conference in Cancun, the Member Countries of ACTO would approve a Declaration with a clear call for results that would allow binding, ambitious and effective commitments to confront climate change.

He ended by saying that this session would address deeply relevant issues for the future, relaunching and consolidation of ACTO. The decisions adopted on its institutional, financial, programmatic and regulatory restructuring will be fruit of a renewed consensus among the Member Countries to project ACTO in the coming years.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru formally opened the work sessions and submitted the Agenda proposed by the Amazon Cooperation Council (ACC) for the 10th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the delegations for consideration. The Agenda was unanimously approved and is attached to these Minutes as Annex 2.

On behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador David Choquehuanca Cespedes, and of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, Ambassador Pablo Guzman thanked the Peruvian government for the attentions and warmly greeted the Representatives present in the 10th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of ACTO. He expressed his satisfaction in celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization's integration process, whose objectives are based on cooperation, exchange and knowledge frameworks guided by the principle of reducing regional asymmetries between the Member Countries.

He also highlighted the relaunching of ACTO, which has the support of its Member Countries in seeking to implement the Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda and the new regulations. To conclude he called on the Member Countries and the Secretariat to work in the region and combat the effects of climate change, seeking binding, ambitious and effective commitments.

Ambassador Antonio Patriota, Brazil's Secretary General of External Relations, emphasized the importance of holding the 10th Meeting of Ministers in the year that we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the entry into force of the ACT, and underscored the need for more frequent high level meetings to intensify ACTO's political agenda. In the context of the Organization's relaunching process driven by the 2009 Meeting of Heads of State of the Amazon countries, Ambassador Patriota called attention to the importance of updating ACTO's mandate through a new Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda that includes emerging topics like climate change, energy and regional development.

In his intervention the Brazilian Vice-Minister of External Relations alluded to the fact that the 10th Ministerial Meeting was being held in a context of good relations between the Amazon countries - upon which he complimented the Governments of Colombia and Venezuela for reinstating diplomatic relations - and a rising environmental agenda in the international debate. As an example he cited the 16th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC, held simultaneously to the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Countries. In this sense Ambassador Patriota stressed the importance of conferring institutional capacity and financial autonomy on ACTO so that it may contribute to improving the quality of life of the Amazonian populations and ensuring greater participation of the Amazon countries in international negotiations on environmental matters.

Demonstrating the Brazilian Government's commitment to revitalizing the ACT, Ambassador Patriota offered to host the next Ministerial Meeting in Brazil in 2011 to follow-up on the initiatives approved in the Lima Meeting.

Subsequently the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Ambassador Maria Angela Holguin, thanked the Government of Peru for hosting the meeting and stressed the importance that her Government attributes to the 10th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, which is being held at a particularly important moment for her country due both to the priority being assigned to fulfilling the demands of the Amazon region and to the need to strengthen cooperation at the regional level.

The Head of the Ecuadorian Delegation, Ambassador José Maria Borja, Under-Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, stated that his country will continue supporting all the thematic axes programmed so that the Amazon Region may reach optimal sustainable development levels, including: high standards for health, science, technology and education; timely treatment of indigenous matters; fight against hunger and poverty; protection of biodiversity and the entire Amazonian environment, which provides us with globally unique wildlife; responsible management of water and forest resources; promotion of community-based tourism; use of alternative energy sources; and feasible infrastructure options that provide adequate navigation and transportation systems for the inhabitants of the Amazon.

He also noted that Ecuador's position on environmental matters is reflected in proposals and initiatives like the Yasuni-ITT and Net Avoided Emissions, which will be presented in the coming Cancun Summit. These proposals seek to avoid CO2 emissions and are protected by values like environmental justice, which promotes a development model based on living well and the rights of nature.

Representing his government Ambassador Harry Narine Nawbatt of the Cooperative Republic of Guyana to Brazil expressed a firm commitment to the action taken under the current administration of the Permanent Secretariat to give renewed vigor and relaunch the regional cooperation process between the Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization. He highlighted that on the occasion it would be fundamental to adopt a set of measures to enable compliance with the mandate of the Manaus Declaration, thus enabling the adoption of a new institutional structure and a new Regional Cooperation Agenda. He also thanked the Government of Peru for its efforts in hosting the meeting.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Suriname, Ambassador Winston Lackin, expressed his appreciation for the hospitality offered by the Government of Peru and reiterated the excellent work done by the Permanent Secretariat in relaunching ACTO.

