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**DRAFT DECLARATION OF SANTO DOMINGO FOR
THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMERICAS**

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1. WE, THE MINISTERS AND HIGH-LEVEL AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AMERICAS, gathered in the city of Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, from November ____, 2010, on the occasion of the Second Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development in the framework of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), reaffirm our commitment to sustainable development; **(AGREED on 06/09/10)**

2. RECOGNIZING that human beings are at the center of concerns for sustainable development, that they are entitled to a healthy and productive life in harmony with nature [or Mother Earth], and that poverty eradication is an integral part of sustainable development; **(AGREED on 09/06/10 - bracketed text ad referendum of the delegations of Canada and the United States)**

3. RECOGNIZING the different levels of development, the economic, social and environmental vulnerability of the states of the Hemisphere, the wealth of their ecosystems and their biological and cultural diversity, as well as the need to work in a spirit of solidarity to ensure that strategies, policies, plans, and programs are mutually supportive and contribute to sustainable development-and to peace and democracy in the Americas;

1. The text considered during this meeting was forwarded by the First Preparatory Meeting as document CIDI/RIMDS-II/RP/doc.3/10 rev. 2.

Alternate proposal presented by the Delegation of Nicaragua on 09/06/10:

RECOGNIZING the different levels of development and economic, social and environmental vulnerability, including to climate change of the states of the Hemisphere, the wealth of their ecosystems and ~~their~~ of biological and cultural diversity, as well as the need to work in a spirit of solidarity to ensure that strategies, policies, plans, and programs are mutually supportive and contribute to the preservation of nature or Mother Earth to sustainable development, to the eradication of hunger and poverty and to peace and democracy in the Americas;

Alternate drafting proposal presented at the meeting on 09/06/10:

RECOGNIZING the different levels of development and economic, social and environmental vulnerability of the states of the Hemisphere, the wealth of their ecosystems and their biological and cultural diversity, as well as the need to work in a spirit of solidarity to ensure that strategies, policies, plans, and programs are mutually supportive and contribute to sustainable development, [to the eradication of hunger and poverty] and to peace and democracy in the Americas; (*Bracketed text at the request of the Delegation of the United States*)

4. NOTING the economic, social, and environmental benefits from the sustainable management of natural resources, including those arising from access to the fair and equitable sharing of benefits arising out of the utilization of genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge; **(AGREED on 07/09/10)**

New proposal presented by the Delegation of Brazil on 09/06/10 for a paragraph 4bis.

4bis. Welcoming the approval by the United Nations General Assembly of the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio +20), to be held in Rio de Janeiro, in 2012, and reiterating full support and commitment of all the countries in the region to the success of the Conference, with a view to achieving a politically focused document and to assuring high level participation;

New proposal presented by the Delegation of Peru on 09/06/10 for a paragraph 4ter.

4ter. Recognizing that the challenges of sustainable development require modern approaches to action and in that context, the ecoefficiency and social responsibility are critical to articulate public and private efforts in our countries and at the regional level;

CONSIDERING:

5. The [VE: international] commitments adopted by member states in the field of sustainable development; [The **Delegation of Ecuador proposed including a footnote listing international commitments as of 09/06/10 (previously included in paragraph 3 of document CIDI/RIMDS-II/RP/doc.3/10 rev. 1): “The United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1992 (Agenda 21 and the Rio Declaration on Environment and Development); the Summit of the Americas on Sustainable Development, held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, Bolivia, in 1996 (Declaration and Plan of Action); the 2000 United Nations Millennium Summit and its Millennium Development Goals; the World Summit on Sustainable Development, held in Johannesburg in 2002 (Declaration and its Plan of Implementation); the First Meeting of Ministers of Sustainable Development in the framework of CIDI, held in Santa Cruz de la Sierra, in 2006 (Declaration of Santa Cruz + 10 and the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS) (2006-2009)); the World Conference on Disaster Reduction, held in Kobe, Hyogo, in 2005 (Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015); the Fifth Summit of the Americas, held in Port of Spain in 2009 (Declaration of Commitment of Port of Spain), among others.”]**

New proposal presented by the Delegation of Brazil for a paragraph 5bis. on 09/06/10

5bis. That to reduce poverty and hunger, eradicate extreme poverty, create dignified and decent work, and raise the standard of living of all our people, we must achieve higher levels of business development and sustainable economic growth with equity;

New proposal presented by the Delegation of Brazil on 09/06/10 for a paragraph 5ter.

