UNASUR/CJEG/DECISION/No. 2/2013

THROUGH WHICH THE COUNCIL OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS APPROVES THE GUIDELINES FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF THE CIVIC PARTICIPATION FORUM

WHEREAS:

Article 6 sub-paragraph c) of the Constitutive Treaty of UNASUR, establishes among the powers of the Council of Heads of State and Government, the power to decide on the proposals presented by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs;

That the Preamble of the Constitutive Treaty of the Union of South American Nations declares that civic participation and pluralism are guiding principles, of both South American integration and unity,

That articles 2, 3 sub-paragraph p) and 18 of the Constitutive Treaty of the Union of South American Nations, as well as article 15 of its Regulations, provide for civic participation in the organization,

CONSIDERING:

That through Decision 07/2012, the Council of Heads of State and Government created a Civic Participation Forum of UNASUR and instructed the Council of Delegates to formulate the guidelines governing its functioning,

That the Civic Participation Forum of UNASUR requires general criteria for its functioning in order to achieve the objective of having a specific and suitable space in which the South American social actors could participate in the process for building South American integration and unity,

That in addition to adopting the guidelines governing its functioning, the Civic Participation Forum of UNASUR must commence its activities and convene its first meeting this year,

Resolution No. dated August 29, 2013, through which the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of UNASUR proposes to the Council of Heads of State and Government, the draft Decision for the approval of guidelines for the functioning of the Civic Participation Forum of UNASUR;
THE COUNCIL OF HEADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS,

DECIDES:

Article 1. To approve the document entitled “Guidelines for the Functioning of the Civic Participation Forum of UNASUR”, which forms an integral part of this Decision.

Article 2. To entrust the Pluri-national State of Bolivia, as the Pro Tempore President of the Forum, with the task of organizing the First Meeting of its plenary, which will be held in the city of Cochabamba, in November of this year.

Article 3. To instruct the Council of Delegates of UNASUR, through the relevant bodies, to draft and present the terms of reference for allocating a budget that would guarantee the functioning of the Forum and the adequate presence of the social actors of the Member States.

Paramaribo, August 30, 2013