

DECLARATION OF LIMA “LIVING IN PEACE”

The Ministers of Defense or their equivalent and the heads of Delegation participating in the First Latin American and Caribbean Conference on United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, held in Lima, on September 6 and 7, 2022;

CONSIDERING,

1. That United Nations Peacekeeping Operations have proven to be one of the most effective tools available for the promotion and maintenance of international peace and security.
2. That lasting peace is neither achieved nor maintained through military and technical actions alone, but through political solutions and a global approach to sustaining peace.
3. That United Nations Peacekeeping Operations have unique strengths, including legitimacy, lawfulness, burden sharing, and the ability to deploy and sustain troops or police from different countries, integrating them with civilian peacekeepers, to promote compliance with the mandates issued by the UN Security Council, in accordance with the basic principles of peacekeeping, namely the consent of the parties; impartiality and non-use of force except in self-defense and defense of the mandate.
4. That the emergence of new conflicts prove that the demand for peacekeeping missions will continue to be high and that peacekeeping will continue to be one of the most important operational tasks of The United Nations.
5. That the presence of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in UN peacekeeping over the years has been continuous and relevant, especially in missions that took place on the continent; consequently, it is convenient to reaffirm the conditions that allow for an efficient, supportive and optimized participation.
6. That an analysis of the drivers and constraints of the Armed Forces of the Latin American and Caribbean countries that contribute to United Nations peacekeeping should also allow for the strengthening situational awareness, as well as the improvement of the ability to identify the state of affairs, while processing information related to potentially violent scenarios more efficiently. This will facilitate action by decision-makers action to help prevent conflicts from arising, spreading or escalating.
7. That regional initiatives, such as the Latin American Association of Training Centers for Peacekeeping Operations (ALCOPAZ), whose purpose is to promote efficiency and effectiveness in the preparation and training of personnel for such operations, have already successfully demonstrated their added value. However, it is necessary to analyze the expansion of these mechanisms to areas such as financing, equipment, support and preparation for operations, creating the necessary conditions for Latin American and Caribbean countries to expand or consider beginning their participation in United Nations peacekeeping missions in an optimal way.
8. That the contribution of technology to peace operations must also help to comply with environmental standards and energy efficiency by United Nations contingents.

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9. That the United Nations Declaration of Shared Commitment of 2018 (Action for Peacekeeping – A4P) and the A4P+ initiative highlighted the importance of the commitments that Member States and the Secretariat will acquire to undertake actions with the purpose of strengthening peacekeeping.
10. That, as the region advances in overcoming the new challenges for peace operations, it must comply with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000), which put on the table the debate on the role of women in peace processes and in the prevention and resolution of conflicts, taking into account that there are still many gaps and challenges in the region to achieve the goal of guaranteeing the full and substantive participation of women, especially in decision-making related to peace and security, as well as in their participation in peace operations.

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Their agreement to create a regional cooperation network in the field of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, among the Ministries of Defense or their equivalent in the countries of the region, to be called the "Latin American and Caribbean Network for Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations (LAC-PO REGIONAL NETWORK), according to the following guidelines:

1. The Latin American and Caribbean Network for Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations will have the following objectives:
- a. To promote regional collaboration among the Ministries of Defense or their equivalent, to increase or optimize, as the case may be, the participation of Latin America and the Caribbean in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.
- b. To promote, among interested participants, cooperation for the preparation, financing, equipment, logistics, support, exchange and deployment of military personnel from the region in national, binational or multinational contingents in peacekeeping operations.
- c. To promote actions that can promote, in mutual agreement, capacity-building and cooperation with other countries, the United Nations and other organizations, in order to achieve the capacities, training and operational preparation necessary for the participation of the countries of the region in peacekeeping operations, as complements to the ALCOPAZ initiative.
- d. To facilitate the exchange of best practices and mutual assistance in order to improve the participation and preparation of troops for deployments, facilitating and strengthening the training exchange and capacity-building activities carried out by ALCOPAZ.
- e. To promote analysis of the guidelines and procedures on interoperability among the contingents of the region deployed in said operations.
- f. To raise awareness and deepen knowledge of the current situation on the barriers to increase the participation of women from Latin America and the Caribbean in conflict prevention, mediation and in the peacebuilding and peacekeeping.
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2. To this end, the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations will fulfill the following functions:

- a. Promotion and articulation of actions and activities necessary to increase or optimize, as the case may be, participation of the Armed Forces of Latin America and the Caribbean in United Nations Peacekeeping Operations.
- b. Provision of advice and support to the countries of the region that require it, for the construction and development of operational and logistical capacities, which allow them to initiate or increase their participation in peace operations, through an agreement between the participants.
- c. Promotion of actions that allow for the preparation and equipping of contingents made up of personnel from two or more countries in the region that could be structured by mutual agreement.
- d. Promotion of communication and cooperation with other countries or organizations that allow for the creation, among the interested participants, the acquisition of knowledge, financing, equipment and/or preparation to increase the operational level of Latin American and Caribbean contingents in Peacekeeping Operations.
- e. Coordination, strengthening and promotion of activities for the exchange and promotion of knowledge, best practices and exchange of experiences aimed at training and capacity building for Peacekeeping Operations carried out by ALCOPAZ.
- f. Promotion of cooperation efforts among Ministries of Defense, Security or their equivalent, in accordance with state structure and the regulations of each participating country, and the Armed Forces of the region, as the case may be, to help increase the number of uniformed women in peace operations as part of the region's commitment to resolution 1325 (2000) of the UN Security Council on Women, Peace and Security, in accordance with the United Nations Secretary-General's Action for Peacekeeping (A4P) and Action for Peacekeeping Plus (A4P+) initiatives.