5ter. That the positive contribution of trade among our nations to the promotion of growth, employment and development depends on the continued insistence on an open, transparent and rules-based multilateral trading system; we further recognize the need for all our peoples to benefit from the increased opportunities and welfare gains that the multilateral trading system generates;

6. That the Heads of State and Government of the Americas, gathered in Port of Spain during the Fifth Summit of the Americas, renewed their support for the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS) (2006-2009) and gave instructions for the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development to be held in 2010,

under the auspices of the Organization of American States (OAS), with the collaboration of relevant international organizations and financial and development institutions and with the participation of the academic community and other members of civil society, in order to assess the achievements of the Program to date and renew or modify the PIDS, as necessary; **(AGREED on 09/06/10)**

7. That the Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere, signed in October 1940, within the framework of the Pan-American Union, has been a pioneering instrument in the establishment of national protected area systems in its State Parties, and that we commemorate in 2010 the seventieth anniversary of its signing and the International Year of Biodiversity; **(AGREED on 09/06/10)**

8. That the Heads of State and Government of the Americas, gathered in Port of Spain during the Fifth Summit of the Americas, instructed the relevant ministers or pertinent high-level authorities, in collaboration with the specialized national, regional, and international disaster-management organizations, to strengthen cooperation within the Americas in the areas of disaster risk reduction and management. The General Secretariat has also been instructed to collaborate with member states to implement the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015; and **(AGREED on 09/06/10)**

9. That the Heads of State and Government of the Americas, gathered in Port of Spain during the Fifth Summit of the Americas, reaffirmed their commitment to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) and its objectives, **(AGREED on 07/09/10)**

DECLARE THAT:

10. Unsustainable production and consumption patterns result in complex challenges to sustainable development and human well being; and also, the deterioration of the goods and services provided by ecosystems has an impact on economies and on the livelihoods of the communities that depend on them and affects their capability for resilience. **(AGREED on 07/09/10)**

11. Poverty eradication is a fundamental goal of sustainable development, given the links between vulnerability, poverty, inequity, environmental degradation, and disasters. **(AGREED on 09/06/10)**

12. The importance of the commitment to reduce the loss of biodiversity in accordance with the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Millennium Development Goals and the International Year of Biodiversity 2010. **(AGREED on 07/09/10)**

13. The integrated management of ecosystems is vital for climate change adaptation and for the social and economic well-being of all countries. Particularly of those with low-lying coastal areas such as Small Island Developing States, those of the tropical isthmus, as well as of those with fragile mountainous ecosystems or with risk of desertification and prolonged droughts. **(AGREED on 07/09/10)**

14. We recognize that the water resources of the Hemisphere are affected by both variations in climate and in demand driven by socio-economic and environmental factors. Hence, in order to guarantee an improved quality of life for present and future generations in the Americas, it is of the utmost importance to ensure the integrated management of water, the nondiscriminatory access of the population to safe drinking water and sanitation, as well as the appropriate protection of this vital resource.

Alternate proposal presented by Delegation of Nicaragua on 09/06/10 and reiterated on 09/07/10:

We recognize that the water resources of the Hemisphere are affected by both variations in climate and in demand driven by socio-economic and environmental factors. Hence, in order to guarantee an improved quality of life for present and future generations in the Americas, [NI: respect for the right to safe drinking water and sanitation, as an essential human right for the full enjoyment of life and all other human rights,] is of the utmost importance [NI and, therefore, we underscore the need for the integrated management of water, the nondiscriminatory access of the population to safe drinking water and sanitation,] as well as the appropriate protection of this vital resource.

Alternate text proposed in the framework of the informal working group established on 09/06/10 and presented on 09/07/10:

Member states recognize that water is fundamental for life and basic for socioeconomic development and environmental sustainability; and that integrated water management and non-discriminatory access of the population to potable water and sanitation services, in the context of national legislations and policies, contribute to the objective of combating poverty.

Complement text to the proposed paragraph 14 to be placed under the Action Initiatives section:

Member STATES, based on their national realities, commit to continue working to guarantee the access to potable water and sanitation services for present and future generations;

15. Energy is essential for improving the standard of living of our peoples and that access to energy is of fundamental importance to economic growth with equity and social inclusion. **(AGREED on 09/06/10)**

16. That deep cuts in emissions of greenhouse gases and measuring progress in mitigation is necessary in order to achieve, in the context of the negotiation process of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, the ultimate goal and principles of that Convention, to protect the climate system for the benefit of present and future generations of humankind, on the basis of equity and in accordance with our common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities. **(AGREED on 07/09/10)**

17. The Inter- American networks established within the framework of the OAS are of great relevance as tools to promote cooperation, and the exchange of experiences with respect to integrated water resources management, renewable energy, biodiversity information, disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, and environmental law and to promote synergies with other pertinent sub regional mechanisms. **(AGREED 07/09/10)**