He reaffirmed his Government's commitment to the objectives of the Organization and applauded the results achieved in this 10th Meeting, especially considering that a Surinamese national will be the

Secretary General of ACTO in 2012. Minister Lackin further stressed the relevance of ACTO in the wider integration policy of Suriname.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Mr Nicolás Maduro, called attention to the geostrategic importance of the Amazon and to the commitment to strengthen it shared by all the member states of the Organization. He especially emphasized the institutional strengthening of CONAPER in Venezuela that made possible the collective construction of the Organization's New Strategic Agenda, the new roadmap of ACTO. He reiterated the interest of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in advancing the formulation of regulations for commercial navigation on the rivers of the 8 countries of the region. Regulations that will lead to its development, a sustainable development that goes hand in hand with improvements for its inhabitants and environmental preservation.

1. PRESENTATION OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES REPORT

After greeting the delegations the Secretary General of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, Ambassador Manuel Picasso, thanked the Ministers and Heads of Delegations for their cooperation and support during his 16 months in office, and the Peruvian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for organizing the meeting. He then presented the Activities Report of the Permanent Secretariat for the period of July 2009 to November 2010, emphasizing the efforts made to reverse the institutional crisis in which the Organization and its Permanent Secretariat had been immersed.

He informed that one of the main tasks had been to assist the Member Countries in identifying the measures needed to endow ACTO with a renewed and modern role as a cooperation, exchange, knowledge and joint projection forum to face the new and complex international challenges. He extended his appreciation for the support and commitment of the Member Countries through the ACC and the Working Groups of Focal Points in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and CCOOR, which had made it possible to fulfill the tasks commissioned.

One of the aspects highlighted in the Activities Report was compliance with the mandate issued in the Manaus Declaration of November 2009 for the Ministers to strengthen the cooperation process by considering the New Strategic Amazonian Cooperation Agenda for the short, medium and long terms. The Agenda contains regional level actions to support the national initiatives.

He acknowledged the work done by the ACC, thanks to which the Organization has a new framework for relating with the international cooperation agencies that will make it possible to ensure this cooperation is aligned with the priorities of the Member Countries.

The Secretary General also referred to the new institutional communication strategy that will expedite work within ACTO through a new website designed with an extranet system to facilitate communication and consultations with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries.

Finally, he noted that to fulfill its current and new mandates ACTO will require greater financial and technical autonomy, in addition to greater leeway for its Permanent Secretariat to operate - strictly within the regulatory boundaries - as an efficient body that produces results, avoiding unnecessary administrative constraints. To this extent he called on the Ministers to strengthen their commitment to act in favor of Amazonian cooperation.

The Chair thanked Ambassador Picasso for his presentation and submitted the Management Report to the plenary for consideration. Following the recommendations of the 14th ACC Meeting the Report was approved and is attached as Annex 3.

2. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE 14TH ORDINARY MEETING OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION COUNCIL ON THE RESULTS ACHIEVED

The Chair of the 14th Ordinary Meeting of the ACC, Ambassador Luzmila Zanabria, Under-Secretary for Multilateral Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru, was invited to present her report on the results achieved in the meeting. Ambassador Zanabria thanked the ACC delegates and commended them for their work. She noted that they had concluded the review of the draft Lima Declarations, the draft Declaration of the Member Countries of ACTO for the UNFCCC, the new Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda, and the draft Resolutions to be presented next to the Ministers.

The Chair thanked the ACC delegates and submitted to consideration by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs the approval of said Declarations and Resolutions.

3. CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT RESOLUTIONS

The Chair submitted the following resolutions to the plenary for approval:

RES/X/MRE-OTCA/1 Thirtieth anniversary of the entry into force of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty

RES/X/MRE-OTCA/2 New Organizational Chart

RES/X/MRE-OTCA/3 New Regulations of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Amazon Cooperation Council, Coordinating Commission of the Amazon Cooperation Council, Permanent Secretariat and Permanent Secretariat Staff

RES/X/MRE-OTCA/4 Quota Readjustment System

RES/X/MRE-OTCA/5 Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda

RES/X/MRE-OTCA/6 Permanent National Commissions

RES/X/MRE-OTCA/7 Signature of Agreements and Guidelines for Relations with the International Cooperation

RES/X/MRE-OTCA/8 Commercial Navigation

RES/X/MRE-OTCA/9 ACTO/PS Activities Report

RES/X/MRE-OTCA/10 Acknowledgements

The Resolutions were approved and adopted by the 10th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ACT. The full texts of the resolutions form an integral part of these Minutes and are attached as Annex 4.

4. DRAFT LIMA DECLARATION

Given the arduous concertation work that preceded the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Chair asked the plenary to approve the total Lima Declaration and highlighted the main commitments assumed by the Member Countries of ACTO. The Declaration was approved and is attached as Annex 5.

In addition the Chair asked the plenary to consider and approve the text of the Declaration of the Member Countries of ACTO for the 16th Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC. The Declaration was approved and is attached as Annex 6.

