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In this regard, President Nicolás Maduro wrote on his Twitter account, @NicolasMaduro: Venezuela modestly presented 9 strategic lines of action, which we hope can be assumed jointly by the governments and states grouped in the IV Amazon

Summit held in Brazil. We are obliged to defend and preserve the Amazon, together for the life of the planet and of humanity.

The Executive Vice-President of the Republic, Delcy Rodríguez headed the Venezuelan delegation at the Summit, an appropriate space to make known the strategic lines proposed by the Venezuelan Head of State.

The lines of action include the creation of an ACTO task force, as an instance of articulation and union, as well as the promotion and execution of a zero deforestation plan.

Similarly, Rodríguez stressed the importance of creating an Amazonian seed bank to preserve the region's biodiversity, the creation of the Amazonian Research Center and the launching of an Amazonian satellite to enable remote sensing of the region.

Finally, the Presidents and representatives of the Amazon countries agreed on the need to strengthen the institutional framework of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO).



Shared common responsibility

## Venezuela proposed global dialogue between tropical forest countries and major carbon emitters

**V**enezuela proposed a global dialogue for life between countries with tropical forests and large carbon emitters, emphasized the Vice President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Delcy Rodríguez, during the Meeting of the signatory countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT) with the invited countries at the Summit, held in Belém, Pará state.

During his speech, Rodríguez advocated that the dream of the President of the Federative Republic of Brazil, Luiz Inacio Lula Da Silva, for the Amazon should be the dream of the world.

He said that the two-day meeting of the Amazon Summit was a "milestone in the environmental history of the planet, because I believe that we have put things in their proper place".

In addition, he said that "we have listened to Colombia's

concern and even in our position as an energy country and it is a concern that all countries in the world, energy producers or not, have".

"So Venezuela proposes a great dialogue for life where the carbon producers are present, and the main tropical forests of the planet are represented", because "although it is true that today we are the representatives of the main basins of the planet and that represents life itself, because it basically allows us to breathe, I think there is a missing part with which to talk, which are the major carbon emitters in the line you presented, that there has been a common shared responsibility, but that necessarily has to be differentiated on those responsible for the North", argued the Vice President.

Along these lines, Rodríguez welcomed the presence of the COP 28 organizers at this meeting "because it is the link from here on".

He considered that this is the way to put into practice the extraordinary proposals that "we have heard these two days in such an extraordinary event, Mr. President".

Regarding the proposal presented by Venezuela, he added that it responds to "a humble and concrete proposal that we bring, but that will allow us to make Lula's dream also the dream of humanity and to build a global union".

The adoption of the document "United for Our Forests: Joint Communiqué of Developing Forest Countries in Belém" also took place, a context in which Venezuela, together with other invited nations, raised their voices in defense of the Amazon.

An example of this was the set of proposals expressed by the invited countries, pointing out that the fight for the Amazon involves economic, ecological and social cooperation.



Joint Communiqué of Developing Forest Nations adopted in Belém

Aiming to avoid the Amazon's point of no return

## More than 100 objectives and principles agreed upon by the Amazon Summit in its final declaration

**W**ith the decision to put into action 113 objectives and cross-cutting principles for the implementation of the Belém Declaration, the IV Amazon Summit culminated this Wednesday, which brought together, on August 8 and 9, presidents and senior representatives of the States Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (TCA).

The aspects agreed upon aim to avoid the point of no return of the Amazon and ratify the commitment of the Region to continue the dialogue, in order to save the plant lung, with more than 7 million square kilometers.

In this regard, the leaders of the States Parties to the ATT, meeting in the city of Belém do Pará, on August 9, 2023,

Aware of the urgency of the challenge of protecting the integrity of the Amazon, combating poverty and inequalities in the Amazon Region and with the purpose of unifying efforts to promote the sustainable, harmonious, integral and inclusive development of the region;

Taking into account the results of the internal consultations conducted by the States Parties at the governmental level and together with the civil society of their respective countries in preparation for this Summit;

Convinced that cooperation, integrated vision and collective action are essential to address the political, social, economic and environmental challenges of the Amazon Region, particularly those related to the climate crisis, loss of biodiversity, water and soil pollution, deforestation and forest fires, increased inequality, poverty and hunger, in order to prevent the Amazon from reaching a point of no return;

Determined, therefore, to re-launch and update the common agenda of cooperation between our countries, adapted to the new regional and global realities, to ensure the conservation, protection and ecosystemic and socio-cultural connectivity of the Amazon, sustainable development, the welfare of its populations, with special attention to indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities in vulnerable situations;

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

Emphasizing the urgency of agreeing on common goals for 2030 to combat deforestation, eradicate and halt the advance of

illegal natural resource extraction activities, and promote land-use planning approaches and the transition to sustainable models with the ideal of reaching zero deforestation in the Region;

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

Reaffirming the principles of the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development and the 1992 Statement of Forest Principles, the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its Paris Agreement, the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD), its protocols and its Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, the Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD), the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES), the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Convention 169 of the International Labour Organization (ILO), the document "The Future We Want", adopted by the United Nations Conference on







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

Recalling the Declarations adopted at the previous Meetings of Presidents of the States Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty held in 1989, 1992 and 2009;

Highlighting the importance of the Meetings of Presidents of the States Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty as a strategic political mechanism for decision-making and the adoption of priorities in the context of Amazonian cooperation, and the advisability that their meetings be held more regularly, with rotation among the States Parties;

Recognizing that effective solutions to the problems of the Amazon Region can only be achieved with the full and effective participation of its populations, both urban and rural, sub-national governments, civil society, highlighting indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, with special attention to all women, youth and other social actors, in accordance with national legislation and local specificities;

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

Recognizing the centrality of natural wealth and cultural diversity for the construction of medium and long-term development strategies for the region, aware of the importance of protecting this cultural, economic and environmental heritage and noting that respect for the diversity and cultural

identity of each community plays a fundamental role in building a sustainable and harmonious future for the Amazon;

Recognizing the relevance of water as a source of life in the Amazon Region and the need to continue promoting its sustainable management, within the framework of national and regional efforts in the Amazon;

Recognizing the interrelationships between the Amazon and the other biomes and regions in the States Parties, which are closely linked to it and the need to preserve these interrelationships to ensure the integrity and balance of the Amazon Region;

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

Emphasizing that the eradication of hunger, poverty and violence against Amazonian populations in all its forms and dimensions, in the framework of the fulfillment of the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals, is an indispensable requirement for the development of the Amazon Region and that the strengthening of multilateralism in the environmental, social and economic-trade spheres is an important tool for these purposes;

Condemning the proliferation of unilateral trade measures which, based on requirements and standards environmental,

trade barriers and mainly affect small producers in developing countries, the pursuit of sustainable development, the promotion of Amazonian products, efforts to eradicate poverty and combat hunger, and threaten the integrity of the international trading system;