18. It is important to encourage dialogue and regional cooperation, as well as public-private partnerships, *inter alia*, in order to consolidate the existing hemispheric mechanisms for the promotion and strengthening of policies, legislation, institutional transparency, and other mechanisms that foster equity, equal rights and opportunities, social inclusion, public participation, and sound public administration. **(AGREED on 06/09/10 and on 07/09/10)**

19. The need to measure progress in the achievement of the sustainable development goals and commitments established in the context of the OAS. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

New proposal presented on 09/06/10 by the Delegation of Argentina for a paragraph 19bis. :

19bis. The need to incorporate integral disaster risk management in the public agenda of the States and to promote regional coordination to respond, in a coordinated, effective, and efficient manner, to emergency situations.

WE ADOPT THE FOLLOWING ACTION INITIATIVES:

20. To extend the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS) for the period 2010-2014 and to urge the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development (CIDS) to initiate a process for its revision and update, taking into consideration the assessment of PIDS presented to member states and the recommendations and directions provided by this Declaration. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

21. To entrust the General Secretariat of the OAS, within the framework of its mandates, and in coordination with other entities and international organizations, with promoting the mobilization of **[BR: new, additional] [NI: predictable] [CA: voluntary]** resources and facilitating technical assistance to advance effective implementation of **[ME: this Declaration]**, the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS), **[ME: and]** the Declaration of Santa Cruz + 10, **[ME: ~~and the following initiatives of action~~]**. **(Informal group established on 09/07/10. Coordinator: Nicaragua)**

22. To promote inter-American dialogue on sustainable development and convene regular meetings of the Inter-American Committee on Sustainable Development (CIDS) in order to support and evaluate the execution of the Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development (PIDS), as well as to follow up on the various decisions arising out of the Summit of the Americas and this ministerial process on sustainable development. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

23. To entrust the CIDS with identifying options for measuring progress made in the advancements of sustainable development processes in a comparative manner at a hemispheric level taking into account available sources of data, avoiding duplication and promoting synergies with the existing mechanisms that address this issue, as appropriate. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

24. To promote sustainable management of ~~[ME: all [CR: important] productive sectors,~~ [EC: in the Hemisphere, such as] among others, the agricultural, forestry, tourism, [EC: energy, and transportation] ~~[ME: and other important productive sectors]~~, thereby enhancing the potential of these sectors to contribute to sustainable development. **(Informal group established on 09/07/10 to reformulate text. Coordinator: Brazil)**

25. To reinvigorate support for State Parties to the Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere in the implementation of this Convention. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

26. To promote strategies for the conservation and sustainable use of water resources and border ecosystems and the ecosystem goods and services they provide as a contribution to sustainable development. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

New proposal presented by the Delegation of the United States for a paragraph 26bis. on 09/07/10:

26.bis. To explore strategies centered on the landscape level that build partnerships across boundaries, make science accessible to decision-makers, and promote integrated approaches to natural resources conservation and climate change adaptation.

27. To promote the sustainable use of natural resources, including cooperation and the exchange of experiences and lessons learned, promoting adaptation practices that consider the increase in hydrological and climate variability to meet the needs of the population, the productive sectors, and ecosystems. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

28. To foster and implement regional initiatives to promote the strengthening of capacities for the development of effective integrated management ecosystem policies and their

adaptation to climate change. Particularly, of those with low-lying coastal area such as Small Island Developing States, those of the tropical isthmus, as well as those with fragile mountainous ecosystems or with risk of desertification and prolonged droughts. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

29. To promote integrated water resource, soil, and forest management, in the context of increased hydrological and climatic variability as a fundamental tool to enable a rational and sustainable use of these resources in the agriculture and forest sectors, as well as risk reduction. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

30. To support the efforts of member states and pertinent organizations to quantify, monitor, and systematically observe water resources for planning and decision-making purposes at the local, national, and regional levels. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

31. To foster improved environmental performance of productive sectors in countries of the Hemisphere, promoting sustainable production and consumption patterns, through, among others, the establishment of public-private partnerships and the use of appropriate incentives to this end. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

32. To encourage efforts toward developing cleaner, more affordable, and renewable and sustainable energy systems to promote access to energy and energy efficient technologies and practices in households and in the public and private sectors. **(AGREED on 09/07/10 – pending consultations by the Delegation of Brazil on text “renewable and sustainable”)**

33. To foster partnership in the promotion of the use of cleaner, more efficient, renewable and non-renewable energy sources, energy efficiency, and energy interconnection schemes, *inter alia*, through the Energy and Climate Partnership of the Americas (ECPA), Petrocaribe, System of Electrical Integration for of Central America, the Mesoamerican Energy initiative, and the Initiative for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America (IIRSA), considering the needs and particular priorities of each of our countries. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

New proposal presented by the Delegation of Venezuela on 09/07/10 for a paragraph 33bis.:

33bis. To promote the use of means of transport and public transport systems that use energy efficiently or that use clean energy sources.

