CELC plan 2017
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The Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), gathered on the occasion of the Fifth Summit of CELAC, taking place in the city of Punta Cana, Dominican Republic, on January 25th (2017), resolve to adopt the following Action Plan, which contains the mandates that will guide the work for the 2017 administration;

FOOD SECURITY, NUTRITION, AND ERADICATION OF HUNGER AND POVERTY

1. Give continuity to the implementation of the 2025CELAC Plan on Food Security, Nutrition, and Eradication of Hunger (2025 CELAC FSN PLAN), with the support of FAO, ECLAC, and ALADI, aiming its implementation, among others, to the compliance with the 2030 Agenda, in accordance with the national strategies of each CELAC country to develop the aforementioned CELAC FSN Plan. In this framework, make a special request to the FAO to renew the cooperation program promoted with the countries of the region.

2. Continue strengthening South-South and Triangular cooperation as a complement to North-South cooperation, identifying new available sources of technical and financial support, and encourage spaces for national dialogue to strengthen the CELAC FSN Plan and the Working Group on the Advancement of Women, acknowledging the intraregional importance of the development of the small and medium size agricultural enterprises (SMEs) and of the family farming groups, based on the recommendations of the Work Meeting to advance in the implementation of the 2025 CELAC Plan on Food Security, Nutrition and Eradication Hunger, which took place on the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd of August 2016, in the city of Santiago de los Caballeros, Dominican Republic.

3. Continue supporting the actions aimed at addressing all forms of malnutrition, particularly in early childhood, including the development of training activities for public officials responsible for adopting measures for the gradual implementation of the right to healthy nutrition, and for community organizations that provide food services.
4. Promote the dialogue on public policies aimed at improving food and nutrition security, and advance on the pillars of the CELAC FSN Plan. Promote the exchange of experiences and good practices emanating from the reports, national diagnoses and proposals of strategic actions carried out by the different countries regarding the CELAC FSN Plan, in particular those with a solid experience on the current state of food security and nutrition and associated public policies.

5. Commission the national coordinators to move forward on the implementation of the Strategic Regional Coordination Agenda on social matters, based on the organizational proposal presented at the Meeting of Ministers of Social Development of CELAC, held in Caracas at the end of 2015, and was established as Annex II of the Final Declaration.

6. Convene, in Venezuela, during the second semester of 2017: a) Technical Meeting to follow-up the 2nd Meeting of Ministers on the Regional Cooperation Strategic Agenda on Social Matters of CELAC 2015-2017, and b) 3rd Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development to Eradicate Hunger and Poverty.

FAMILY FARMING

1. Give continuity to the decisions adopted during the Ad Hoc Working Group Meeting on Family Farming, and in the CELAC Ministerial Meetings on Family Farming, among those the most recent one, namely, the 3rd Ministerial Meeting, held in San Salvador, El Salvador, on dates 9th, 10th, and 11th of November 2016, with the purpose of evaluating the progress of the completed work and to present future actions and programs.

2. Follow up on the implementation of the 2017 Action Plan, emanated from the 3rd Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Working Group on Family Farming, which pursues the development of institutional programs and actions that strengthen Family Farming and Sustainable Rural Development on a national scale.

THE EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN AND GENDER EQUITY AND EQUALITY

1. Reiterate our support for the interest of the Republic of El Salvador to continue coordinating the Working Group on the Advancement of Women for the development of the next meetings, together with the future Pro Tempore Presidencies of CELAC, as well as the host countries for said meetings.

2. Implement the Gender Strategy of the 2025 CELAC FSN Plan and request the Working Group, in coordination with the PTP, the creation of a monitoring system for this strategy, adopted during the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on the Advancement of Women.

2 BIS. Welcome the commitment of the Dominican Republic, Paraguay, El Salvador and Haiti to conduct pilot schemes for the implementation of the Gender Strategy, including mechanisms for the follow-up and evaluation for the monitoring of the Plan, with the support of the CELAC Working Group on the Advancement of Women, and the guidance of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).

2 TER. Follow up with the commitments made in the CELAC FNS Plan with the aim of supporting Sustainable Development Goals, in particular the goals aimed at ensuring food security, promoting sustainable agriculture and achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women.

