

FINAL MINUTES

IV MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION TREATY

At the closing of the meeting held in the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra on November seven and eight of the year nineteen ninety-one, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty decided to sign the documents below:

- Declaration of Santa Cruz de la Sierra
 - Resolution enlarging the scope of the Special Commission on Transport of Amazonia to Communication and Infrastructure.
 - Resolution on the coordination of activities between the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat, the Special Commissions and the Association of Amazonian Universities.
 - Resolution extending the term of office of the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat and entrusting the preparation of a proposal for the Treaty's institutional strengthening.
 - Resolution adopting the Regulations governing the role of the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat.

The Chairman of the Preparatory Technical Meeting submitted the relevant report on the work done during November 4, 5, and 6, 1991, stressing that the various items on the agenda were addressed via three work groups.

Regarding the report by the Work Group No. 1, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs undertook to make the following amendment of the verbatim "e" in item 3 in the report mentioned.

"Recommending the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat to sponsor – in addition to all other tasks with which it is charged – joint meetings among the Coordinators of the Special Commissions and of the bilateral agreements, purporting to obtain a mutual knowledge of the relevant activities, experiences sharing, as well as the creation of shared cooperation mechanisms, in the relevant cases".

As regards Work Group No. 2, the amendments suggested by the Delegation of Brazil were adopted, regarding the document title, as well as the second paragraph in item 2 on Biodiversity.

Additionally, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs agreed that the work document submitted by the Preparatory Technical Meeting be incorporated as Annex I to the report submitted by that commission.

Minutes signed in the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra on November eight, nineteen ninety-one.

On behalf of the Government of Bolivia

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**On behalf of the Government of
Colombia**

Rodrigo Pardo

On behalf of the Government of Guyana

Rashleigh Jackson

**On behalf of the Government of
Suriname**

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On behalf of the Government of Brazil

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On behalf of the Government of Ecuador

Diego Cordovez

On behalf of the Government of Peru

Alejandro Gordillo

**On behalf of the Government of
Venezuela**

Armando Durán

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RES/IV MRE-TCA/1

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WHEREAS:

On occasion of their III Meeting, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs decided to start actions purporting to strengthen the Treaty's institutional structure;

The annual term established for the mandate of the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat is insufficient for the efficient discharge of its functions;

Amazon countries give a special relevance to the issues that will be examined in the World Conference on Environment and Development that will take place in June, 1992, in Brazil.

RULING:

To extend, by way of exception, the exercise of the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat headquartered in the Republic of Ecuador and to create a work group, made up of high level government representatives, to prepare a proposal to reinforce the Amazon Cooperation Treaty institutional structure. This proposal shall be submitted to an Extraordinary Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, to take place under the II Meeting of Presidents of Amazonian countries, which will be held on February 3 and 4, 1992, in Manaus.

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RES/IV MRE-TCA/2

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WHEREAS:

The political will of their corresponding governments to give a renewed and effective impetus to the Amazon cooperation process;

During the III Meeting of Ministers to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty the decision was made to start actions purporting to strengthen the institutional structure of the Treaty;

The IV Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council held in Bogota in May, 1990, adopted *Ad Referendum* the Regulation of the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat's functions.

The *Pro Tempore* Secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty should be provided with a wide framework of powers in order to guarantee the compliance with the tasks with which it is entrusted, as well as the coordination and follow-up task required for the furthering and coherence of the Amazon cooperation process.

RULING:

To adopt the rules governing the functions of the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

RES/IV MRE-TCA/3

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WHEREAS:

One of the highest priorities considered within the framework of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty is the development of science and technology suitable for Amazon realities;

Scientific development will not be possible unless accompanied by a strong activity in the field of training, research, and measures allowing for the balance of human resources within the Amazon region;

In compliance with the III Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the IV Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council, considerable activities have been done to coordinate the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat and the Association of Amazonian Universities, particularly in terms of implementing the Amazon Information System and several joint projects are being promoted with outside cooperation.