The Delegations thanked the Delegation of the Federative Republic of Brazil for offering to host the Amazon Cooperation Council Meeting in the first semester of 2011. They likewise recognized and accepted the offer made by the Plurinational State of Bolivia to host the Amazon Cooperation Council Meeting in second semester of 2011. Finally, they tasked the ACTO/PS with making the necessary arrangements to organize, during the current administration, a regional seminar to analyze the prospects for ACTO and for the Amazon.

Upon concluding the 10th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Heads of Delegations thanked the Government of the Republic of Peru for its hospitality and attentions and congratulated the Permanent Secretariat for its efficient work, which unquestionably enables the institutional strengthening and consolidation of the ACT and our Organization.

Adopted in the city of Lima, Peru, on 30 November 2010.

Annex 1

LIST OF DELEGATIONS

Bolivia

Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade Amb. Pablo Guzmán Laugier
Director General for Integration Economic Cooperation, Dr. Walter Clarems Endara
First Secretary of the Embassy of Bolivia in Lima, Victor Cáceres

Brazil

Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Vice-Minister Antonio Aguiar Patriota
Ambassador of Brazil in Lima, Jorge Taunay
Director of the South America Department II, Minister Clemente Baena Soares
Councilor Carlos da Fonseca from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Councilor Carlos da Fonseca
Advisor of the Secretary General of Foreign Affairs, Roberto Doring
Secretary César Vermiglio Bonamigo
Secretary Thiago Couto Carneiro
Secretary Helder Gonzáles
Official, Sergio Pereira

Colombia

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Maria Angela Holguin
Chief of Cabinet of the Minister, Dr. Mauricio Baquero
Director of Territorial Sovereignty and Development, Francisco Coy Granados
Coordinator of Bordering Integration, Carlos Alfredo Carretero

Ecuador

Sub-Secretary for Latin America and the Caribbean, Minister José María Borja
Ambassador of Ecuador in Lima, Diego Ribadeneira
Director of Integration, Federico Meneses
Chief in charge of ACTO, Sr. Franklyn Quishpe

Guyana

Ambassador Harry Narine Nawbatt

Peru

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador José Antonio García Belaunde
Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador Néstor Popolizio
Subsecretary of Multilateral Affairs, Ambassador Luzmila Zanabria
Advisor of the Subsecretary for Multilateral Affairs, Min. Albero Hart
Minister Maria del Pilar Castro
Secretary Gustavo Enrique Bonelli Vásquez
Secretary Enrique Augusto Noria Freyre

Secretary Jorge Roberto Medina Dancé

Secretary Bernardo Roca-Rey Ross

Suriname

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Winston G. Lackin

Ambassador Robby Dewnarain Ramlakhan

Official Fariza Marlea Lucia Blokland

Venezuela

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Sr. Nicolás Maduro

Assistant of the Chancellor , Mr. Gustavo Vizcaino

Charge d'Affairs, Sr. Alexander Yáñez

First Secretary Marisela Rojas

First Secretary, Jorge Petit

Ambassador of Venezuela in Brazil, Maximilien Arvelaiz

Director General of Multilateral Affairs Office and Integration/ Coordinator of the CONAPER,
Rubén Molina

Assistant Coordinator of CONAPER, Sara Caballero

**10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF
THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION**

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED:

RES/X MRE-OTCA/ 1

**10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE
AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION**

CONSIDERING:

Its firmest commitment to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty that is celebrating 30 years in force;

Its determination to drive the institutional strengthening of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization and its Permanent Secretariat as essential instruments to strengthen work in areas of common interest for cooperation among its Member Countries;

The decision to endow ACTO with a new and modern role as a cooperation, exchange, knowledge and joint projection forum to face the new and complex international challenges that lie ahead,

RESOLVES:

TO EXPRESS its deep recognition and congratulations for the achievements upon celebrating the 30th anniversary of the entry into force of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty;

RENEW its political commitment to consolidating and deepening the degree of concertation between the Amazon Countries within the political framework of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization;

RATIFY its decision to continue cooperating to achieve a shared vision of the Amazonian space.

Adopted in the city of Lima, Peru, on 30 November 2010.