3. Convene the 4th Meeting of the Working Group on the Advancement of Women, on the basis of the Declaration of Commitments emanated from the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group: “Food Security and Rural Women in the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”, held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on November 16th, 17th and 18th, 2016; venue and date to be determined.

POPULATION AND DEVELOPMENT

1. Promote dialogue and exchange on the progress made and the obstacles faced during the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and
Development, which is the regional document of reference for the follow-up of the International Conference on Population and Development after 2014.

2. Actively participate, in accordance with our priorities, in the 3rd Regional Conference on Population and Development of Latin America and the Caribbean, to be held in El Salvador in October 2017, with the purpose of following up on and reviewing the national progress in the implementation of the Montevideo Consensus on Population and Development.


PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT

1. Continue the efforts to strengthen cooperation among Member States to implement the Decade of Latin American and Caribbean People of African Descent Action Plan, as agreed during the 1st and 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on People of African Descent of CELAC, held in Brasilia, on December 4th and 5th of 2014, and October 22nd and 23rd of 2015, respectively, following up with mandate included in the 2016 CELAC Action Plan.

2. Convene the 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on People of African Descent during 2017, venue and date to be determined.

PREVENTION AND FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

1. Follow-up on the recommendations and commitments emanated from the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Special Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Preventing and Combating Corruption, and focus the work on the accomplishment of the Declaration of Panama, adopted in October 2015, in particular with regard to the effective implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and the Inter-American Convention against Corruption, through its evaluation cycles.

2. Commission the aforementioned Working Group with the analysis of the policies and programs aimed towards the recovery of assets, in accordance with the provisions of chapter V of the United Nations Convention against Corruption and support the existing efficient mechanisms.
3. Convene the 4th Special Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Preventing and Combating Corruption, in Guatemala during the first trimester of 2017, postponed from 2016.

3.BIS. Strengthen cooperation and information exchange between agencies of prevention and fight against corruption of CELAC member countries.

MIGRATION

1. Continue following up on the implementations of the agreements emanated from the 5th CELAC Meeting on Migration, held in the city of Santiago, Chile, on November 8th and 9th of 2016.

2. Commission the 2017 PTP-CELAC to coordinate the culmination of the Conceptual Political Document on Migration, with the purpose of elaborating a Roadmap that guides the work to be carried out within the framework of the upcoming meetings on this subject. The aforementioned, taking into consideration the New York Declaration for Refugees and Migrants, which includes commitments to address the challenges in this matter.

2.BIS. Continue the efforts aimed at reaching consensus on the text of the Guidelines for Care and Assistance of Accompanied and/or Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Adolescents, which consists on the countries' commitment to collaborate in the achievement of this goal.

3. In accordance with the agreements reached at the 10th CELAC-EU High-Level Meeting on Migration, held on November 10th and 11th, 2016, in the city of Santiago, Chile, to jointly prepare the 2nd CELAC-EU statistical compendium on migration, in addition to a Road Map, corresponding to the migration component of the CELAC-EU plan and the cooperation between both regions.

4. Actively participate as members of the United Nations, in the process of building the "Global Compact for Safe, Regular and Orderly Migration", to be concluded at the United Nations General Assembly High-Level Meeting on the subject, to be held in September, 2018.
5. Coordinate on arranging the agendas, dates, and venues of the 6th CELAC Meeting on Migration, the 11th CELAC-EU High Level Meeting on Migration, and the 10th Global Forum on Migration and Development, which will take place on the last week of June, 2017 in Berlin.

EMPLOYMENT

1. Convene the 2nd CELAC Meeting of the Working Group on Employment during the first semester of 2017, to prepare its Action Plan on this subject, date and venue to be determined.

WORLD DRUG PROBLEM

1. Comply with the Declaration of Santo Domingo emanated from the 3rd CELAC Ministerial Meeting on the World Drug Problem, held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on the 3rd and 4th of March, 2016, continuing the debate at the core of the CELAC.

2. Comply with the operational recommendations of the result document of the Special Session of the United Nations General Assembly on the World Drug Problem (UNGASS) 2016. Promote the implementation of the seven axes of Resolution UNGASS 2106 in CELAC countries, as well as to carry out its follow-up activities.

3. Convene the 4th Ministerial Meeting on the World Drug Problem, in the host country of the PTP-CELAC, during the first semester of 2017.

