UNASUR/CMRE/RESOLUTION N° 020/2015
RULES FOR IMPLEMENTING THE COMMON INITIATIVES FUND UNASUR

GIVEN THAT:

1. Article 44 of the General Regulation of UNASUR "The financing of common initiatives will be defined by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, on the basis of proposals submitted to the General Secretariat for the different bodies of UNASUR";

2. Resolutions No. 01/2012 and No. 02/2012 of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of UNASUR, adopted on 17 March 2012, by which the general budget of UNASUR was approved for the period 2011-2012 and 2013;

   Article 3 of Resolution No. 01/2012 and Article 7 of Resolution No. 02/2012, note that the General Secretariat shall be responsible to take measures necessary for the proper management and implementation of the UNASUR, in addition to controlling expenses of the UNASUR Common Initiatives.

3. Resolution No. 09/2014, adopted on September 16, 2014, and Resolution No. 10/2015, adopted on August 19th, 2015, whereby the General Budget for the UNASUR 2015 period were approved and modified respectively;

   Article 5 of Resolution No. 09/2014 states that "the Secretary General shall be responsible for taking the necessary measures for the proper management and implementation of the UNASUR budget and accountability reports must be submitted every six months to the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs consolidating the financial information of the Permanent institutional Instances;

   Article 6 and 7 of Resolution No. 10/2015, concerning the Common Initiatives Fund (in Spanish, FIC), approving six hundred and fifty thousand US dollars (USD $ 650,000) for the execution of FIC projects.
4. Resolution No. 38/2012, adopted on 29 November 2012, in which the Regulation for the Implementation of the UNASUR Common Initiatives Fund is approved.

5. The report of the First Meeting of High-Level Cooperation Authorities on February 10, 2014 in Quito, Ecuador, recommended the revision of the Regulations for the Implementation of the Common Initiatives Fund to facilitate access to and use of the resources allocated.

WHEREAS:
The general budget of UNASUR 2011-2012, 2013 and 2015 established a provision of financial resources under the heading "Allocations to distribute;"

The financing of common initiatives by UNASUR aims to implement projects that promote sustainable development of the populations of the Member States and which foster the achievement of the objectives of the Union and the construction of a South American citizenship and identity, and to contribute to the reduction of poverty, exclusion, and social inequality;

It is relevant for the Ministerial Sectorial Councils to have criteria for submission, selection, implementation, and monitoring of projects to be funded through "allocations to be distributed;"

It is necessary to have a new regulation whereby the General Secretariat complies with the mandate for better budgetary control of resources committed to the Common Initiatives Fund.

It is necessary to establish a common approach in the design, development, and implementation of common initiatives projects that would ensure the effective use of allocated resources;

THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE UNION OF SOUTH AMERICAN NATIONS, HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1. To approve the "Regulations for the Implementation of the UNASUR Common Initiatives Fund " as well as the card format for submitting UNASUR Common Initiatives (PIC-UNASUR) and the flowcharts for the approval, execution, monitoring, and reporting stages of implementation of Common Initiatives, which texts are an integral part of this resolution.


Article 3. To entrust the UNASUR General Secretariat with the management and channeling of resources of the UNASUR Common Initiatives Fund.
Article 4. To entrust to the General Secretariat of the UNASUR all matters pertaining to the coordination with the sectorial ministerial councils for submitting, monitoring, implementing, and evaluating the common initiatives.

December 9th, 2015.