RES/X MRE-OTCA/ 2

**10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE
AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS:

The organizational chart of the ACTO Permanent Secretariat was adopted through Resolution RES/VII MRE-TCA/8 signed on 22 November 2002 in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia;

The decision to separate the areas of health and indigenous affairs and create two independent Coordinating Offices was made through Resolution RES/IX MRE-OTCA/08 signed on 25 November 2005 in Iquitos, Peru;

In the Declaration of Heads of State on the ACTO adopted in Manaus on 26 November 2009 the Heads of State of the Member Countries reaffirmed the urgency and importance of the Organization's ongoing relaunching process by strengthening its Permanent Secretariat and task the Ministers of Foreign Affairs with adopting concrete actions for its institutional strengthening so that it can fulfill the mandates issued by the Member Countries;

That the intense work developed since it was established has made it possible to gradually consolidate the ACTO/PS, but has also shown the need to adjust its structure to ensure better and more effective compliance with its mandates, respecting the interests and adequate representation of the Member Countries;

That the work performed by the Amazon Cooperation Council and the Ad hoc Group of Focal Points in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs has pointed to the current and future needs at the institutional level to achieve the goals and targets defined by the Member Countries;

The need to institutionalize the positions that were created to support the functioning of the ACTO/PS;

The need to endow the ACTO/PS with the technical and administrative staff needed to fulfill the mandates issued by the Member Countries,

RESOLVES:

TO ADOPT the new Organizational chart of the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization attached to this Resolution.

Adopted in the city of Lima, Peru, on 30 November 2010.

RES/X MRE-OTCA/3

10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS:

The Regulations of Meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs were approved in the 1st Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the signatory countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty held on 24 October 1980 in Belem, Brazil;

The Regulations of the Amazon Cooperation Council were adopted in the 2nd Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council held on 26 September 1986 in La Paz, Bolivia;

The Regulations of the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty were adopted through Resolution VI MRE-TCA/1 of 6 April 2000;

The Coordinating Commission of the Amazon Cooperation Council was created and its Regulations were adopted through Resolution VI MRE-TCA/2 of 6 April 2000;

The Permanent Secretariat Staff Regulations were adopted through Resolution VII MRE-TCA/5 of 22 November 2002;

The decision to review the regulations of the ACTO bodies and spheres was made through Resolution IX/MRE-OTCA/12 of 25 November 2005;

The Extraordinary Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council of 14 May 2010 decided to establish an Ad Hoc Working Group of the Coordinating Commission of the Amazon Cooperation Council to review and adjust the above-referred regulations;

Measures need to be adopted to adapt the institutional structures of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization and its functional bodies,

RESOLVES:

TO APPROVE and ADOPT the following new Regulations:

1. Regulations of the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs
2. Regulations of the Amazon Cooperation Council
3. Regulations of the Coordinating Commission of the Amazon Cooperation Council
4. Regulations of the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization
5. Regulations of the Permanent Secretariat Staff of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization

INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization to adopt the necessary internal measures for strict compliance and dissemination of the new Regulations.

Adopted in the city of Lima, Peru, on 30 November 2010.

RES/X MRE-OTCA/4

10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS:

The budget and contribution scale agreed upon by the Member Countries for the functioning of ACTO was approved through Resolution VI MRE-TCA/6 of 6 April 2000.

The annual quotas and financial contributions of the Member Countries, according to amounts identified in 1998 and adopted in 2000, have suffered a marked discrepancy that translates into a significant devaluation due to inflation and currency devaluation greater than 100%, which limits the Permanent Secretariat operationally and technically and is urgent and essential to correct;

The Declaration of Heads of State on the ACTO, adopted on 26 November 2009 by the Heads of State reaffirms the urgency and importance of the Organization's ongoing relaunching process by strengthening its Permanent Secretariat and tasks the Ministries of Foreign Affairs with adopting provisions that lead to concrete actions for its institutional strengthening so that it can fulfill the mandates issued by the Member Countries, including a definitive solutions for its permanent headquarters;

There is urgent need to endow the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization with an adequate budget so that it fulfill the new mandates and needs of the Member Countries;

It is also necessary to adopt adequate financial measures to endow the Permanent Secretariat with greater technical and budgetary autonomy so that it is able to respond to the renewed desire of the Member Countries to expand and deepen their ties of cooperation so as to jointly face the new challenges of the international reality;

The renewed commitment to consolidate and deepen the degree of concertation between the Amazon Countries within the political framework of the Organization;

The New Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda that was adopted as an updated and renewed cooperation tool determined by the Amazon Cooperation Treaty requires a technically and financially strengthened Permanent Secretariat to be implemented;

The approval of the new Regulations and Instrument for the bodies of the Treaty and its Permanent Secretariat as well as of the new organizational chart requires the financial resources, which are necessary and essential for its implementation,

RESOLVES:

To initiate the update process of the annual quota system in force in accordance the new budget and new organization chart presented by the Permanent Secretariat with the following increases for 2012:

Category I: Brazil, 70%;

Category II: Colombia (40%), Peru (40%) and Venezuela (40%);

Category III: Bolivia (18.57%) and Ecuador (18.57%);

Category IV: Guyana (5.71%) and Suriname (5.71%).

