

FINAL MINUTES

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

At the invitation addressed by the Government of Peru, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty held their V Meeting in the city of Lima, on December four and five of the year nineteen ninety-five.

The delegations from all member-states to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty participated in this meeting, as well as the representatives from international organizations, as observers. The whole list of participants is included as Annex I.

The President of the Republic of Peru, Alberto Fujimori, opened this session.

The Initial Plenary Session was chaired by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Bolivia, in his capacity as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the country that hosted the previous meeting, proceeding to elect the Board, which was made up as follows: as Chairman, Mr. Francisco Tudela, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru; as Vice chairman, Mr. Rodrigo Pardo, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia; and, as Secretary General-Rapporteur, Ambassador Jorge Voto-Bernales, Pro Tempore Secretary to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Peru, Bolivia, Suriname, Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana and the Special Envoy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil went on to take the floor, who highlighted the importance of the joint work underway within the framework of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, agreeing upon the need and timing to drive and strengthen this international instrument.

In his capacity as Head of the Delegation from the host country to the VI and VII General Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council, held in Lima on October 10 and 11, 1994, and from November 30 to December 2, 1995, respectively, Ambassador Harry Belevan reported the results from both events.

Subsequently, Ambassador Jorge Voto-Bernales, Pro Tempore Secretary to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, introduced the Work Plan and reported on the activities carried out by the Secretariat under the Peruvian chair.

After stating their recognition of the efficient work by Peru in exercising the Pro Tempore Secretariat, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs decided to carry the Work Plan and the Activity Report.

Later, a Commission made up of Representatives of the Parties, gathered to examine the documents below, which were then adopted by the Plenary Session:

Declaration of Lima;

Final Minutes of the V Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty; and,

The Resolutions below:

RES/V MRE-TCA/1, creating a Permanent Secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, which shall be headquartered in the city of Brasilia;

RES/V MRE-TCA/2, establishing a financial mechanism to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty;

RES/V MRE-TCA/3, adopting changes and amendments to the Rules of the Pro Tempore Secretariat;

RES/V MRE-TCA/4, creating the Special Commission on Education of Amazonia (CEEDA);

RES/V MRE-TCA/5, stating its recognition to the work done by the Pro Tempore Secretariat and adopting the management report and the work plan;

RES/V MRE-TCA/6, fostering the adoption of a regional document on sustainability criteria and indicators for the Amazonian forest;

RES/V MRE-TCA/7, providing for the negotiation of a new convention on measures aimed at preventing and controlling the pollution of Amazon water resources;

RES/V MRE-TCA/8, establishing an institute for research and protection of genetic resources;

RES/VI MRE-TCA/9, providing for the preparation of a common program to promote the environmental education and awareness at the school level;

RES/VI MRE-TCA/10, entrusting the Special Commission on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure of Amazonia (CETICAM) with the undertaking of a study on the navigability of Amazon rivers within the framework of the "Transportation Network for the Amazon Region" project;

RES/VI MRE-TCA/11, welcoming the Ad Hoc Work Group created by RES/VI CCA/2 and recognizes the work made by the Pro Tempore Secretariat with the Final Report on the study of implications entailed by the establishment of a Permanent Secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia repeated the offer made on occasion of the III and IV Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, to have the city of Santa Cruz de la Sierra host the financial mechanism of the Treaty.

The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia offered the city of Leticia and the already existing Institute for Amazon Research SINCHI, as the venue for the institute for research and protection of genetic resources to be created.

Referring to the technical and scientific capability of his country Centre for the Integrated Surveying of Natural Resources by means of Remote Sensing (CLIRSEN), the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador offered to contribute geographical and natural resources information on Amazonia via remote sensors.

Likewise, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guyana invited the Countries Parties to engage in the Iwokrama project on the rainforest underway in his country, the goals of sustainability of which match those in the Treaty.

On behalf of the Parties, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela thanked the Government of Peru for how they were treated and commended the Pro Tempore Secretariat on the efficient work done, that has enabled the institutional strengthening of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

Lastly, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Peru, Mr. Francisco Tudela, welcomed with satisfaction the significant results obtained and brought this V Meeting to a close.

In witness whereof, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs proceeded to sign these Final Minutes in the city of Lima, on December five, nineteen ninety-five.

On behalf of the Government of Bolivia

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED:

RES/V MRE-TCA/1

**V MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION
TREATY**

Whereas the increasing dynamics of the Amazon cooperation process and its subsequent greater outreach to the international scene call for strengthening the institutional aspect of the Treaty and the refinement of its mechanisms;

RULING:

To create a permanent secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, which shall be headquartered in the city of Brasilia.