Urging developed countries to fulfill their obligations to provide and mobilize predictable and adequate support to developing countries, including development finance, climate finance and biodiversity protection with the necessary and proportionate scope, scale and speed, as well as access to technology and its markets, and capacity building and development, as fundamental measures of international cooperation for the implementation of national policies and programs for the sustainable development of the Amazon;

Reiterating the promotion of and respect for the Purposes and Principles of the Charter of the United Nations and international law, which promotes the peaceful settlement of disputes and an international system based on respectful relations of friendship and cooperation, free of threats, aggression and unilateral coercive measures contrary to international law, in an atmosphere of peace, stability and justice;

Reaffirming the principles of equality of States and respect for the sovereignty of countries over their territories, as well as the objective of strengthening regional cooperation, expressed in the Amazon Cooperation Treaty signed on July 3, 1978,

which led to the creation of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization (ACTO);

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

Taking note of the understandings promoted by some Ministers of Finance, Treasury/Economy and Planning of the Amazonian countries to accelerate joint efforts to increase financing, share knowledge and improve regional coordination for sustainable development addressing the priorities of the States Parties of the Amazon Region;

Recognizing the independence of the other public authorities existing in the States Parties, and inviting them to consider relevant actions within the framework of their competencies for the effective implementation of this declaration;

Recognizing that ACTO is the only intergovernmental coordination body of the eight Amazonian countries for the joint development of projects, actions that produce equitable and beneficial results for the

Amazonian countries, due to its institutional framework, its broad knowledge of the region and the relevant experience of its Permanent Secretariat in the coordination of dialogue and the implementation of cooperation initiatives for development;

Noting also that, based on this coordination, the States Parties will promote dialogue, exchange of experiences and cooperation with developing countries with significant areas of tropical forests in different regions of the world;

Appreciating the pragmatic and operational orientation adopted by ACTO, which is evident in the expansion and execution of projects and programs, and in the efforts to give visibility to the Amazon cooperation agenda in multilateral and regional debates on issues related to sustainable development;

HAVE DECIDED AS FOLLOWS:

## **Objectives and cross-cutting principles for the implementation of the Declaration of Belém**

1. Combine the efforts, at the highest level, of their governments to advance a new common agenda for cooperation in the Amazon that is implemented under the objective of sustainable development, conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity, forests and water, urgent action to avoid the point of no return in the Amazon, the fight against deforestation and illegal activities in the region, economic development with social inclusion and income and employment generation,



based on mechanisms for social participation, particularly of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, and the strengthening of ACTO. To this end, they will observe the following principles:

2. a) Active participation and respect for and promotion of the rights of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, with special attention to populations in situations of vulnerability;

3. b) The protection and promotion of human rights, the equality of all persons, without distinction of race or any other kind, and the fight against all forms of discrimination;

4. c) Gender equality, with the active participation and promotion of the rights of all women, for their empowerment;

5. d) An intercultural and intergenerational approach that promotes recognition, respect for identity and cultural diversity in the Amazon;

6. e) The sovereignty of the States, including respect for the national legislation of each country;

## **Institutional strengthening of ACTO**

2. To strongly support the institutional strengthening of ACTO and the expansion of its areas of coordination, cooperation and means of implementation as an instrument for the sustainable, harmonious and inclusive development of the Amazon and the improvement of the national capacities of the States Parties, through the exchange of good practices, knowledge and public policies, South-South cooperation and the mobilization of international cooperation resources;

3. Mandate the Ministers of Foreign Affairs to negotiate an Additional Protocol to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty that establishes the Meeting of Presidents of the States Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty as an instance for decision making and adoption

of strategic political priorities within the framework of ACTO. They also instruct that, as part of the preparatory process for the presidential meetings, meetings be held to bring together representatives of government, academia, civil society and indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, in order to identify possible recommendations to be considered by the Meeting of Presidents;

4. Reactivate the Special Commissions, at ministerial level when appropriate, within the scope of ACTO, including those for (i) Environment, (ii) Science and Technology, (iii) Health, (iv) Education, (v) Indigenous Affairs, (vi) Transportation, Infrastructure and Communications and (vii) Tourism, without prejudice to the establishment of new commissions dedicated to other thematic areas, such as public security;

5. Reactivate and strengthen the effective functioning of the Permanent National Commissions (CONAPERs), in each of the MPs, which are responsible for the application in their respective territories of the provisions of the ATT, as well as the execution of the decisions adopted by the meetings of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Amazon Cooperation Council, without prejudice to other activities entrusted to them by each State;

6. Establish the Amazon Indigenous Peoples Mechanism, to strengthen and promote dialogue between governments and Amazonian indigenous peoples for the management and coordination of issues that concern indigenous peoples and contribute to the objectives of ACTO;

7. Establish a Working Group to evaluate a Financial Mechanism oriented to Amazonian cooperation within the framework of ACTO, which allows for the raising and capitalization of non-reimbursable financial resources from various sources, including voluntary contributions from the States Parties, international

cooperation resources, development banks and other donors endorsed by the States Parties for the purpose of financing projects, programs, studies and other initiatives of national and regional scope, strengthening human and institutional capacities, as well as the permanent exchange of experiences among the Amazonian countries;

8. Institutionalize the Amazon Regional Observatory (ORA), within the ACTO structure, with the strengthening of its different modules on economic, social, environmental and cultural issues, as a permanent instrument for monitoring, consolidation of information, data and knowledge, endorsed by the States Parties, and guide the different areas of their governments to collaborate through the regular provision of data and information that feed the different modules of the ORA. ACTO will facilitate real-time access to the ORA and its different modules to the States Parties and their institutions;

9. Establish a Working Group to prepare a proposal to modernize and strengthen the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO and a new Regulation of the Succession Process, based on previous work, in order to strengthen the institutionalization and governance of the Organization in its various instances;

10. Resume negotiations to update the Strategic Agenda for Amazonian Cooperation (AECA);

11. Strengthen regional cooperation for development through the establishment of a Working Group on South-South Cooperation within the framework of ACTO to better coordinate, articulate and rationalize development cooperation and the activities of the bodies responsible for cooperation of the States Parties, in favor of the Amazon region, especially in its border areas;

12. Strengthen the channels of communication and exchange of experiences between scientific research and technological innovation programs and their associated mechanisms within



the framework of ACTO with other similar international mechanisms;

13. Reaffirm the commitment to the implementation of ongoing projects, programs, studies, negotiations and other initiatives, such as the Forest Programs, the Biological Diversity and Biomass Project, Strategic Actions for the Integral Management of Water Resources and the Amazon Basin Project, the Memorandum of Understanding on Integrated Fire Management, the Amazon, Amazon Aquifers, Bioamazonia, Support for the Development and Implementation of the AECA, the Contingency Plans for the Protection of Health in Highly Vulnerable Indigenous Peoples and in Initial Contact, the Amazon Regional Platform of Indigenous Peoples, the Studies on Inequalities and Sociodemographic Gaps and Rapid Assessment of Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services, the ORA and the Water Resources Situation Room, the Working Group for the Development of a Regulation for Commercial Navigation in the Amazon Rivers, and also the Strategic Plan for Comprehensive and Intercultural Amazon Health and the Regional Plan for Water, Sanitation and Solid Waste;