Commission the Amazon Cooperation Council to draft, in its first session of 2011, a procedure enabling the implementation of a financial adjustment plan as of 2018.

In accordance with the budgetary availability of each Member Country and taking into account the four categories established for this purpose, each Party may consider extraordinary contributions in financial or human resources starting in 2011.

Take measures before the national bodies for payment of the annual quotas to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization to take place during the 1st quarter of each fiscal year based on national regulations.

Task the Coordinating Commission of the Amazon Cooperation Council-CCOOR, with examining the matters of the permanent headquarters and a mechanism to adjust the scale of quotas.

Adopted in the city of Lima, Peru, on 30 November 2010.

RES/X MRE-OTCA/ 5

**10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF
THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION**

WHEREAS:

The 2004-2012 Strategic Plan of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization was approved during the 8th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs held in September 2004 in Manaus in the framework of which a set of programs and projects agreed upon by the Member Countries was negotiated, started and is being executed;

The Declaration of Heads of State on the ACTO of 26 November 2009 in Manaus decides to endow ACTO with a new and modern role as a cooperation, exchange, knowledge and joint projection forum to face the new and complex international challenges that lie ahead;

The same Declaration commissions the preparation of a New ACTO Strategic Agenda for the short, medium and long terms with regional level actions to support national initiatives to strengthen the cooperation process;

The New Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda becomes a tool to build an integral vision for regional Amazonian cooperation that incorporates economics, environment, health, indigenous and tribal peoples, education, knowledge, science and technology, water resources, infrastructure, commercial navigation and its facilitation, tourism and communication and emerging topics, with a view to promoting the harmonious and sustainable development of the countries' respective Amazonian spaces;

The process of preparing the new Strategic Agenda of Amazon Cooperation results from a broad and extensive participatory process and governmental consultation; and

ACKNOWLEDGING:

The effort of regional consensus that enabled and still enables, through the Permanent Secretariat, the implementation of programs and projects in the framework of the 2004-2012 Strategic Plan.

RESOLVES:

TO ADOPT the New Amazonian Strategic Cooperation Agenda attached to this Resolution, which reflects the willingness of Member Countries to strengthen the Organization and provide it with an efficient tool that is open to updates.

COMMISSION the Permanent Secretariat to make every effort to disseminate the above-referred Agenda at the national, regional and international levels, as well as to identify new cooperation sources that ensure its implementation.

Adopted in the city of Lima, Peru, on 30 November 2010.

RES/X MRE-OTCA/ 6

10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS:

Article XXIII of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty establishes that the Contracting Parties shall create Permanent National Commissions responsible for implementing the provisions of the Treaty in their respective territories and executing the decisions adopted by the meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and by the Amazon Cooperation Council, without detriment to other activities commissioned by each State;

The Caracas Declaration of 6 April 2000 ratified that the ACTO/PS must have a positive impact on the desire to expedite procedures and dynamize the execution of the decisions and mandates issued by the decision-making bodies of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty;

The Santa Cruz de la Sierra Declaration of 22 November 2002 ratified the commitment to create conditions for the Organization's adequate functioning by endowing it with financial resources and assigning priority within the national administrations to actions related to the programs and projects agreed upon by the Member Countries;

The Iquitos Declaration of 25 November 2005 reaffirmed the will to cooperate and offer assistance to strengthen the Permanent National Commissions as a concertation space to favor and facilitate the application of the provisions of the ACT;

The Declaration of Head of States on the ACTO, adopted in Manaus the 26 November 2009 reaffirms the importance of Article XXIII of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty that commands the Member Countries to establish or reactivate their Permanent National Commissions as the bodies in charge of executing the decisions issued in the Meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs,

RESOLVES:

TO EXPRESS its satisfaction for the establishment and reactivation of the 8 Permanent National Commissions of Member Countries.

COMMISSION the Permanent Secretariat with supporting the Member Countries that manifest an interest in strengthening the functioning of their Permanent National Commissions by channeling international cooperation funds.

RECOMMEND the Member Countries to adopt the necessary measures to stimulate participation in the Permanent National Commissions;

RECOMMEND the Member Countries to strengthen their National Offices by, to the extent possible, assigning full time professionals to comply with the Treaty agenda and interact with the ACTO/PS.

Adopted in the city of Lima, Peru, on 30 November 2010.

RES/X MRE-OTCA/7

10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS:

The need to improve and strengthen, from an institutional standpoint, the cooperation process within the framework of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization - ACTO through the examination of the existing regulations of the bodies and instances of the Organization;

The authority and powers of the ACTO Secretary General, especially those included in section I and in paragraph 3 of section II of the Amendment Protocol to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, as well as in the applicable regulations;

The Guidelines for International Cooperation included as Annex to this Resolution.