EDUCATION

1. Follow up with the agreements emanated from the Statement of the 2nd Meeting of Ministers of Education of CELAC, held in San José, Costa Rica, on April 21st of 2016.

2. Commission the 2017 PTP-CELAC to coordinate the conclusion of the proposal of the Action Plan of the Working Group on Education, emanated from the 1st Meeting of the Working Group, held in San José, Costa Rica, on April 20th 2016, for its approval and execution at the Ministerial level.
3. Convene in 2017 the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Meeting of the Working Group and the 3\textsuperscript{rd} CELAC Ministerial Meeting on Education, on dates and venues to be determined.

CULTURE

1. Follow up with the decisions and recommendations agreed at the 4\textsuperscript{th} Meeting of Ministers of Culture, held in Santa Cruz, Bolivia, on October 6\textsuperscript{th} and 7\textsuperscript{th} of 2016, from which the Ministerial Declaration on Culture emanated.

2. Acknowledge the creation of an ad-hoc working group that will prepare a proposal during 2017 for the updating of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property, to be considered by member countries, in accordance with the request of the Ministers of Culture of CELAC.

3. Convene the 5\textsuperscript{th} Meeting of Ministers of Culture in 2017, with the purpose of following up on cultural cooperation and the CELAC Cultural Action Plan (2015-2025), in venue and date to be determined.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION

1. Continue supporting the progress of the Working Groups on Human Talent, coordinated by Costa Rica and the Working Group on Knowledge Management, coordinated by Brazil, established during the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Senior Officials Meeting on Science and Technology.

2. Follow up on the recommendations agreed upon at the 3\textsuperscript{rd} Meeting of Senior Officials on Science and Technology, held on September 15\textsuperscript{th} 2015, in Quito, Ecuador, with the purpose of advancing the efforts of the Working Groups on Human Talent and Knowledge Management.

3. Follow up on the objectives of the "eLAC 2018 Digital Agenda", agreed at the 5\textsuperscript{th} Ministerial Conference on the Information Society of Latin America and the Caribbean, held on August 5\textsuperscript{th} to 7\textsuperscript{th}, 2015 in Mexico.
4. Convene the 4th Senior Officials Meeting on Science and Technology based on the Declaration of the 3rd Senior Officials Meeting on ICTs 2015 (Action Plan and Roadmap) in the first semester of 2017; date and venue to be determined.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

1. Promote, with renewed efforts, the implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and the Sustainable Development Goals approved in the United Nations Summit, held on September 25 to 27, 2015, within the framework of 70th Regular Session of the United Nations General Assembly, in accordance with national development programs and the internal legislation of countries, where necessary, and considering the different visions, models, approaches, realities, and challenges present at a regional level.

2. Invite the countries of our region that have relevant experience regarding the progress in the implementation of the SDGs and in the consequent planning in accordance with their strategic programs, particularly on the matter of measurement and statistical monitoring, to share their experiences with other Member States of CELAC, to ensure the implementation of the 2030 Agenda will become a joint commitment for the integral development of all of Latin America and the Caribbean.

3. Support as ECLAC member countries, the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development, created with the support of ECLAC in 2016, which will be led by the States and open to the participation of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, as the regional mechanism for monitoring and assessing the progress of the implementation of the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals, their targets and means of implementation, highlighting the exchange of good practices and the identification of regional tendencies.

3. BIS. Substantially support the effective implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals and the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA) on Financing for Development and to participate as member countries of the United Nations in its follow-up process, particularly the High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development and the Financing for Development Forum, in order to identify the
financial and non-financial means of implementation to meet the challenges of implementing the 2030AD.

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

1. Convene the 3rd Meeting of Ministers of Environment and other High-Level National Authorities with competence on Climate Change during 2017, in the Plurinational State of Bolivia, on dates to be determined, preceded by the 2nd Meeting of the Working Group on Environment.

2. Commission the Working Group on Environment to consider the development of a regional and voluntary strategy that contributes to the implementation of relevant national and international goals and commitments for the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity and natural resources and the protection of ecosystems.

2.BIS. Follow up with the implementation of the Cancun Declaration adopted during the 13th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity held in Cancun, Mexico in December 2016.

DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

1. Hold the 2nd Meeting of Senior Officials on Comprehensive Disaster Risk Management during the year 2017, in venue and date to be determined, in order to give continuity to the commitments agreed at the 1st Meeting held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic in April, 28th and 29th, 2016, and promote the implementation of the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 in the region.

2. Participate actively in the 5th Regional Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction of the Americas, to be held from March 7th to 9th, 2017 in Montreal, Canada; as well as in the 5th Global Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction, from May 22nd to 26th in Cancun, Mexico.
INFRASTRUCTURE

1. Follow up on the agreements reached during the 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Infrastructure for the Physical Integration of Transport, Telecommunications and Border Integration, held on December 5th and 6th, 2014, in Montevideo, Uruguay, and to advance in the definition the roadmap guiding the tasks of said group.

2. Convene the 2nd Ministerial Meeting on Infrastructure for the Physical Integration of Transport, Telecommunications and Border Integration during the first semester of 2017, venue and date to be determined.

ENERGY

1. Convene within the second semester of 2017, the 3rd Meeting of the Ad-Hoc Group on Energy, with the purpose of reviewing the Proposal of CELAC Work Plan for the Elaboration of the Roadmap on Sustainable Energy Development of CELAC 2030, in venue and date to be determined.

2. Hold the 6th Ministerial Meeting on Energy on the sidelines of the next OLADE Meeting, with the objective of approving said Plan, on date and venue to be determined.

PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. Follow-up on the implementation of the Action Plan approved during the 1st Meeting of Ministers of Economy and Industry, held on April 10th and 11th of, 2014, in San Jose, Costa Rica.

2. Hold the 2nd Meeting of Ministers of Economy and Industry in 2017, in venue and date to be determined.

COOPERATION

1. Follow-up on the agreements and commitments reached at 4th Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation, held in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on January 12th and 13th, 2017, focused on the CELAC South-South and
Triangular cooperation policy; highlighting the following: to advance on the definition of a common framework and develop a regional strategy to influence regional and global processes that promote access to international cooperation flows, and to face the graduation process of middle-income countries; and the development of projects with a short and long-term impact.

2. Fulfill the commitments adopted by the Commission of the Working Group, along with the Haitian authorities, of preparing a diagnosis of Haiti’s Cooperation Needs and a Work Plan.

3. Welcome the United Nations High Level Conference on South-South Cooperation on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Action Plan, to be held between 2018 and 2019, and entrust the CELAC Working Group on International Cooperation to promote the coordinated participation of its members in the Forum and its preparation process, ensuring that the regional perspective and interests are duly reflected in the outcome of the meeting, without detriment to existing negotiation groups within the framework of the United Nations.

4. Commission the Working Group on International Cooperation to advance with the preparation of a regional positioning on the role of South-South Cooperation in the framework of the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Development and in compliance with the SDGs, which could be adopted at the Intersessional Meeting of the Committee on South-South Cooperation of ECLAC, to be held in Mexico City in April 2017, prior to the First Session of the First Meeting of the Forum of the Countries of Latin America and the Caribbean on Sustainable Development.

5. Instruct the Working Group on International Cooperation to collaborate with other existing mechanisms to shed visibility on the successful capabilities, strengths, experiences and public policies of each member country that may be the subject of South-South and Triangular Cooperation.

6. Promote, as part of South-South and Triangular Cooperation, the processes of exchange of experiences and good practices between the countries of the region, in matters of public policy models for the issues of Food Security, Family Agriculture and Environment, particularly the integration of biodiversity in the
productive systems, gender, as well as other subjects relating to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

7. Instruct the Working Group on International Cooperation to work closely with other intraregional mechanisms, so as not to duplicate efforts in the development of regional cooperation actions and projects.

8. Hold the 5th Meeting of the Working Group on Cooperation, on date and venue to be determined.

REGIONAL AND SUBREGIONAL INTEGRATION ORGANISMS AND MECHANISMS

1. Reiterate our commitment to strengthen regional integration, recalling the results of the 4th Meeting of Regional and Sub-regional Integration Mechanisms, held on October 19th and 20th, 2015, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

2. Commission the National Coordinators to review the Document on the Reflection about Convergence between the mechanisms and organisms, as presented in the 17th Meeting of National Coordinators of CELAC on March 30th and 31st, 2016, in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic.

PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL FORA

1. Continue the monthly meetings of the Ambassadors of the Member States of CELAC to the United Nations and other multilateral headquarters, where possible, to gradually continue consolidating the coordination on major issues on the agenda of the Community where there is consensus, in accordance with the mandates and outcomes of Summits and ministerial meetings.

EXTRA-REGIONAL RELATIONS

1. Continue developing relations on different levels with Extra-regional Partners, in accordance with prior agreements reached with each one of them, and continue efforts to promote an approach and to encourage dialogue with the African Union.

2. Continue holding Ministerial Dialogues of the CELAC Open-ended Quartet with the Extra-regional Partners within the framework of the United Nations General
Assembly, or in any other scenario determined by the parties, with the purpose of assessing progress and exploring the potential to stimulate the development of these relationships, taking into account the consensus of the Community on the matters to be discussed with said partners.

**CELAC-EU**

1. Follow up with the Declaration of Santo Domingo approved during the 1\textsuperscript{st} CELAC-EU Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on October 26\textsuperscript{th}, 2016.

2. Continue advancing in the implementation of the Action Plan approved by the Heads of State and Government in the framework of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} CELAC-EU Summit, held in Brussels, Belgium, on June 10\textsuperscript{th} and 11\textsuperscript{th}, 2015.

3. Convene the 3\textsuperscript{rd} CELAC-EU Summit of Heads of State and Government within the second semester of 2017 in El Salvador.

**CELAC-CHINA FORUM**

1. Follow up with the implementation of the 2015-2019 CELAC-China Cooperation Plan in coordination with the China, and ensure compliance with the “Institutional Agreements and Operating Rules of the CELAC-China Forum”.

2. Commission the host country to begin preparations, in coordination with China, for the development of the 2\textsuperscript{nd} Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the China-CELAC Forum, to be held in January 2018 in Santiago, Chile.

3. Perform the activities scheduled for 2017, following their definition in coordination with China, including the 2\textsuperscript{nd} CELAC-China Forum on Science, Technology and Innovation, and the 11\textsuperscript{th} China-Latin America and the Caribbean Business Summit, to be held from November 30\textsuperscript{th} in Punta del Este, Uruguay, and continue with the coordination of the date and venue for the completion of each activity, within the framework of the China-CELAC Cooperation Plan 2015-2019.
4. Coordinate with China the implementation of a training workshop for the elaboration and presentation of projects with the purpose of identifying a mechanism for the access of all CELAC member States to Chinese funds and financing.

CELCAC-RUSSIA MECHANISM

1. Begin implementing the cooperation between CELAC and the Russian Federation, following the agreements made at the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the CELAC-Russia Extended Quartet, held in the city of Sochi, Russia, on November 14th, 2016.

2. Promote the participation of the CELAC countries in the St. Petersburg International Economic Forum 2017, to be held on June 1st - 3rd, 2017, as coordinated with the Russia, with the purpose of increasing the economic and commercial ties of the region with that country.

CELCAC-INDIA MECHANISM

1. Establish the line of action for the implementation of the topics established in the Joint Declaration on the Mechanism for Political Dialogue and Cooperation between CELAC and India, adopted during the Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the CELAC Quartet and India, held on September 22nd, 2016, within the framework of the 71st United Nations General Assembly, in the city of New York.

2. Agree on agenda items to be addressed during the First Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Extended CELAC Quartet and India, within the framework of the Mechanism, to be held in 2017.

CELCAC-KOREA

1. Give continuity to the exploration activities for achieving closer relations and mutual knowledge between CELAC and Korea, with a view to future analysis on the viability of formally establishing a CELAC-Korea Mechanism.
2. Convene a meeting at the level of the Quartet of Ministers of Foreign Affairs CELAC-Korea, in the framework of the activities of the Forum for East Asia-Latin America Cooperation (FEALAC), to be held in May 2017 in Seoul, Korea.

**CELAC-TURKEY**

1. Advance on the exploratory dialogue with Turkey to identify initiatives and areas of common interest, through workshops for the exchange of mutual knowledge between the parties.

2. Conduct a joint CELAC-Turkey-ECLAC conference on Economic Cooperation, as proposed by the Republic of Turkey, to be held in Turkey, in the first semester of 2017.

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