## Amazon cities

14. Create the Forum of Amazonian Cities, within the scope of ACTO, to strengthen cooperation between local authorities in the States Parties, particularly in cities in border areas for the implementation, at the local level, of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals, the strengthening of the leadership of all women, of indigenous leaders and local and traditional communities and the promotion of interculturality, and in which proposals for action can be identified for the main urban challenges of the Amazon, such as access of Amazonian populations to public services, development and implementation of public policies;

## Amazonian Parliament

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

## Science, education and innovation: knowledge and entrepreneurship in Amazonia

16. Determine the creation of the Intergovernmental Scientific Technical Panel for the Amazon, within the scope of ACTO, which will bring together annually representatives of the States Parties, including technicians, scientists and researchers specialized in the Amazon region, with the permanent participation of civil society organizations, indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, in order to promote the exchange of knowledge and in-depth debate on studies, methodologies, monitoring and alternatives to reduce deforestation, promote sustainable development and prevent the environmental imbalance in the Amazon from approaching a point of no return; the panel will promote the systematization of information and the preparation of periodic reports on prioritized topics, in addition to analyzing the social and economic dynamics of the region, in order to facilitate the planning of preventive actions and identify bottlenecks and potentialities of scientific-technological production in the Amazon region, with recommendations for the governments of the States Parties, based on their priorities and needs;

17. Promote the exchange on the design, updating and articulation of National Environmental Education Policies that guarantee the integration of the environmental dimension in the education curriculum for the formation of ethical and responsible citizens, with knowledge, skills, attitudes and behaviors regarding the sustainable management of the environment, prepared to make decisions with criteria on

environmental management, respectful of themselves, of others and of their surroundings;

18. Promote contact networks that articulate research and teaching institutions in the Amazon Region, including indigenous universities, and those focused on professional and technological education, and create action programs for academic and student mobility in the Amazon, including internships and scholarships, in order to contribute to the reduction of inequalities, the prevention of socio-environmental imbalances, scientific-technological development, the generation of professional development opportunities for young people in the region, and the strengthening and valorization of sustainable production and consumption practices, with special attention to the promotion of interculturality and the protection of the knowledge of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities;

19. Encourage and support training and exchange programs for teachers and researchers in the Amazon region, at all levels of education, for the recognition of significant pedagogical and scientific experiences that allow the qualification of educators and actors in the academic sector in a contextualized manner;

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

21. Promote the development of strategies, programs and projects for the development and strengthening of science, technology and innovation in the Amazon Region within the framework of research and innovation policies aimed at the conservation and recognition of the intrinsic value of biodiversity and its sustainable use; the sustainable use of fauna and flora and territory; the promotion of the human right to food; energy transition; health and science





for peace and development, among others;

22. Improve technical and technological capacities for the planning, design and construction, capture, processing, validation, analysis, dissemination and continuous improvement of environmental information and information related to sustainable water management, which contributes to the establishment of priority actions and strategies in the short, medium and long term to achieve the objectives of ACTO in terms of monitoring and evaluation of the environment and water, in line with the 2030 Agenda and its Sustainable Development Goals and other international instruments ratified and in force by the States Parties;

23. To strengthen national governance models for the generation and management of information, promoting interaction and interconnection of stakeholders, allowing for the exchange of environmental information and sustainable water management, closing the gaps identified in access to information and public participation in environmental decisions, and sharing lessons learned among the States Parties;

24. Establish the Amazon Innovation and Technology Dissemination Network, with the purpose of stimulating sustainable regional development and entrepreneurship based on sustainable technology and facilitating the creation of solutions to the region's environmental, economic and

social challenges. The Network will bring together actors from Amazonian innovation ecosystems, including indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, and will promote business rounds between public agents, local companies and startups, as well as provide the exchange of good practices between technology parks, universities, research institutions, incubators and accelerators and business promotion agencies, while respecting human rights and the rights of indigenous peoples. It will also facilitate the dissemination of entrepreneurship among young people in the region, through specialized courses, with special emphasis on low-income families, valuing traditional knowledge associated with biodiversity, and will work in an integrated manner with the Strategic Agenda for Amazonian Cooperation (AECA) and a strategic agenda for the integrated development of production based on the sustainable use of biodiversity resources in Amazonian countries;

25. To promote the recovery, expansion and consolidation of the scientific and technological research infrastructure in the Amazon, as well as to stimulate postgraduate courses on Amazonian topics and international cooperation programs for the integration and use of the same by researchers from the States Parties, as well as the strengthening of actions for the reduction of socioeconomic, digital and technological inequalities, particularly in frontier areas;

26. Support the implementation of technical assistance and rural extension programs and initiatives aimed at family farming, artisanal fishermen and traditional communities in the region, focusing on sustainable food production and income generation through marketing opportunities;

27. Promote the creation of a Rural Women's Observatory for the Amazon within the framework of ACTO, with an interactive data platform and other tools to inform the development of strategies, projects, programs and public policies for women working in agricultural, forestry and aquaculture activities, and support the organization of knowledge networks for entrepreneurship by women;

28. Promote the establishment, within the framework of the Amazonian Mechanism of Indigenous Peoples, of a forum of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities that contribute with their ancestral knowledge, data and intercultural technical and scientific information for the advancement of appropriate technologies for the preservation and sustainability of the Amazon in the area of management and formulation of public policies;

## **Monitoring and cooperation in water resources management**

29. Promote coordinated actions to guarantee the human right to drinking water and sanitation, balance and harmony with the ecosystems linked to water and its healthy balance with food and energy needs in the Amazon;

30. Establish the Network of Water Authorities of the ACTO Party States for cooperation in the sustainable management of water resources in the region, with the objective of establishing regional protocols for monitoring, cooperation and mutual support in the management of water resources in the Amazon by the Party States, for the revitalization, conservation and protection of water sources and their basins, homologous criteria and parameters of water quality; and support the implementation of regional surface and groundwater projects and initiatives, planning and cooperation in the sustainable management of water resources, including transboundary resources, progressive strengthening of technical, technological and institutional capacities, technological innovation and intercultural dialogue, in line with national circumstances, including political, social and cultural commitments of each country;

31. Strengthen cooperation and harmonization of the integrated hydro-meteorological monitoring and warning systems of the States Parties for the exchange of experiences, information and effective knowledge, and for the improvement of monitoring capacities through the strengthening of national monitoring networks; for the generation of warnings of

environmental risks, human health, disasters and extreme hydro-meteorological events to the populations of the Amazon; for environmental planning, development of protocols and actions for the prevention, management and mitigation of the impacts of natural disasters; and to support water management as an instrument of prevention, adaptation and mitigation of the effects of climate change, combating hunger, ensuring the quality and quantity of water in the Amazon basin, for this and future generations;