3. The treatment of the information that may be exchanged or generated within the scope of this Declaration will comply with the provisions of the respective national laws and regulations of the Participants.

4. This Declaration will not establish financial commitments for the Participants, except that each Participant will be responsible for its own expenses incurred in connection with the preparation, negotiation and participation in any activity under this Declaration.

5. This Declaration does not create any legal or contractual right, or obligation that is enforceable under the laws of any nation or under international law, and is not binding under international law. The Participants agree that this Declaration shall not be considered an agreement, instrument or treaty within the meaning of the 1969 Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties, nor shall it affect the status or obligations of either Party under national or international law.

6. Future Actions:

- a. The Ministers of Defense or their equivalent or the Heads of Delegation of the States that sign this Declaration, that intend to participate in this cooperation network, agree to establish a technical working group in order to conduct an

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analysis for the implementation of RELACOPAZ (LAC-PO REGIONAL NETWORK).


- b. Said technical working group will be made up of representatives of each of the participants, as well as a representative of ALCOPAZ, and must present its conclusions and recommendations within a period of no more than one year, at a forthcoming conference for approval by all the interested participants, in order to launch the fully operational regional network in the second half of 2023.
- c. The proposed network for Latin America and the Caribbean can be considered as complementary to the ALCOPAZ initiative; to ensure greater coordination or articulation and avoid duplication of efforts. Said Working Group will also evaluate the relationship between RELACOPAZ and ALCOPAZ.
- d. The Technical Secretariat of the Conference will provide the required support by the Technical Working Group for the coordination of its activities, until the next Conference, where said Group must present its conclusions and recommendations.
- e. Participants expressed their appreciation to the Ministry of Defense of Argentina for its initiative to hold the Second Latin American and Caribbean Conference on United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, in 2023.

Signed in Lima, on September 7, 2022.

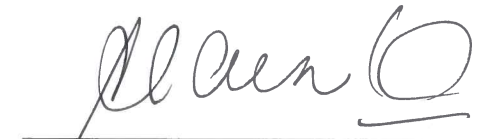
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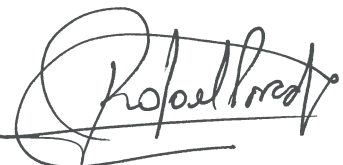
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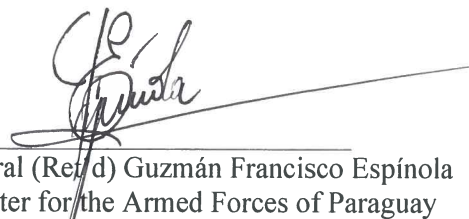
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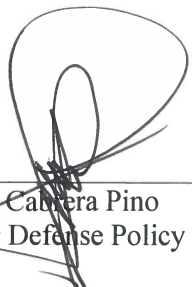
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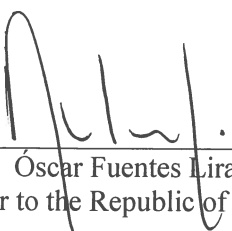
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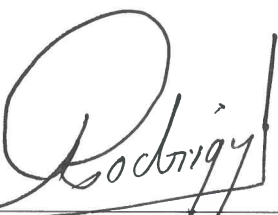
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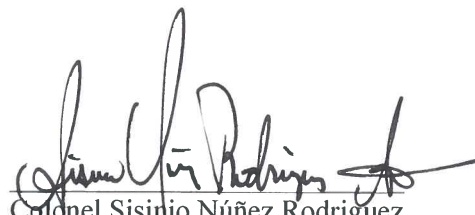
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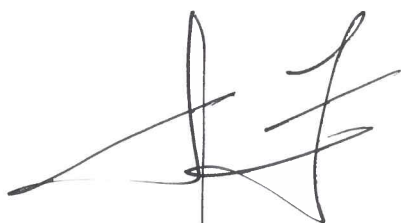
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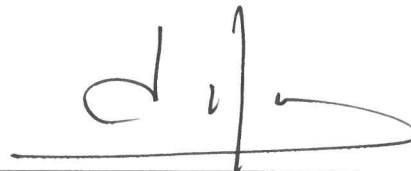
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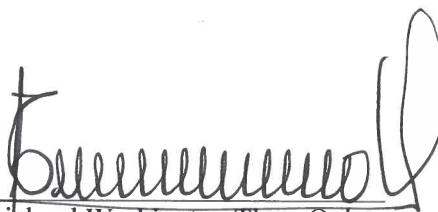
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