The need to set procedures, mechanisms and conditions for the consideration, negotiation and signing of proposals of agreement among the Permanent Secretariat and third countries, international organizations or other entities.

RESOLVES:

1) Proposals of agreements may be put forth upon initiative of one or more of the Parties, any instance of the Treaty, or the Permanent Secretariat, in accordance with their mandates.

2) For each initiative of agreement with third countries, international organizations and other entities, the Permanent Secretariat will prepare a Concept Note to be sent to the Parties, including, among others: source of the initiative, purpose, rationale, goals and milestones, footprint in the framework of the Strategic Plan and the Action Plan in force, counterparty and executing entity, term of execution, form, deadlines, sources and funding considered and required.

In case of initiatives of agreements other than with third parties and/or international organizations, said Concept Note will additionally include the following information: juridical form of the entity, source of funding, headquarters, mission and purposes, experience in the area subject matter of the agreement. The information included in this Concept Note may be extended upon request of any Party.

The Concept Note must be submitted for consideration of the Parties in the four official languages of the Treaty: Spanish, Dutch, English and Portuguese.

3) The Concept Note must be submitted to the Member Countries, which will have sixty (60) calendar days as from the date of receipt to send their remarks and recommendations or indicate their acceptance.

Upon expiration of the deadline, without any objection, the PS/ACTO, responsible for the negotiation process, must report to the Member Countries on the status of this process and will revise the drafts based on the recommendations and suggestions submitted.

4) Upon completion of the negotiation process of the relevant Agreement, the PS/OTCA must send the final version to the Member Countries, which will have a maximum term of ninety (90) calendar days for its approval. These documents must be drafted in the four official languages of the Treaty: Spanish, Portuguese, English and Dutch.

5) All Member Countries must expressly state their position for the Secretary General to sign the agreements upon consent by the Members, in pursuance of the paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Resolution.

If a Member State believes that the 90-day term is not sufficient, it may exceptionally file a request for a maximum thirty (30) calendar day extension.

GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Whereas:

The need to have clear guidelines for international cooperation as a mechanism that grants more transparency and efficiency to the management of funds by the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization;

The signing of formal agreements with cooperating agencies will enable to have all administrative information related to the funds of existing projects;

The setting of guidelines between the PS and Member Countries that will enable coordination and supervision of the implementation of regional programs and projects;

The importance of articulating actions between Coordinators and external consultants, in the performance of their duties, in order to have a work methodology that will enable Area Coordinators to participate in the preparation of proposals of agreements or projects;

Facilitation in ACTO decision-making for the implementation of projects with funds from a cooperating source;

The PS mandate for the preparation of a study in coordination with Member Countries to assess possible funding sources from the countries themselves in order to function independently from external sources for the development of the Organization strategic projects.

It is understood that:

1. All projects executed under ACTO must be managed and controlled by the Permanent Secretariat to the extent that it has the technical staff needed and the Cooperation Agreements already signed so authorize.

2. All funds must, insofar as far as possible, be transferred to ACTO or, failing that, must be included in the budgets, thus enabling the PS to periodically inform CCOOR about the use of said funds when it so requests.

3. Ensure that the proposal of agreements or projects with third countries and/or international organizations include the number of consultants that will be employed for the program or project execution, as well as the functional relationship that they will have with Area Coordinators.

4. No external consultant or representative of international organizations or other entities linked to ACTO through cooperation agreements or projects, may participate in international meetings or forums as an ACTO official representative. If his/her participation was necessary, he/she shall be accredited in representation of the cooperating source or as external consultant.

5. With the purpose of promoting the development and well-being of Amazonian populations, ACTO will seek to manage, during the negotiation process of a cooperation project, insofar as possible and in compliance with the rules of cooperating parties, the inclusion of a "social clause" enabling, if applicable, to allocate a percentage of funds to other projects that so require.

6. Each Area Coordinator will be directly responsible for part of the projects' PS and will have the support of consultants, specialists or technicians appointed by the cooperating source. In case it was necessary to engage a specialist, scientist or technician, priority will be given to professionals from the member countries, preferably from universities, research and study centers of the Amazon region. This engagement will be made in coordination with the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, as applicable.

7. With the purpose of achieving more transparency in the management of funds for cooperation projects, all information in this regard must be available for member countries, Area Coordinators and the cooperating source.

8. Promote the identification of new funding options by the PS always taking into consideration the priorities set forth by member countries and in consultation with them.

9. Incorporate in all international cooperation Programs, Projects and Initiatives a communication and dissemination component that ensures that positions are open to nationals of Member Countries in the implementation thereof and the public dissemination of outcomes to grant more visibility to the Organization.