32. Promote the strengthening of actions to monitor the quality of water for human consumption in the region, including joint technical-scientific studies and research, focusing on exposure to mercury and other hazardous substances derived from small and large-scale mining/mining activities, particularly those affecting indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, and carry out prevention and remediation activities and strengthen regional and international cooperation in the fight against illegal mining, illicit trafficking and other related crimes;

## Climate change

1. To welcome the Brazilian candidacy endorsed by Grulac for the holding of COP-30 of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in Belém,

Amazonia, in 2025, expressing its commitment to join efforts for its full success and stressing that the process from COP-28 to COP-30 will be fundamental for the future of the global response to climate change;

2. Establish a dialogue among the States Parties on the appropriate treatment to be given to the Amazon in the context of climate change, with a view to working to build common positions of the Amazonian countries on the subject in declarations and other actions in international forums and multilateral financial institutions;

3. Urge developed countries to meet their commitments to provide and mobilize resources, including the target of mobilizing \$100 billion per year in climate finance, to support the needs of developing countries and recognize the need to make substantial progress in the deliberations on the new collective quantified climate finance goal to be concluded by 2024 given the urgent need to scale up climate action, taking into account the needs and priorities of developing countries;

4. Promote innovative mechanisms for financing climate action, which could include debt-for-climate action swaps by developed countries;

5. Encourage the coordination and exchange of experiences





in the planning and implementation of public policies related to climate change, as well as cooperation to channel financial flows for the implementation of actions to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. These public policies and actions will seek to incorporate sustainable employment and income opportunities for local populations, with special attention to low-income families, women, indigenous peoples, traditional communities and family farming producers, in accordance with local realities and in synergy with the national plans and initiatives of the Amazon countries;

6. Promote the implementation of climate change adaptation programs in the States Parties, encouraging access to non-reimbursable external financing to reduce the vulnerability of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, in accordance with national realities and plans;

7. Strengthen cooperation between scientific and academic institutions of the States Parties to deepen the understanding of the interrelationships between climate change and forest ecosystems and peatlands in the Amazon Region, with a view to providing inputs for decision-making on public policies related to climate change, adaptation and resilience, recovery or restoration of native vegetation in deforested, degraded or altered areas, forest conservation, sustainable forest management and the transition to new forms of sustainable production and consumption, following up on national plans;

8. Systematize, exchange and make available, in the context of climate action, technologies and strategies to consolidate and improve agroforestry systems and other agricultural practices linked to sustainable forest management, including family or peasant agriculture, based on national plans;

9. Strengthen the protagonism and participation of all women, indigenous peoples and youth

in decision-making forums and spaces, deepening and building proposals that make them actors in climate solutions, and create a forum for intersectional debate on gender, cultures, ethnicity and climate, to participate in the debate on the construction and implementation of public policies on adaptation and mitigation in the States Parties, in coordination with national plans:

10. Initiate dialogue on common perspectives regarding the implementation of Art. 6.8 of non-market based approaches, including the possibility of establishing a Joint Amazon Mitigation and Adaptation Mechanism for Integrated and Sustainable Forest Management, within the framework of decision 16/CP.21 of the UNFCCC, presenting concrete experiences of the countries, promoting the search for financial cooperation resources for this purpose;

11. Strengthen participation from the Amazonian perspective in the Platform of Local Communities and Indigenous Peoples of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, in coordination with the Amazonian Indigenous Peoples Mechanism;

12. Guarantee the rights of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities in line with the different regulatory frameworks of the States Parties and in particular through the application, monitoring, reporting and verification of social and environmental safeguards;

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

1. Establish the Amazon Alliance to Combat Deforestation among the States Parties, to promote regional cooperation in the fight against deforestation, with the aim of preventing the Amazon from reaching the point of no return, recognizing and promoting the fulfillment of national goals, including those of zero deforestation, through the elimination of illegal

logging, the strengthening of forest law enforcement in the States Parties, sustainable forest management, integrated fire management for the reduction of forest fires, the recovery and increase of native vegetation reserves through financial and non-financial incentives and other instruments for conservation and sustainable forest management, the promotion of ecosystem connectivity, the promotion of ecosystem connectivity, the recovery and increase of native vegetation reserves through financial and non-financial incentives and other instruments for conservation and sustainable forest management, the promotion of conservation and sustainable forest management, the promotion of ecosystem connectivity and the promotion of ecosystem connectivity, the recovery and increase of native vegetation reserves through financial and non-financial incentives and other instruments for conservation and sustainable forest management, the promotion of ecosystem connectivity, the exchange of technologies, experiences and information to facilitate prevention, monitoring and control actions, including the promotion of regional programs to support forest control, the provision of training programs for managers and park rangers of protected areas and the strengthening of Amazonian ecosystems in the face of the impacts of climate change;

2. Ensure and enable that, in accordance with commitments made at the multilateral level, our terrestrial, inland water, marine and coastal areas, which are of particular importance for biodiversity and the provision of ecosystem functions/services, are effectively conserved and protected as units of conservation, recognize and respect the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities, including over their traditional territories;

3. Guarantee the rights of indigenous peoples, local and traditional communities, including the right to the territories and lands inhabited by

these peoples, full and effective possession, considering ancestral knowledge and conservation practices, including through the processes of definition, delimitation or demarcation, and titling of their territories and lands, in line with the various national regulatory frameworks, as well as the development of indigenous territorial and environmental management policies, as an indispensable condition for the conservation of biodiversity;

4. Establish, within ACTO, the Amazonian Network of Forestry Authorities to strengthen the implementation of the ACTO Forestry Program and relevant actions within the Strategic Agenda for Amazonian Cooperation in order to improve forest management and local capacities, exchange technological advances, establish sustainable development projects and promote access to financing for such projects, among others;

5. Promote, within the framework of the ACTO Forestry Program, the exchange of best practices on national environmental regulatory frameworks related to the regularization of land use, in order to strengthen planning and land management mechanisms and promote the recognition of the lands and territories of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, including their contribution to conservation efforts;

6. Deepen cooperation in risk and disaster management, in particular to deal with floods, intense droughts and forest fires, with coordination in different areas of emergency response of national civil protection and humanitarian cooperation systems in accordance with the demand of the State where these phenomena occur;

7. Develop a common strategy to prevent and mitigate the effects of the El Niño phenomenon in the Amazon, in accordance with the national legislation of the States Parties, recommending that ACTO explore the exchange of scientific information with international entities such as

the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific (CPPS) and the International Center for Research on the El Niño Phenomenon (CIIFEN);

8. To deepen cooperation and joint actions within the framework of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance for Integral Fire Management between the States Parties, to address forest fires, through the development of policies, instruments, technical actions, and the use of innovation and technology, aimed at prevention, fire management, the promotion of alternatives to the use of fire in rural areas, fire management, and the strengthening of technical, scientific and institutional capacities, as well as community capacities;