RULING:

FIRST. - To adopt policies to make effective the strengthening of institutions charged with the research and training of human resources in the Amazon Region.

SECOND.- To acknowledge the importance of the activities conducted jointly by the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty and the Association of Amazonian Universities and to recommend the continuation and extension of the same.

THIRD. - To entrust the ACT *Pro Tempore* Secretariat, together with the Special Commissions and in coordination with the Association of Amazonian Universities, with the carrying out of actions purporting to achieve technological transfers, scientific cooperation and information sharing among members.

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RES/IV MRE-TCA/4

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WHEREAS:

The IV Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council established the Special Commission on Transport of Amazonia (CETRAM); the priority significance of the development of communications and infrastructure was highlighted for meeting the objectives in the Treaty;

The Meeting of Central Planning Bodies and Amazon Development, held in Quito in April, 1991, a recommendation was made to extend the scope of the CETRAM to cover communications and infrastructure;

The I Meeting of the Special Commission on Transport, held in Quito later the same month, ratified this recommendation.

RULING:

FIRST. - To enlarge the scope of the Special Commission on Transport of Amazonia to Communications and infrastructure.

SECOND. - To change the name of this Commission to Special Commission on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure of Amazonia (CETICAM).

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DECLARATION OF SANTA CRUZ DE LA SIERRA

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela held, in the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, on November seven and eight of the year nineteen ninety-one, the IV Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

THEY STRESSED with special satisfaction the kind invitation made by President Collor de Mello to the presidents of Amazon countries to meet, in Manaus, on February 3 and 4, 1992.

On assessing the progress made by the process, **THEY ASCERTAINED** that it is in a stage of undeniable advance, demanding a renewed political momentum, geared towards effectively consolidating the reasons that resulted in the Amazon Cooperation Treaty and that are fully valid these days.

In this context, the active leadership of the process at the highest political level is a true and unmistakable warranty for the achievement of the goals established. To such intents, the adoption of specific measures is required, supported by a joint and agreed upon action that ensures the development of the region for the direct benefit of our people.

THEY CONCUR in expressing their support to the execution of activities undertaken within the framework of the Special Commissions on the Environment, Indigenous Affairs, Science and Technology, Transportation, Tourism and Health, that have enabled the preparation of several projects and 48 programs of special relevance for the region. In this sense, the work done by the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat is worth mentioning, which appears in the Work Report submitted on this occasion.

In order to establish an adequate and operational framework, and to ensure the continuity of the activities scheduled, **THEY DECIDE** to create a work group made up of high level government representatives, that shall prepare a proposal for strengthening the institutional structure in the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, to be introduced in the Extraordinary Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the Treaty, which shall be held under the II Meeting of Presidents of Amazon countries.

Also, **THEY PROVIDE** that, in the shortest delay possible, a work group meets with the representatives from the economic and financial sectors from member-states, to examine a design proposal of a financial body in Amazonia, which shall be submitted to the V Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

According to articles I and III in the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, seven countries gave their consent for the adoption of the General Rules on Commercial Navigation in International Amazon Rivers, agreed upon in Quito during the first meeting of the Special Commission on Transportation. The signing of this instrument would take place during the Extraordinary Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, which will be held in Manaus, in February, 1992, after all countries have accepted said Rules.

THEY AGREE to convene a Preparatory Meeting in Brasilia in January, 1992, charged with the preparation of a common position on the environment and development of member-states to the Treaty, to be considered by the Presidents of Amazon countries in the meeting that will take place in February of that year.

The guidelines defined by the Heads of State on this major issue for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development shall guide the coordinated involvement of our countries in the meetings of the Negotiating Commissions of the Conventions on Climate Change and Biodiversity, as well as in the IV Meeting of the Preparatory Commission of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

BACKGROUND

Signed in the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra, on November eight, nineteen ninety-one, in Spanish, English, and Portuguese.

On behalf of the Government of Bolivia
On behalf of the Government of Colombia
On behalf of the Government of Guyana
On behalf of the Government of Suriname
On behalf of the Government of Brazil
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