10. Regarding international cooperation, the PS will adhere to the provisions set forth in Paragraph 3, Art. 2 of the Amendment Protocol to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

11. Grant the benefits needed to the PS for the preparation of a study to assess possible funding sources from the countries themselves in order to function independently from external sources for the development of the Organization's strategic projects.

RES/X MRE-OTCA/8

10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS:

Article 3 of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty and its sole paragraph establish the framework for regional cooperation in the area of commercial navigation;

Resolution IX MRE-OTCA/6 of 25 November 2005 commissioned the formulation of General Regulations for Commercial Navigation on the Rivers of the Amazon, in accordance with the 2004 Manaus Declaration of the 8th Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization;

On 12-13 May 2010 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the Member Countries held the Meeting on Commercial Navigation on the Rivers of the Amazon that submitted a set of recommendations to the Amazon Cooperation Council to advance negotiations on the draft Regulations;

The Extraordinary Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council, held on 14 May 2010 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, approved the recommendations of the Meeting on Commercial Navigation, and a working group was instituted to continue the negotiations;

The reports of the Working Group meetings held in Bogotá, Colombia and La Paz, Plurinational State of Bolivia on 23-24 September and 3-4 November 2010, respectively, evidenced substantial progress in negotiations of the draft Regulations for Commercial Navigation on the Rivers of the Amazon;

RESOLVES:

To Acknowledge the work done by the Working Group on Commercial Navigation and commission it to continue the performance of its activities and submit the final proposal of regulations on Commercial Navigation in the Rivers of the Amazon to consideration of the next meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council.

Thank the offer of the Government of Brazil to hold the Meeting of the Working Group on Commercial Navigation in April, 2011.

Adopted in the city of Lima, Peru, on 30 November 2010.

RES/X MRE-OTCA/9

10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS

The Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization Permanent Secretariat Regulations establish the obligation to present reports on the activities developed to the Governments of the Member Countries;

The Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization Permanent Secretariat presented biannual reports corresponding to the of periods of July – December 2009 and January – June 2010;

The ACTO Secretary General presented his Management Report;

RESOLVES:

TO APPROVE the Management Reports presented by the Permanent Secretariat;

EXPRESS its recognition and congratulations to Ambassador Manuel Picasso, Secretary General of ACTO and his team for the efforts made to materialize the relaunching of the Organization.

Adopted in the city of Lima, Peru, on 30 November 2010.

RES/X MRE-OTCA/10

10TH MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE MEMBER STATES OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY ORGANIZATION

WHEREAS:

The coordination, organization, consultation and concertation works made by the Permanent Secretariat of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) have been essential for the success of this meeting;

The efforts deployed to the same extent by the Republic of Peru with other Member Countries of this regional cooperation organization and the ACTO Permanent Secretariat also played a pivotal role in the success of the works and discussions performed and held here;

RESOLVES:

TO EXPRESS our warmest thankful to the Republic of Peru and its authorities for the outstanding organization of the Ordinary Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council and the ACTO Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs as well as by their warm welcome.

TO EXPRESS the congratulations to the ACTO Permanent Secretariat for his excellent coordination in the performance of this event, which resulted in fruitful and beneficial initiatives for the Member Countries in the furtherance of the sustainable development and environmental preservation in the Amazon basin.

Adopted in the city of Lima, Peru, on 30 November 2010.

LIMA DECLARATION

The Foreign Affairs Ministers of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Ecuador, the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, the Republic of Peru, the Republic of Suriname and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, together in Lima the 30th of November 2010 on occasion of their 10th Meeting and celebrating the 30th anniversary of the entry into force of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty:

CERTAIN that after thirty years of validity of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty advances have been made in the context of an unprecedented cooperation process that needs to be decisively driven and relaunched to enhance, strengthen and expand the integration of the countries of the Amazon region;

DETERMINED to adopt measures that drive and reaffirm the renewed role of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO) as a cooperation, exchange, knowledge and joint projection forum to face the new international challenges;

CONVINCED of the urgent need to adopt financial measures to endow the institutional structure of ACTO with appropriate means that allow it to fulfill the mandates and requests of the Member Countries;

DETERMINED to strengthen, deepen and expand dialogue, to continue integrally protecting and conserving their Amazonian territories, to facilitate closer ties between the peoples and to promote their harmonious, participatory and sustainable development;

AWARE that the Amazon presents a valuable potential for the integral sustainable development of the countries that strengthens the capacities of their respective national economies;

PERSUADED of the importance of the inherited historical and socio-cultural wealth that is alive in the peoples that traditionally inhabit the Amazon region;