9. Strengthen the mapping and monitoring of degraded, contaminated or altered areas and identify priority areas for the restoration and/or recovery of ecosystems, with emphasis on native vegetation, with the objective of promoting sustainable economic activities, fostering sustainable forest management and contributing to the sustainability, productivity and resilience of local productive systems;

10. Promote opportunities for sustainable employment and income generation for local populations in programs and projects, including those of multilateral funds agreed by the States Parties and international cooperation, aimed at protecting forests, biodiversity, restoration and recovery of degraded areas;

11. Join efforts to generate a fund to finance programs to promote integrated and sustainable management and value addition of forest and biodiversity products and social and labor reconversion for social actors, peasants and farmers, for their participation in ecosystem conservation efforts, reducing deforestation and forest and soil degradation, forest fires and biodiversity loss, with the active participation of indigenous peoples and local communities;

12. Support the identification, recognition, maintenance and sustainability of conservation plans and management of agrobiodiversity zones and traditional agricultural systems in the Amazon, drawing on the experience of the International Program for Important Systems of World Agricultural Heritage (SIPAM), created by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO), through the State and/or cooperating partners that establish funds for their maintenance and sustainability;

13. Strengthen the conservation and sustainable management of inland water and marine and coastal ecosystems and their resources, considering their ecological functions, multiple uses, and the ways of life of local and traditional communities, including through synergy between national and regional initiatives for the conservation and sustainable use of the biodiversity of the aquatic ecosystems of the Amazon Region, including the implementation of the Conservation Management Plan (CMP) for Amazonian river dolphins, adopted by the members of the International Whaling Commission;

14. Promover la gestión participativa y la sostenibilidad de la pesca artesanal, reforzando la coordinación de las medidas de planificación comunitaria y colectiva, así como las de control de los recursos pesqueros y de la calidad del pescado, con especial atención a la contaminación por actividades económicas y vertidos de residuos, incluida la minería ilegal;

15. Promote actions for the conservation and management of endangered species in the Amazon Region, promote their monitoring and encourage fundraising for these initiatives;

16. To create a Working Group, within the scope of ACTO, aimed at the integration and harmonization of the National Systems of Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS) of the Amazonian countries, related to the sustainable use of genetic heritage and associated



traditional knowledge in research, development and innovation processes of commercially exploited products and processes within the framework of the Convention on Biological Diversity and its Nagoya Protocol and the national legislations of the Party States, as well as the dialogue and exchange of positions on the agenda of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge (ABS) in different multilateral fora;

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

1. Strengthen and expand police and intelligence cooperation for the prevention, repression and investigation of illegal activities, including environmental crimes and violations of the rights of human rights defenders, the rights of indigenous peoples and socio-environmental rights, affecting the Amazon Region, through the exchange of information, intelligence, experiences, and the conduct of investigations and coordinated operations and training of human resources, among other actions, always in accordance with the protection of biodiversity and the rights of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, in particular considering the applicable international agreements; and promote, within the scope of ACTO, technical discussions among government representatives, with the objective of identifying priority areas for cooperation;

2. To emphasize, in addition, the need for effective cooperation of destination countries to combat illegal trafficking of Amazonian species and products, including endemic species, native seeds and products derived from the illegal exploitation of minerals and related crimes, in accordance with the legislation of the countries of origin, in order to prevent the entry and discourage the demand for these products in consumer markets;

3. Develop regional and inter-sectoral cooperation: between

actors in administrative oversight of violations, investigation and prosecution of environmental and related crimes; including the exchange of information, strengthening of intelligence capabilities, development of joint action guidelines, with a view to harmonizing legislation and developing comprehensive and common protocols for action to prevent, investigate and prosecute these crimes that affect deforestation and loss of biodiversity in the Amazon and threaten the rights of present and future generations, indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities;

4. Work jointly in the implementation of actions for the eradication of the illicit exploitation of minerals and related crimes, including money laundering, especially related to the exchange of information on the trade and smuggling of mercury and other heavy metals and the harmonization of public policies for their regulation and control;

5. Welcome the future establishment of the Amazon International Police Cooperation Center, based in Manaus, which will coordinate with the competent authorities of each State Party, for the exchange of information, intelligence and the development of investigations, alerts and training activities to strengthen regional cooperation and assist in the eradication of illicit activities, including environmental and related crimes;

6. Initiate a process of dialogue for the creation of an Integrated Air Traffic Control System among the States Parties, which coordinates with the competent national authorities, with a view to collaborating in the surveillance of illicit air traffic and the fight against drug trafficking and other related crimes, deforestation and the illegal exploitation of natural resources in the Amazon Region;

7. To take note, with satisfaction, of the proposal to convene a Meeting of Ministers and public security authorities of the States Parties to be held in Colombia, in order to evaluate the current

situation of criminal phenomena and transnational organized crime in the Amazon region and to promote the exchange of information and police and intelligence cooperation to combat illegal activities and environmental crimes affecting the Amazon region;

## **Sustainable infrastructure**

1. Strengthen public policies, cooperation and open dialogue on the incorporation of sustainability standards in territorial planning and execution of infrastructure projects in the Amazon, considering their direct and indirect environmental, social and economic impacts, in harmony with the conservation of ecosystems, landscapes, environmental functions and associated ecosystem services, in consultation and with due focus on human rights in relation to affected communities, including indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, from the planning phase, in accordance with the respective national legislations;

2. Deepen cooperation, with the aim of promoting technological inclusion, bridging digital divides and training, sustainable development and support for environmental monitoring, including in the areas of regulation for joint mapping of infrastructure and connectivity demand; promotion of new interconnection points; coordination on the use of frequency bands; and certification/approval of equipment used for public protection, disaster relief, security, remote sensing and satellite telecommunications;

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



## Sustainable economics

## development

1. Promote the innovation of technologies for sustainability in the production chains of agriculture, livestock, fisheries and aquaculture, forestry, agroforestry, family farming and other prioritized areas, through the integrated management of standing forests and the sustainable use of natural resources, the generation of knowledge, the recovery of degraded areas, the promotion of sustainable agricultural practices, and agroecology, recognizing the knowledge and practices of traditional agricultural production, other innovative approaches, more sustainable aquaculture production systems, production and use of renewable energies, promotion of the circular economy, improvement of agri-food systems and food security of Amazonian populations, in accordance with national legislation and existing monitoring mechanisms in the respective Amazonian territories;

2. Encourage and strengthen

geochemical studies of the soil of the Amazon Region and its hydrographic resources in order to develop agroecological and climate risk zoning instruments to define areas suitable for productive activities and their scale, taking advantage of the need to reinforce sustainability in the Amazon and to recover degraded areas, contain deforestation in sensitive areas and strengthen biodiversity conservation;