To establish an Ad Hoc Work Group, made up of representatives from all the Parties, to prepare and put to the consideration of the Foreign Affairs Ministers, prior to June 30, 1996, a proposal defining the structure, objectives and timing of the creation of the Permanent Secretariat to the Treaty, bearing in mind the administrative, technical, legal and financial aspects involved.

To entrust the VIII General Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council to consider the rotation of the Pro Tempore Secretariat when assessing this process.

Signed in the city of Lima, on December five, nineteen ninety-five.

RES/V MRE-TCA /2

**V MEETING OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE AMAZON COOPERATION
TREATY**

Whereas the institutional strengthening of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty and the refinement of its mechanisms need to be supplemented by a financial instrument capable of flexibly and efficiently meeting the increasing cooperation needs of the Countries Parties;

RULING:

To establish a financial mechanism to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty. This mechanism shall focus on reinforcing the Treaty's effectiveness for carrying out projects in the region and as counterparty to international cooperation in the execution of plurinational programs and projects contributing to the sustainable use of Amazonia.

To provide that a technical meeting of the Parties prepare a Project, prior to June 30, 1996, embodying the operational components and modalities of this financial mechanism, to put it to the consideration of Foreign Affairs Ministers, who shall set the venue and the date of its coming into force.

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RES/V MRE-TCA/3

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Whereas RES/VI CCA/1 of the VI Amazon Cooperation Council approved the changes carried to the Rules in force of the Pro Tempore Secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, which were the target of certain amendments during the VII General Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council.

Likewise, the Parties decided to put these amendments to the approval of the V Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty,

RULING:

The adoption of changes and amendments to the Rules of the Pro Tempore Secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, respectively adopted during the VI and VII General Meetings of the Amazon Cooperation Council.

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RES/V MRE-TCA/4

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Whereas the Amazon Cooperation Treaty provides, in its article XXIV, the possibility of creating Special Commissions to study specific issues of interest to Amazonian countries;

In accordance with the recommendation to create the Special Commission of Education of Amazonia made by six Ministers of Education of the Countries Parties, gathered in Santafé de Bogotá from November 3 to 6, 1992;

Considering that the VI Amazon Cooperation Council, held on October 10 and 11, 1994 and the VII Amazon Cooperation Council, gathered in Lima on November 30 and December 1st, 1995, included as an item in the temporary agenda of the V Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs the creation of a Special Commission on Education of Amazonia;

Given that the Countries Parties to the Treaty acknowledge the need to support indigenous populations in their path to development, respecting their own cultural identity;

Acknowledging the significance of education as the main instrument for socio-economic development and the improvement of the standard of living of Amazon populations;

RULING:

The creation of the Special Commission on Education of Amazonia (CEEDA), as the technical coordination body of the Amazon Cooperation Council, with the powers below:

- a.** To promote the training and capacity-building of human resources in the Amazon region of the Countries Parties, in accordance with the challenge posed by the promotion of sustainable development;
- b.** To identify, study and suggest issues of common interest to foster cooperation methods among Amazon countries in an educational manner;
- c.** To encourage, coordinate and supervise the implementation of regional studies, programs, and projects, and other activities undertaken by the countries to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, which contribute to the development of Amazon population's education;
- d.** To promote information sharing of educational policies of each Country Party, with a view to developing a greater mutual understanding;
- e.** To foster and support bilingual education programs taking into account the value of indigenous traditional knowledge and encouraging the rescue of the cultural identity of Amazonian populations; and,
- f.** To favor the creation of curricula, promotional mechanisms, scholarships and other support modes, encouraging the training and direct or indirect capacity building of teachers for the benefit

of the Amazonian inhabitant, based on achievements and experiences acquired by multilateral and national agencies, as well as the Association of Amazonian Universities (UNAMAZ).

In order to attain the objectives set forth in this Resolution, Governments of Countries Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty shall encourage the participation in the committee of national institutions involved in the development of education programs of their relevant Amazon territories.

Signed in the city of Lima, on December five, nineteen ninety-five.

RES/V MRE-TCA/5

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

Whereas the momentum attained by the regional cooperation process under the Peruvian Chair of the Pro Tempore Secretariat; and

Considering the consensus of the Parties Delegates to give their express consent to such work, as well as the Report and Work Plan prepared by the Pro Tempore Secretariat;

RULING:

To welcome the active and efficient work of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru, in its capacity as Pro Tempore Secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, and of Ambassador Jorge Voto-Bernales, Pro Tempore Secretary.

To carry unanimously the Management Report and the Work Plan of the Pro Tempore Secretariat.
Signed in the city of Lima, on December five, nineteen ninety-five.

