WHEREAS:

Sub-paragraphs f) and g) of Article 8 of the Constitutive Treaty of UNASUR, which establish as powers of the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the power to approve the annual operating budget of UNASUR;

Article 16 of the Constitutive Treaty of UNASUR, which establishes that the Council of Delegates shall propose to the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs for its consideration and approval, the Draft Annual Ordinary Budget for the functioning of the General Secretariat;

Chapter VII of the General Regulations of UNASUR pertaining to the Budget of the Union of South American Nations;

CONSIDERING:

The Draft Annual Budget of UNASUR for 2014, prepared by the Council of Delegates, based on the proposals presented by the General Secretariat of UNASUR during the XXXVIII, XXXIX and XL Ordinary Meetings of the Council of Delegates.

That the representative of the Republic of Ecuador, at the XXXIX Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Delegates, reported that the construction of the headquarters of the General Secretariat of UNASUR shall be completed in May 2014 and thus, the initial funds required for its proper functioning and maintenance needs to be included in the Annual Budget of UNASUR;

That during the XXXII Ordinary Meeting of the Council of Delegates, held in Asunción on March 14-16, 2012, it was established that the methodology used to determine the percentage distribution of quotas per State to finance the 2013 budget would be used just once during the course of that year; agreeing that said calculation methodology had to then be reviewed taking into account the provisions of article 16 of the Constitutive Treaty; in other words, the economic capacity of Member States, shared responsibility and the principle of equity.

That the General Secretariat presented, at the behest of the Council of Delegates and with the advice of the Technical Committee on budget-related matters of UNASUR, a technical proposal on the percentage distribution of ordinary quotas based on technical criteria, which must be applied in a gradual fashion.
THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UNASUR

RESOLVES:

Article 1.- To approve the Annual Budget of UNASUR for 2014 in the amount of US$ 9,830,375.00, which appears as Annex I and forms and integral part of this Resolution.

Article 2.- To approve the distribution of ordinary quotas of Member States to finance the Annual Budget of UNASUR for 2014, which appears as Annex II and forms and integral part of this Resolution.

Article 3.- To authorize, under exceptional circumstances, the use of the cash available from the 2013 budget to finance a portion of the 2014 budget since the contributions of Member States do not cover the amount approved in the first article of this Resolution.

Article 4. The Secretary General is instructed to conclude, within 6 months, the process for hiring the permanent technical staff, provided for in this budget; without affecting the complementary and voluntary contributions of the States of the Union, consisting of the posting of diplomatic officials to work at the General Secretariat.

Article 5. The General Secretariat shall be responsible for adopting the measures necessary for the sound management and execution of the UNASUR Budget and shall present half-yearly statements to the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of UNASUR.