3. Develop, within the scope of ACTO's Strategic Agenda for Amazonian Cooperation, a strategic agenda for the integral development of production based on the sustainable use of biodiversity resources in the Amazon, to promote a fair and ethical economic development model, for the generation of products, processes and services based on the sustainable use of biological resources, particularly biodiversity, and in knowledge of science, innovation, technology, ancestral and traditional knowledge, with social inclusion especially of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, as well as policies for the promotion

and consolidation of research, development, innovation and production chains based on the sustainable use of the biodiversity of the Amazonian countries and associated traditional knowledge;

4. Establish, within the scope of this agenda, a program of productive chains for the sustainable use of biodiversity, of interest to indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities based, among others, on the objective of forest management and forest recovery, to map these productive chains, with the protection and recognition of the value of their practices and knowledge, with income generation and promotion of their quality of life and the environment, training and strengthening of the productive organizations of these peoples and communities, the development and sharing of technologies to provide greater added value, the promotion of fair trade strategies and recognition for environmental services/functions, and the exchange of good production practices in a complementary



manner to the activities of ACTO's Forestry and Biodiversity Programs;

5. Develop a program for the joint promotion of Amazonian products and services and products compatible with the sustainability of forests in the international market, to add value to products and promote initiatives to improve the quality of products and the qualification of producers from indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, collectors and community organizations, such as associations and cooperatives of family farmers and riparian communities, through trade promotion agencies and other agencies and public entities of the States Parties, with the support of international cooperation;

6. Act in coordination with international partners and organizations, in particular the World Customs Organization (WCO), with the objective of facilitating, when appropriate, the registration of Amazonian products in the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System;

7. Establish a dialogue for the development of a regional cooperation framework in the areas of certification and valorization of Amazonian products and incentives for the recognition of environmental and ecosystem services/functions;

8. Promote joint investments in regional research and innovation activities and networks that allow the development of new solutions and technologies, rescuing traditional knowledge and know-how, in order to expand the possibilities of generating wealth associated with sustainable use and forest conservation in the Amazonian territory;

9. Initiate a dialogue between the States Parties on the sustainability of sectors such as mining and hydrocarbons in the Amazon Region, within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and their sovereign national policies;

10. Encourage the development of sustainable tourism, and especially the typologies and morphologies most associated with the region, such as nature, cultural, indigenous, regenerative, community and agro-ecotourism, as one of the vectors of sustainable development in the Amazon Region, in order to offer, among other benefits, income alternatives, including through training and the improvement of tourism services;

11. Adopt urgent measures to reconcile economic activities with the objective of eliminating air, soil and water pollution, with emphasis on Amazonian rivers, with a view to protecting human health and the environment. Welcome the leadership of Amazonian countries in chairing the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee for the legally binding international instrument to end plastic pollution that takes a life-cycle approach to plastics, includes sufficient means of implementation for developing countries, and is informed by science and knowledge. In this regard, the States Parties commit to contribute to the development of an ambitious agreement, as well as to the adoption of public policies that consider the entire life cycle of plastics including those related to sustainable production and the strengthening of safe waste management, recyclability of materials and sustainability of product recycling chains, recognizing the important role played by waste pickers and other workers in these chains, indigenous traditional knowledge systems, in addition to promoting sustainable solutions that do not exacerbate existing pressures in the Amazon, nor create new negative impacts;

12. Invite the development banks of the States Parties operating in the Amazon Region to work in an integrated and concerted manner in the sustainable development of the region through the formation and announcement of a Green Coalition, which promotes financial solutions that are in accordance with the

programs of the States Parties and that, respecting local and regional characteristics, create and improve local productive activities and promote the viability of undertakings that are socially, environmentally and economically sustainable. Financial support to public and private projects that adhere to the Coalition's objectives will allow the structuring and support of sustainable, inclusive economic alternatives, with local generation of employment and income opportunities, especially for low-income families. The proposed financial solutions should use public and private catalytic resources to promote risk reduction and boost private sector participation, with the objective of expanding and accelerating sustainable development in the region;

13. Exchange information on the actions carried out by the States Parties to obtain bilateral or multilateral non-reimbursable financing for sustainable development and, when appropriate, articulate such actions in favor of joint projects in the Amazon to be implemented by ACTO;

## Health

1. Promote universal health systems with an intercultural approach that guarantee access and respond to the characteristics of the territory and the populations of the Amazon region, with special emphasis on the needs of women;

2. Promote actions and services that provide knowledge and detection of changes in social and environmental determinants that interfere in human health, considering the One Health approach, with the purpose of recommending and adopting measures to promote health, prevention and monitoring of risk factors related to diseases or health problems;

3. Cooperate for the development and implementation of national health plans for indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, reducing persistent barriers to access to health services, respecting

the right to prior and informed consultation and strengthening social participation in the construction of actions, programs and policies aimed at these populations;

4. Promote the dissemination to providers in the Amazon countries of calls for procurement and purchases of health technologies and products, as well as traditional medicine products with sanitary registration, in accordance with national regulatory frameworks, contributing to sustainable development;

5. Improve the performance of environmental public health programs and related institutions, prioritizing environmentally sustainable and resilient communities and cities, and promote environmental epidemiological health studies and generate intervention programs that prioritize the incidence of social and environmental determinants of the health of indigenous peoples;

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

7. Expand cooperation in health in the Amazon Region, with special attention to border health actions and the populations living there, through joint actions for the health care and nutrition of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities, focusing on respect for the culture and eating habits of the peoples, with special attention to women's health, the fight against chronic child malnutrition, the fight against HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, viral hepatitis, parasitosis, malaria, dengue, Zika, Chikungunya, neglected tropical diseases

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

8. Initiate a process of dialogue with a view to developing a regional epidemiological surveillance system and request the support of the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO for the coordination of the States Parties in this regard;

9. Strengthen actions to monitor the health of populations exposed to chemicals, particularly mercury, hazardous waste and plastic pollution, and to monitor air quality due to atmospheric pollutants in the Amazon, promoting the exchange of experiences to mitigate risks and negative impacts on human health and environmental quality, considering the commitments assumed by Amazonian countries in international conventions, treaties and agreements on mercury, chemicals, hazardous waste and plastic pollution;

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

## **Food and nutritional security and sovereignty**

1. Coordinate actions towards food and nutritional security and sovereignty, in accordance with applicable legislation and international agreements, giving priority to traditional, family and community production systems, improving the flow and quality of forest, biodiversity and agricultural products in the Amazonian regional market, and their international presence, including access to and

dissemination of technologies;

2. Initiate a process of dialogue for the elaboration of an Amazonian strategy for food and nutritional security and sovereignty, with attention to production, availability, supply and access to food from Amazonian biodiversity, in which priority is given to combating chronic child malnutrition;

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

## **Social Protection**

1. To consider Social Protection as a policy with a structuring intercultural approach for the preservation of the well-being, ways of life, life plans and social coexistence of the Amazonian population;

2. Cooperate in the joint development of connectivity technologies and mutual support, coordinated and programmed, to facilitate access to isolated localities, by water and by air for social care purposes;

