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Letter dated 4 August 1983 from the Permanent Representatives of
Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela to the United
Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

We have the honour to transmit to you a copy of the Declaration on Subregional Integration entitled "The fatherland that is ours: the Americas", issued at Caracas, Venezuela, on 24 July 1983 by the Presidents of the Andean States, on the occasion of the observance of the bicentenary of the birth of Simón Bolívar, the Liberator.

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We should be grateful if you would have the text of this Declaration circulated as a General Assembly document under items 38, 64, 78, 80 and 122 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

THE FATHERLAND THAT IS OURS: THE AMERICAS

Declaration on Subregional Integration issued by the Presidents of the Andean States on the occasion of the bicentenary of the birth of Simón Bolívar, the Liberator

Caracas, July 1983

"THE FATHERLAND THAT IS OURS: THE AMERICAS"

DECLARATION ON SUBREGIONAL INTEGRATION ISSUED BY THE ANDEAN PRESIDENTS

The heads of State of the Republics of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela;

Loyal to the call to unity, which is the precious legacy of the Liberator;

Committed to strengthening integration within a democratic framework with a view to tackling, on the basis of solidarity, the formidable conflicts of our time;

Faithful to the objective of achieving independent development based on freedom and social justice;

Hereby issue the following Declaration:

1. We firmly support the process of Andean integration and are resolutely committed to overcoming, in a spirit of solidarity, the difficulties being experienced by such integration because of the impact of the grave international crisis on the economies of member States and the factors impeding the smooth operation of some of the mechanisms used in the past.

Accordingly, we have decided to give fresh impetus to the process of integration by revising its goals, updating its programmes of action in the international and subregional contexts and improving its instruments, drawing on the experience gained in the 14 years since the signing of the Cartagena Agreement. We are convinced that the strengthening of Andean integration will significantly bolster Latin America's efforts to meet the challenges created by the crisis.

2. We consider better balanced integration to be necessary both in the commercial, industrial and agricultural sectors and in connection with the instruments for the allocation of resources and the distribution of the proceeds generated. New activities undertaken should be pursued in a pragmatic and flexible manner in order to supplement long-term integration action with more immediate action of a co-operative nature to help to resolve present problems.

3. We attach particular importance to joint external action in the international context, with a view to reducing the vulnerability of the Andean economies through the exercise of joint negotiating power both in international forums and vis-à-vis third countries and groups of countries.

The strategy for joint foreign economic relations should focus, in the medium and long term, on improving the conditions governing the Andean Group's integration into the world economic system and, in the short term, on mitigating the effects of the international crisis on the economies of the subregion, particularly those stemming from the protectionism of the industrialized countries, trade in basic commodities and the terms of financing.

In executing the strategy, priority should be given to relations with Latin America and the Caribbean, thereby helping to strengthen ALADI and supporting the co-ordination and co-operation efforts made in the context of SELA. Joint external activities should also be reflected in the adoption of common positions in international commercial, financial and development forums, such as GATT, UNCTAD, the World Bank, IDB and the International Monetary Fund.

4. We hereby instruct subregional integration organs to conclude co-operation agreements with Argentina and Panama and to pursue talks with Brazil and Mexico. With regard to the developed countries, we consider it to be important to establish permanent co-operation ties in the near future with Spain, the United States and the European Economic Community and subsequently to endeavour to extend such relations to other countries, including those with centrally-planned economies.

5. We believe that meeting the food and nutritional requirements of the population constitutes a basic objective of Andean integration. Accordingly, we hereby accord special priority to the agricultural sector and we resolve to increase our joint efforts to improve production, promote the development and transfer of appropriate agriculturaleal technology, encourage trade in the products produced by this sector and reduce the vulnerability of our economies vis-à-vis the world market. Increased food production should help to create paid employment in agriculture, curb the exodus from the countryside to the cities and reduce the inequalities that undermine the situation of agricultural workers.

6. We stress the necessity of making headway as regards the creation of the expanded market of the Andean subregion, this being the best means of reducing the dependence of our exports on external markets. We reaffirm our unswerving determination to make every effort to maintain the progress achieved in integrating the subregional market and to find solutions to the problems which currently affect the development of trade. To this end, we hereby express our intention to avoid new restrictions on trade and to eliminate existing restrictions.

We request the organs of the Agreement to take steps to solve short-term commercial problems and also to endeavour to encourage new flows of trade within the subregion. We recognize the need to improve competitiveness by establishing preference margins for subregional trade and by harmonizing policies in priority areas.

7. We affirm that joint industrial development constitutes one of the main pillars of integration and a material basis for the structural transformation of the economies of our countries. Accordingly, it is essential to elaborate a new industrialization strategy which will ensure that the benefits of integration are exploited and the balance between market mechanisms and the allocation of resources is preserved. The strategy must take into account national programmes and priorities and the fields in which it is most advantageous for the Andean Group to develop the production of industrial goods.