RES/V MRE-TCA/6

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

Whereas the advance made within the framework of the Treaty through the development of the Proposal for Sustainability Criteria and Indicators for the Amazonian Forest, arising from the Regional Workshop held in the city of Tarapoto in February, 1995;

RULING:

To encourage the adoption of a regional document on Sustainability Criteria and Indicators of the Amazonian Forest, through technical meetings providing the process started at Tarapoto with continuity, once completed the discussions at the national level.

Signed in the city of Lima, on December five, nineteen ninety-five.

RES/V MRE-TCA/7

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Whereas the multiplicity of roles played by Amazonian rivers in the economic and social process in the region, and the importance of water resources on human health, natural habitat and biodiversity as a whole;

Whereas water resources should be used for environmentally appropriate purposes and in line with criteria relating to conservation, use, and rational management thereof;

RULING:

To start negotiating a Convention for the adoption of measures purporting to prevent and control the pollution of Amazonian water resources and their harmful effects.

To entrust the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat with consultations with the Parties to draft a framework convention of cooperation, to be examined at a regional meeting in 1996 and put to consideration of the relevant instances of the Treaty.

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RES/V MRE-TCA/8,

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Whereas the relevance of the mega biodiversity contained in Amazonia; and aware of the need to start research and protection efforts thereof;

RULING:

To establish an Amazonian institute for research and protection of genetic resources. To entrust the *Pro Tempore* Secretariat, in coordination with the Parties, with the organization of and calling to a Regional Workshop, in order to prepare a project that will be submitted to consideration of the III General Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council, which shall establish the headquarters and the starting date of its work.

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RES/V MRE-TCA/9

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Whereas the Special Commission on Education of Amazonia is a key mechanism in the assessment of experiences and coordination of the development of educational plans that are suitable to the Amazonian reality;

Taking into account the advisability of fostering education and raising environmental awareness at the school level;

RULING:

To prepare a common program to promote education and to raise environmental awareness at the school level.

To entrust the Special Commission on Education of Amazonia (CEEDA) with the organization of and calling to a Regional Seminar suggesting orientations, contents and scope of manuals to this end.

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RES/V MRE-TCA/10

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WHEREAS:

The relevance of the hydrographic system of the Amazonian region as communication paths encouraging transportation, trade, tourism, and integration among Parties; The existence of various data and studies on the navigability capabilities of the various rivers making up the hydrographic system of Amazonia; The advisability of having a relating comprehensive study;

RULING:

To entrust the Special Commission on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure of Amazonia (CETICAM) with the undertaking of a study on the navigability of Amazon rivers – including capability- within the framework of the currently underway “Transportation Network for the Amazon Region” project;

Signed in the city of Lima, on December five, nineteen ninety-five.

RES/V MRE-TCA/11

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

Whereas the Final Report submitted by the Ad Hoc Work Group created pursuant to RES/VI CCA/2, for the study of administrative, legal, technical and financial implications that would result from the creation of a Permanent Secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty;

Taking into account the consensus of the Parties' Delegates to express the explicit recognition of the work done by said Work Group;

RULING:

To take due note of the Final Report prepared by the Ad Hoc Work Group for the study of administrative, legal, technical and financial implications that would result from the creation of a Permanent Secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty;

To congratulate the Work Group and the Pro Tempore Secretariat on the document prepared, which, together with the contributions made in the VI General Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council, as background to the Ad Hoc Work Group established in the Declaration of Lima to define, prior to June 30, 1996, a proposal of structure, objectives and timing for the creation of the Permanent Secretariat to the Treaty.

Signed in the city of Lima, on December five, nineteen ninety-five.

DECLARATION OF LIMA

PREAMBLE

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela, gathered in the city of Lima on occasion of the V Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Signatories to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty:

PERSUADED that on signing the Amazon Cooperation Treaty on July 3, 1978, the Countries Parties started a major and unprecedented consultation and cooperation process helping the sustainable development of their respective Amazonian territories and the improvement of the standard of living of their populations;

AWARE of the importance of the natural Amazonian forest immensity in the maintenance of global environmental processes, of water resources and of the mega biodiversity contained in the region; of the heritage of mineral reserves, energy sources, and of the potential of Amazonia in various areas, that are an invaluable source both for local populations and for the economic and social development of the countries sharing them in a sovereign manner;

CONSISTENT with the significant achievements made by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in the city of Río de Janeiro in June, 1992, and with the meaningful advance made at the institutional and legislative levels of the environmental aspects in Countries Parties to the Treaty;

PERSUADED that progress recently made, based on common interests established in the Treaty, needs to be firmly advocated for, to build upon and advance the regional cooperation process;

AGREE ON the following DECLARATION:

ON THE AMAZONIAN FOREST

HIGHLIGHT the progress made within the framework of the Treaty through the development of the Proposal for Sustainability Criteria and Indicators for the Amazonian Forest, prepared in the Regional Workshop organized by the Pro Tempore Secretariat in February, 1995 in the Peruvian city of Tarapoto, which is a valuable contribution to the agreed upon design of regional strategies.