3. Develop and share service modalities that identify and address the phenomena of vulnerability in specific communities, recognizing the need for full and effective participation of these populations in decision-making



processes, seeking recognition of their particularities and avoiding negative impacts on their ways of life;

## Human rights and social participation

1. To carry out sectoral government policies, including subnational governments, in order to take measures to guarantee the full and effective participation of indigenous peoples, urban populations, and local and traditional communities of the Amazon Region in decision-making and public policy formulation processes, in accordance with their national legislation, ILO Convention 169, the Convention on Biological Diversity and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants and Other People Working in Rural Areas, including free, prior and informed consultation protocols for indigenous peoples;

2. Promote actions to protect and guarantee the human rights of indigenous peoples and their collective rights over their territories and lands located in the Amazon Region, especially indigenous peoples in isolation and in initial contact, strengthening available resources and public policies adapted to this region;

3. Adopt measures to prevent and avoid the negative impacts of infrastructure projects on indigenous and traditional lands and territories and to rescue and value the diversity of practices, traditional and ancestral knowledge, knowledge and practices and cosmovisions of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities;

4. Strengthen regional cooperation for the prevention and confrontation of gender-based violence, misogyny and racism in the Amazon Region, in all its forms and dimensions, and with the incorporation of the promotion and protection of the human rights of Afro-descendants, girls and all women, as a cross-cutting theme in actions for the conservation, restoration,

management and sustainable use of biodiversity;

5. Implement measures to guarantee a safe and enabling environment in which individuals, groups and organizations that promote and defend human rights, the environment, lands, territories and resources of indigenous peoples and cultural rights, can operate free of racism, violence, discrimination, threats and insecurity, promoting actions to ensure the highest possible level of physical and mental health of human rights defenders and victims of violence in the territory where they carry out their activities, based on the laws of the States Parties;

6. Promote, within the framework of ACTO, the creation of an Observatory on the situation of human rights defenders and defenders of the rights of indigenous and environmental peoples in the Amazon, with a view to promoting the exchange of experiences and cooperation among the States Parties and identifying methodologies, sources of funding and best practices for their protection activities;

## Recognition of Amazonian cultures

1. Promote the preservation, revitalization and recognition of Amazonian cultural expressions, in particular indigenous languages and cultures, including within the framework of UNESCO's International Decade of the World's Indigenous Languages, encouraging collaboration among the States Parties and supporting initiatives that foster the exchange of knowledge and experiences;

2. Promote and support, within the framework of ACTO, meetings of promoters and managers of culture in the Amazon Region to stimulate dialogue among cultural agents and institutions, strengthen the collective understanding of the cultures of the Amazon as a shared heritage and provide opportunities to organize joint cultural, income-generating

and social inclusion activities;

3. Cooperate for the construction of national and regional policies aimed at guaranteeing the protection and respectful and dignified use of the knowledge and wisdom of indigenous peoples and local and traditional communities that inhabit the Amazon;

## Diplomatic cooperation

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

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

## Implementation of the Belém Declaration

1. To instruct the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty (ACT) to adopt the corresponding measures for the progressive implementation and incorporation of the actions of this Declaration, with a schedule, deadlines and means of implementation, with regard to the Organization's areas of work and the next version of the ACTO Strategic Agenda, to be completed as soon as possible;

2. To welcome the holding of the Amazon Technical-Scientific Meeting (Leticia, July 5 to 8, 2023) and the Amazon Dialogues (Belém, August 4 to 6, 2023), which were attended by representatives of different

sectors of the societies of the States Parties, and to take note of their conclusions, which will also be considered by the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the ATT to decide on their progressive implementation and incorporation into the areas of work of the Organization;

3. To appreciate the offer of the President of the Republic of Colombia to convene and hold the V Meeting of Presidents of the States Parties to the Amazon Cooperation Treaty in August 2025.

**Source: Presidential Press / Anaís Pérez**



*Developing Forest Countries issued Joint Communiqué in Belém*



In bilateral meeting

## Venezuela and Republic of Congo advance in great world crusade to save the planet

In a bilateral meeting, the Minister of People's Power for Ecosocialism, Josué Lorca, and the Minister of Environment of the Republic of Congo, Arlette Soudan - Nonault, fine-tune issues for the meeting with representatives of the countries that have the main hydrographic basins of the world.

This meeting will be held October 26-28 in the Republic of Congo to address the work as part of a global crusade to save the planet.

The world's major hydrographic accounts are located in: The

Amazon, in the Republic of Congo and Asia, you are in Indonesia and People's Republic of China; and all are home to most of the world's biodiversity and freshwater.

The Minister of the Republic of Congo was emphatic at this meeting when she stated that it is the countries with the main river basins that must define and demand resources to leverage efforts.

This work translates into a great world crusade to save the planet and fulfill the fifth great objective of the Homeland Plan,

which aims at contributing to the preservation of life on the planet and the salvation of the human species, which are threatened by capitalism.

This bilateral meeting took place in the context of the Amazon Summit, which is being held in the city of Belém, State of Pará, and which concludes this Wednesday, endorsing more than one hundred objectives and principles in favor of the salvation of the plant lung: the Amazon.



Minister Lorca met with Arlette Soudan

Presidential Commission

## Bolivarian Government undertakes actions for the rescue and conservation of Maracaibo Lake

**T**he Presidential Commission for the Attention of the Maracaibo Lake Basin is fine-tuning the actions to be undertaken for the rescue, conservation and sustainable development of this important icon of the state of Zulia.

The information was released by the Vice-President of the Public Works and Services Sector, G/J Néstor Reverol, after holding a meeting with the Ministers of Petroleum, Pedro Rafael Tellechea; Water, G/D Rodolfo Marco Torres; Fishing and Aquaculture, Juan Carlos Loyo; Communes and Social Movements, Jorge Arreaza and the Vice-Minister of Garbage Management of the Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism, Dennys Guédez.

"We met to systematize the actions that will be implemented for its rescue, conservation and sustainable

development, based on the six vertexes and the strategic lines formulated in consensus with state institutions, regional representatives and the Popular Power," Reverol explained.

Last Thursday, August 3, this Presidential Commission held the 1st Popular Technical-Scientific Meeting for the Rescue, Conservation and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo, in which they established 10 lines of action to accomplish this task, these are:

2. Adequacy of Iclam, IVIC and LUZ laboratories.
3. Reorganization of the Fishermen Councils.
4. Plan of Control for the public and private companies with activities near the lake.
5. Formation of a Legal Committee to create new laws, decrees and ordinances.

6. Diagnosis and adaptation of 27 sewage plants, prioritizing 11 of them.

7. High-level liaison with Petróleos de Venezuela for the coordination of the projects to be developed.

8. Advising of a permanent Technical-Scientific Committee.

9. Educational campaign to raise awareness at all educational levels in the entity.

10. Incorporation of Mission Tree.

"It is our task, it is our commitment, it is the moment, there is no other and President Nicolás Maduro has ordered us to make a deployment in all the necessary areas and articulate at all levels of government, let's do the task. Lake Maracaibo is Zulia!" said Reverol, at the time.