Joint industrial planning is a vital means of achieving the equitable distribution of benefits and the harmonious and balanced development of our countries.

Subregional activities in the industrial field should be directed, first and foremost, towards:

(1) Reactivating industries affected by the crisis through rehabilitation, rationalization and export programmes and the qualitative improvement of the productive structure;

(2) Encouraging types of development which create jobs and generate new exports, promoting improved capability as regards the processing of basic commodities and supporting industries that produce consumer goods for the poorest segments of the population;

(3) Adapting or supplementing sectoral programmes already adopted by reinforcing their positive elements, encouraging industrial rationalization and promoting industrialization through integrated projects - primarily through Andean multinational corporations - and co-operation in new sectors, particularly the agricultural processing industry.

8. We note that the effects of the international economic crisis are most severe in the area of financing and foreign payments. The unprecedented levels of the foreign debt, the heavy burden of debt-servicing and the marked shrinking of credit have resulted in a drastic reduction in the foreign reserves of our countries and in their capacity to import. As a result, economic activity, employment and the standard of living have declined still further.

Accordingly, we recommend that the financing capacity for investment projects and for trade within the subregion be enhanced through the expansion of the resources of the Andean Development Corporation, the establishment of new services in the Andean Reserve Fund and improved co-operation between the central banks. In addition, it is important to secure the co-operation of other public and private financial institutions and mechanisms, to encourage relationships between capital and investment sources and to seek to attract foreign investments in accordance with subregional objectives and legal norms.

With a view to the diminished use of convertible currencies, consideration should also be given to the possibility of gradually establishing a unit of account applicable to certain commercial transactions within the subregion. The unit of account might be called, symbolically, the "Andean peso".

9. We recognize that it is essential to initiate a more active phase of scientific and technological development so as to enable the subregion progressively to create its own capacity to respond to the challenges facing economic development and integration in this area.

10. In our view integration is conducive to a better use of physical space. We shall thus devote our efforts to the development of transport and communications so that the transmission of messages and the circulation of people and goods in Andean territory may take place quickly, safely and economically. Similarly, attempts will be made to complete the conclusion of agreements designed to promote tourism, facilitate free transit, harmonize relevant legislation, provide for the joint management of international resources for the financing of physical integration and establish a collective capacity for immediate action so that the subregion is able to make a united response in the event of natural disasters.

We reaffirm our intention to assist Bolivia, as long as it has no lawful access of its own to the Pacific Ocean, in solving the problems arising from its land-locked position by effective action and the financing of projects which will improve its physical links with the sea at the earliest possible date.

We firmly support the border integration programmes aimed at the integrated development of neighbouring regions with similar economic features and a common historical and cultural legacy.

11. We reiterate that the harmonious and balanced development of the member countries is the fundamental objective of the Cartagena Agreement, under which the special régime for Bolivia and Ecuador promotes integration and benefits the subregion as a whole.

We reaffirm, in that regard, our desire to construct a system of subregional co-operation which, through joint action, will stimulate participation by Bolivia and Ecuador and their development, taking into account experience and new developments in the integration process, in particular through:

- (1) The allocation of specific integration projects;
- (2) The establishment and promotion of Andean multinational corporations;
- (3) The encouragement of Bolivian and Ecuadorian priority exports to the subregion and third countries, guaranteeing their access to the Andean market on the terms and conditions of the Cartagena Agreement;
- (4) Assistance in solving the problems facing these countries in the international arena, in particular those relating to commerce, financing and debt rescheduling;
- (5) The channelling of financial resources into promotion and pre-investment activities and increased credit development by the Andean Development Corporation.

12. We deem it appropriate to strengthen and consolidate the Andean system of institutions and to promote the increased co-ordination of the activities carried out under various organs and agreements.

We therefore express our approval of the efforts being made in this field, particularly in connection with its entry into force of the treaty establishing the court of justice of the Cartagena Agreement.

We wish to draw attention to the advisability of early ratification of the Constituent Treaty of the Andean Parliament, a vital organ for the affirmation of democratic values.

13. We attach great importance to the efforts which are designed to open up integration to participation, by actively including those groups which are involved in maintaining and broadening the social base on which the movement for integration depends. This will make possible a new balance as regards the contributions of the groups representing the business, labour, academic and political sectors in formulating and implementing joint action.

It is therefore necessary to promote a broad interaction between the organs established under the Agreement and the social sectors to ensure that integration reflects an appropriate balance between the pragmatic and realistic viewpoint necessitated by current circumstances and the long-term structural projection required by the process of Andean integration.

14. We view integration as a new order of relations and coexistence based on the rule of law and we attach great importance to preserving the link of association, through strict compliance with commitments.

We therefore confirm our resolve to unite our efforts to overcome the problems caused by failure to respect commitments, and to guarantee to those who are actively carrying out the Andean integration process that their determinations will be upheld and that their rights will be ensured within that process.

We hereby sign this Declaration in the city of Caracas, on the occasion of the observance of the Bicentenary of the Birth of the Liberator.

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