ENCOURAGE the adoption of a regional document on Sustainability Criteria and Indicators of the Amazonian Forest, through technical meetings providing the process started at Tarapoto with continuity, once completed the discussions at the national level.

ACKNOWLEDGE the valuable source contained in Amazonian tropical forests for the food, chemical and pharmaceutical industries, as well as the urgent need to develop sustainable production systems, both from wood and non-wood resources.

DESIGN plans and strategies for the conservation and improvement of soils in the region, in terms of use and right handling by production agents.

ON WATER RESOURCES

PROMOTE the use of water resources for environmentally appropriate purposes and in line with criteria relating to conservation, use, and rational management thereof.

UNDERTAKE the negotiation of a Convention for the adoption of measures purporting to prevent and control pollution of Amazon water resources and their harmful effects on human health, natural habitat and biodiversity as a whole and, having that goal, they entrust the Pro Tempore Secretariat with consultations with the Parties in order to draft a framework cooperation convention, which shall be examined in a regional meeting in 1996, and put to the consideration of the relevant instances in the Treaty.

ON TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS

CONDUCT a study on the navigability of Amazonian rivers, through the Special Committee on Transport, Communications and Infrastructure of Amazonia (CETICAM), within the framework of the "Transportation Network for the Amazon Region" project, currently under execution.

ON BIODIVERSITY

RATIFY the principles in the Convention on Biological Diversity, based on the sovereignty exercised by the States on their biological resources and the fair and equitable distribution of the benefits resulting there from, and promote a joint discussion within the framework of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty for the implementation of the Convention on Biological Diversity.

STRESS the fact that biodiversity resources are a potential for the development of new production activities for the sustainable use of forests and water, particularly in connection with genetic resources; plants with nutritional and medicinal properties, dyes, pesticides, fibers and other uses that are relevant to the Treaty Countries.

AGREE on the need to adopt registration systems for Amazonian genetic resources; promotion of new production activities based on the species of flora, fauna and microorganisms; establish rules for the protection of intellectual property and the like of traditional knowledge and maximize the economic and social benefits for those communities.

ESTABLISH an institute for the research and protection of Amazonian genetic resources, for which the Pro Tempore Secretariat, in coordination with the Parties, shall convene a Regional Workshop for the preparation of a project to be submitted to the VIII General Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council, which shall decide the venue and start date for its operations.

URGE to the international multilateral and bilateral cooperation to continue supporting the activities and projects underway for the sustainable use of biodiversity, and to reinforce the technical and financial support for the inventory, the conservation, monitoring and the development of new productive activities based on the same, especially in connection with Amazonian genetic resources, aquaculture of native species, wildlife breeding, the research and inventory of food and medicinal plants, the preparation of production projects based on biodiversity and biotechnology.

ON HYDROBIOLOGICAL RESOURCES

STRESS that Amazonian hydro biological resources possess a major importance from the economic and social standpoint for feeding urban and rural populations in the region, and that they can result in the creation of new economic activities, at the local, national, and regional levels.

POINT OUT the need to develop sustainable production activities based on Amazonian hydro biological resources, geared towards the supply of human populations and to increasing the economic production in the region.

REQUEST the unwavering support of organizations for the international technical and financial cooperation and of the private sector for the development of aquaculture projects, fisheries management, caiman and turtle's husbandry and other aquatic and semi aquatic fauna in the region.

ON INDIGENOUS POPULATIONS

RATIFY the importance allocated by their governments to the respect of indigenous populations and local communities' rights, and to the preservation of their cultural identity.

RECOGNIZE the value of traditional knowledge and its incidence in the promotion of understanding and sustainable development in the region.

STRENGTHEN national institutional mechanisms for the promotion of populations and indigenous communities' development, protect and ensure the habitat of said communities, and improve their standard of living and life conditions.

ON CULTURAL, EDUCATIONAL AND TOURISTIC AFFAIRS

RESCUE the great and enriching cultural heritage of Amazonian men, who have forged a harmonious and balanced interrelation over the centuries with the surrounding environment.

CREATE the Special Commission on Education of Amazonia (CEEDA), as the key mechanism for assessing experiences and coordinating the design of educational plans fit for Amazonian reality, to foster the education and training of human resources in the Amazon region, as well as the respect to the cultural identity of its populations.