10 lines of action were established



In civil-military union

## Coasts of nine municipalities were added to the sanitation and cleaning of Maracaibo Lake



*This activity is part of the action vertices of the master plan that has been considered by President Nicolás Maduro*

**T**he sanitation and cleaning teams formed to execute the Master and Strategic Plan for the Rescue, Conservation and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo were deployed in nine municipalities of the state of Zulia.

In this regard, the Vice-Minister of Environmental Management of the Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (MINEC), Hernán Toro, in the municipality of Cabimas, where one of the Saturday work fronts was located, explained that on Friday the Presidential Commission for the Rescue, Conservation and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo worked in 13 municipalities with the support of more than 1,270 people.

Friday's operations were attended by representatives of national, regional and local

institutions, the Recycling and Waste Management Technical Tables (Metras) and a strong group of collaborators.

"Today we are in nine municipalities and tomorrow, Sunday, in one. This way we will be weekly to make the coverage of 100% of the lake shores, an instruction given by President Nicolás Maduro," he said.

Toro added that the activity is part of the action vertices of the master plan that has been considered by the President and "we remain, additionally, active in other types of actions that are carried out jointly with the Mayors' Offices and the Government of Zulia, as a single team".

"This is the first of several workshops that have added valuable support requested by the people of Zulia, related to

the organizational phase, with the various plans and programs that can directly contribute to the success of the master plan," he said.

He indicated that "we are sure that with this civil-military union, of the governments at all levels, national, regional, municipal and communal, we will have guarantees in these efforts".

"People support us on a daily basis, with the interest of rescuing the Lake and from here we say with force that Lake Maracaibo is Zulia," he concluded.



At the Recreation Park Black Donkey

## First 50,000 trees prepared for reforestation of the upper and middle basins of Lake Maracaibo



*Aviaries are an agroecological technique to disperse seeds in hard-to-reach places*

**T**he Ministry of People's Power for Ecosocialism (MINEC), members of the Bolivarian National Guard (GNB) and spokesmen of the People's Power, began the elaboration of the first 50,000 vines that will be used in the reforestation of the middle and upper basins of Lake Maracaibo, in the State of Zulia.

It is estimated that the preparation of the aviaries will exceed an average of 50,000 per month, as part of the actions of the Plan for the Rescue, Conservation and Sustainable Development of Lake Maracaibo.

The activity took place at the Burro Negro Recreation Park in the municipality of Lagunillas,

with the participation of representatives of the MINEC, the National Reforestation Company (Conare), Misión Árbol, the National Parks Institute (Inparques), the Institute for the Conservation of the Maracaibo Lake Basin (Iclam) and the GNB through the State Coordination of Environmental Guards of Zulia.

In this regard, Anderson Durán, from Misión Árbol, informed that the aviaries are an agro-ecological technique to disperse seeds in places of difficult access, in order to reforest or repopulate degraded areas in the middle and upper watersheds.

"We have a goal of 50,000 avíos per month, which we are going to carry out progressively

together with all the living forces of Ecosocialismo and the Popular Power, to continue strengthening all the care plans for our Maracaibo Lake," he said.

Finally, the representative of Misión Árbol called on the population in general to continue with the development of reforestation strategies and to advance in the consolidation of the Fifth Historical Objective of the Plan for the Homeland 2019-2025, which refers to the "preservation of life on the planet and the salvation of the human species".



At Generalissimo Francisco de Miranda Recreational Park

## Minec and Bancamiga planted 43 chaguaramo trees



*Reforestation was done at the entrance of the park, in front of the area called "Big Eight"*

**T**he Ministry of Popular Power for Ecosocialism (Minec) and Bancamiga Banco Universal joined forces this Saturday to carry out a reforestation day with 43 trees of the chaguaramos species of approximately 3 and 4 meters high, which were placed in the Generalissimo Francisco de Miranda Recreational Park, east of Greater Caracas.

The action is part of the landscaping project of the Generalissimo Francisco de Miranda, which seeks to enhance the beauty of the national flora through plantations in the place, whose goal is to establish 135 trees among which are: chaguaramos, date palms, fan palms, samanes, araguaneyes, pardillos and apamates, among others, in each of the spaces conceived by the landscaper and architect, Roberto Burle Marx, in harmony with the original design of the park.

This project goes beyond beautifying the site because it also involves preserving the environment, contributing to clean air, ensuring the reproduction and care of plants, in order to receive thousands of visitors monthly, in a territory where they can have contact with nature.

The head of Minec, Josué Lorca, together with volunteers from Bancamiga, joined the Ecosocialist Management team in a special reforestation day.

Lorca emphasized the importance of this alliance with private enterprise in this type of initiative to recover recreational areas, which will serve as an example for other public and private institutions to join in the recovery of natural areas for the enjoyment of all Venezuelans.

Likewise, Lorca said that "this is only one of the alliances or joint work we are doing, for us the support we had from Bancamiga in the first edition of the 10K race for Planet Earth, which was held on April 22, 2023, was fundamental. It was fundamental, it was a beautiful race with more than 2,500 participants".

"We are very grateful for that and now we are venturing into new horizons because we have just recently re-launched the Macuro project, a plan that is more than 20 years old, with biologist Clemente Valladares, there in the community of Macuro in the state of Sucre," he said.

He pointed out that in Macuro "a beautiful sea turtle conservation project is being developed, which has received several international recognitions and now Bancamiga is also supporting it".

For his part, Bancamiga's Director of Payment Methods and Channels, Alberto Camardiel, emphasized that "we have not stopped doing things and we will not stop doing them, since there are other programs that we also want to support and the call is not only for this Minec-Bancamiga alliance, but for many more to join".

"In the end, I believe that Venezuela belongs to everyone and we all have to collaborate so that this park becomes one of the best in the world, with the work of the Minec and all those who have made it possible to plant 43 trees today. I believe that we are going to achieve it", he said.

The reforestation took place at the entrance of the park, in front of the area called "Big Eight".



## UP TO DATE WITH NICOLAS

**@NicolasMaduro**  
**08/10/2023**

*We welcome the decision of the Portuguese Court in accordance with justice and international law! Venezuela has not given up and will not give up the fight for the rescue of the assets that belong to Venezuelans. We will recover all assets and resources sequestered abroad.*



**@NicolasMaduro**  
**08/10/2023**

*At the IV Amazon 2023 Summit in Brazil, Venezuela presented concrete proposals for coordinated work, including: declaring a regional emergency in the Amazon countries and creating a large task force to address the world's plant lungs.*



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**08/09/2023**

*Venezuela modestly presented 9 strategic lines of action, which we hope can be assumed jointly by the governments and states grouped in the IV Amazon Summit held in Brazil. We are obliged to defend and preserve the Amazon, together for the life of the planet and of humanity.*



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