CONVINCED that the development of the respective Amazonian territories must be underpinned by criteria of environmental sustainability and conservation, and must take into account the cultural and social values and ancestral knowledge and wisdom of the indigenous peoples and other communities that inhabit the region;

In view of the mandates of the Declaration of Heads of State on ACTO adopted in Manaus on 26 November 2009:

DECLARE AND RATIFY:

1. The urgency and importance of relaunching ACTO.
2. The political will of their respective Governments to respect the principles, purposes, objectives and provisions of the Treaty signed on 3 July 1978 and its Amendment Protocol signed on 14 December 1998.
3. The importance of the new role and mission assigned to the Organization and its Permanent Secretariat, promoting full compliance with the objectives of the Treaty and the mandates of the relevant bodies.
4. Their interest in counting with a modern and dynamic organization recognized by the Member Countries and well positioned in the international sphere that produces effective results and meets regional expectations.
5. The relevance and importance of the approval of the new Strategic Agenda of Amazon Cooperation that, in its eight subject areas, strengthens the joint actions of the Members States;
6. Their decision to strength the Permanent Secretariat to fulfill all the mandates issued by the Member Countries;
7. The sovereign right of each country over its natural resources, taking into account that promoting the economic and social development of the settlers of the Amazon must be framed in the relevant national development plans, reconciling economic growth and environmental conservation;
8. The importance of strengthening the various cooperation lines between the national bodies responsible for the development of their respective Amazonian territories by enhancing and

expanding their mechanisms to share experience, information and new technologies through the Permanent National Commissions (PNCs) and sectoral ministerial meetings at the highest level.

9. The purpose of continuing the process of reactivating and strengthening the PNCs of all the Member Countries in their role of instances in charge of implementing the Treaty in their corresponding territories.

10. The goal of strengthening the Amazonian identity of the Member Countries of ACTO, characterized by possessing megadiverse ecosystems that constitute an exceptional natural heritage.

11. The need of protect and promote – within the framework of their respective national legislations and international law - the traditional knowledge of Amazonian indigenous peoples and other tribal communities, ensuring their rights to prior informed consultation and equitable sharing of the benefits derived of such knowledge, which constitutes intangible wealth that must be recognized.

12. That the fight against hunger and poverty is a crosscutting topic that is part of the challenges that affect the sustainable development of the Organization's Member Countries.

13. The essential and dynamic inter-relation between the Andean and Amazonian regions, taking into account the region's integral development and the complementary aspects of their respective national economies. In view of the above, they agree to reinforce the cooperation actions in the framework of the regionally concerted sectoral thematic agendas.

14. The need of deepen cooperation between the Member Countries and share experience and good practices in science and technology by establishing regional academic and institutional networks and information and communication mechanisms, in addition to improving quality and expanding coverage of basic services in health, education, safe water and sanitation for indigenous peoples and other tribal communities.

15. The priority assigned to ongoing negotiations to endow the Parties with Commercial Navigation Regulations, in compliance with the principles enshrined in the Treaty. These must take into account environmental conservation and are expected to become a practical and effective tool for trade and connection between the various Amazonian national territories.

16. The importance assigned to internal political consultation processes on ongoing international negotiations, processes and conventions - especially concerning forests, biodiversity, protecting endangered species and climate change - for which ACTO, through its Permanent Secretariat, is called on to exercise a liaising and supportive role, according to the interests and mandates of the Member Countries.

17. Their recognition to the governments and international organizations that offer technical and financial cooperation to ACTO.

18. The need for the Permanent Secretariat to intensify the identification of cooperation sources for the execution and development of strategic programs, projects and activities in the framework of the priorities approved by the Member Countries, without prejudice of funding from the countries themselves following the provisions of the Statement of Manaus of Heads of States of 2009.

Signed in Lima on 30 November 2010 in four copies in Spanish, Dutch, English and Portuguese.

By the Plurinational State of Bolivia

By the Federative Republic of Brazil

By the Republic of Colombia

By the Republic of Ecuador

By the Cooperative Republic of Guyana

By the Republic of Peru

By the Republic of Suriname

By the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

**DECLARATION OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE ACTO TO THE 16TH
CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES –COP-16 TO UNFCCC**

The ACTO Member Countries reaffirm the importance of the new challenges posed by climate change for the Amazon region and the responsibility to be taken by the Member States to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, according to the common but differentiated responsibilities and their respective capabilities.

In this sense, they urge the international community, in particular, developed countries, that will hold the 16th Conference of the Parties –COP-16- and the Sixth Conference of the Parties serving as a meeting of the Parties to the Kyoto Protocol -CMP6-, being held in Cancun, Mexico, to agree upon effective greenhouse gas reductions for the second commitments period under the Kyoto Protocol, that lead to binding, ambitious and efficient commitments to tackle Climate Change.

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