PREPARE a common program to promote the environmental education and awareness to a school level and, to such intents and purposes, entrust CEEDA with the organization on calling to a regional seminar suggesting guidelines, content and scope of manuals with that goal.

ENTRUST the Pro Tempore Secretariat, in consultation with the Parties, with the preparation of the master plan for the Development of the Sustainable Tourism and Ecotourism in the Amazon region as an instrument for the promotion of the regional development and investment in tourism in Amazonia, with the support and active involvement of the governmental and private sectors engaged in tourism, environment, and indigenous affairs of the Countries Parties. The Plan will be prepared based on the proposal submitted by the Regional Workshop held in the city of Lima, in June, 1995.

ACKNOWLEDGE the work done by the Association of Amazonian Universities to promote the cooperation between higher education centers and research institutes in the region, for the benefit of training and scientific and technical development in Amazonia, and to encourage a closer cooperation with the ACT in activities aimed at the common interest.

URGE international cooperation and private sector to allocate resources to the development of activities in the areas of socio-culture, education, increase of air traffic and tourism infrastructure in the region.

ON THE INSTITUTIONAL STRENGTHENING

RESTATE the determination to achieve a joint work by Countries Parties by way of the mechanisms established in the Amazon Cooperation Treaty.

POINT OUT that the increasing dynamics of the Amazon cooperation process and its subsequent greater outreach to the international scene require strengthening the institutional aspect of the Treaty and refining its mechanisms.

DECIDE the creation of a permanent secretariat to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty, which shall be headquartered in the city of Brasilia.

ESTABLISH an Ad Hoc work group, made up of representatives from all the Parties, to prepare and put to the consideration of the Foreign Affairs Ministers, prior to June 30, 1996, a proposal defining the structure, objectives and timing of the creation of the permanent secretariat to the Treaty, bearing in mind the administrative, technical, legal and financial aspects involved. Entrust the VIII General Meeting of the Amazon Cooperation Council to consider the rotation of the Pro Tempore Secretariat when assessing this process.

WELCOME with satisfaction the role played by the Pro Tempore Secretariat, under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Peru in the strengthening of the cooperation process, through a renewed impetus given to dialogue and regional coordination, in accordance with the goals and objectives in the Treaty.

ESTABLISH a financial mechanism aimed at reinforcing the Treaty's effectiveness for carrying out projects in the region and as counterparty to international cooperation in the execution of plurinational programs and projects contributing to the sustainable use of Amazonia.

PROVIDE that a technical meeting of the Parties prepare a project, before June 30, 1996, embodying the operational components and modalities of this financial mechanism, to put it to the consideration of Foreign Affairs Ministers, who shall set the venue and the date of coming into force of such mechanism.

ON DRUG TRAFFICKING

EXPRESS their concern about the Amazon environmental degradation and the socio-economic decay caused by drug trafficking to the countries in the region and the international community, especially via the processing and marketing of harmful substances. Consequently, they decide to redouble the fight against this scourge of mankind.

COOPERATION BETWEEN DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR

CALL on developed countries to comply with the commitments arising from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held in Río de Janeiro in June, 1992, to strongly support, with substantive financial resources and suitable technologies, the implementation of sustainable development and biodiversity conservation projects in Amazon countries and, through the Treaty, regional programs and projects.

VERIFY the active role and involvement of private enterprises and outstanding regional non-governmental organizations in the sustainable development process.

FINANCIAL COOPERATION BY INTERNATIONAL BODIES

EMPHASIZE the importance, at the national and regional levels, of the technical and non-refundable financial cooperation provided by various befriended countries and international bodies, and urgently call on to its considerable expansion in support of the efforts made by the Parties to the benefit of the sustainable development of their corresponding Amazonian territories.

EXPRESS their recognition to the Kingdom of the Netherlands, to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), to the United Nations Development Programme (PNUD), to the European Union (EU), to the World Bank (WB), to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) for their support in identifying and implementing activities and projects of regional interest.

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

WELCOME the decision to organize the Summit of the Americas on Sustainable Development in the Republic of Bolivia, in December, 1996, the key issue of which matches the goals and objectives of the joint work done by the Countries Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty; thus, we have decided to hold a previous meeting to agree on positions.

VI MEETING OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS MINISTERS

WELCOME unanimously the gentle invitation made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Venezuela to hold the VI Meeting of Foreign Affairs Ministers to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty in the city of Caracas, over 1997.

Made in the city of Lima, on December five of the year nineteen ninety-five, in Spanish, English and Portuguese.

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