34. To strengthen the capacity of member states to integrate strategic environmental assessment, risk management and vulnerability assessment in land use planning for development planning and mitigation and adaptation to climate change, contributing to the resilience of cities, communities, and ecosystems. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

*** [Current paragraph 39 to be placed here.]**

35. To promote regional and subregional cooperation and institutional capacity-building and strengthening, and adoption at the national level of multi-hazard early warning systems, including community-centered early warning systems, making use of available information and data, knowledge, and appropriate technologies. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

36. To encourage and support member states in implementing the United Nations International Strategy for Disaster Reduction, to comply with the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005-2015 guidelines, oriented to reduce vulnerabilities and strengthening the resilience of communities, especially by incorporating risk reduction in public investment, the strengthening of legal and institutional frameworks, and the creation, strengthening, and national enforcement of multiple hazards building codes when appropriate. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

New proposal presented by the Delegation of Venezuela on 09/07/10 for a paragraph 36bis:

36bis. To promote the adoption of practices for the rehabilitation of ecosystems and the reconstruction of infrastructure that enhance communities' resilience to disasters.

36ter. To encourage the work of the working group of OAS member states on the coordination of actions for prevention, preparedness, disaster response and rehabilitation, as well as facilitation of standards necessary to enable timely, effective, efficient and responsive delivery of humanitarian assistance and instruct the CIDS to collect and track the results of that working group.

It is also proposed to strengthen the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction (IACNDR). **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

37. **[Paragraph deleted on 09/07/10 – elements of this paragraph were included in paragraph 36ter.]**

38. **[Paragraph deleted on 09/07/10 – elements of this paragraph were included in paragraph 36ter.]**

New proposal presented by the Delegation of Venezuela on 09/07/10 for a paragraph 38bis:

38bis. We reiterate the importance of strengthening synergies, coordination and cooperation among the regional initiatives of humanitarian assistance and disaster response, in order to optimize resources and increase our disaster response capabilities.

39. To support member states, as requested, in institutional strengthening and in the design and implementation of strategies, plans, and tools for mitigation and adaptation to climate change in regional, national, sub-national, and local, as applicable, and ecosystem levels of planning for sustainable development, as well as in identifying its costs and scale of priorities including related cost evaluation and priority setting. **(AGREED on 09/07/10 - paragraph to be placed after the current paragraph 34)**

40. To support further dialogue and cooperation leading up to and at the XVI Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (COP 16) and the VI Conference of Parties as Meeting of Parties of the Kyoto Protocol, to be held in the Hemisphere, in Cancun, Mexico and to support the Government of Mexico as incoming Chair of the Conferences, and express our utmost commitment to strengthen cooperation in order to reach an ambitious, inclusive, balanced, and transparent outcome under the UNFCCC in accordance with the 2007 Bali Action Plan. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

41. To encourage the further development of efficient, transparent and accountable channels for delivery and mobilization of financing from public and private sources, including carbon

market when appropriate, for the implementation of effective mitigation and adaptation actions. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

42. To continue strengthening technical and financial cooperation among member states on matters relating to the proposed initiatives on reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation, conservation, sustainable management of forest ecosystems and enhancement of forest carbon stocks (REDD+), among others, and the establishment of robust and transparent monitoring systems and greenhouse gas inventories, under the UNFCCC. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

43. To continue to strengthen the exchange of information, experiences, [best practices] and lessons learned in member states on integrated water resources management, sustainable energy, biodiversity, sustainable land management, disaster risk management, climate change adaptation, and policies, strategies and legal and institutional frameworks on sustainable development, through inter-American networks established in the framework of the OAS on these issues. **(AGREED on 09/07/10 – bracketed text at the request of the Delegation of Argentina)**

44. To continue to promote sustainable development through partnerships for development in accordance with national legislation and applicable international law, in the areas of human and institutional capacity building, transfer, on mutually-agreed terms, of environmentally sound technologies, and effective mobilization of all financial resources, including new and additional resources, as appropriate, for, among others: **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

- a. **[deleted on 09/07/10]**
- b. developing environmental, social, and cultural valuation programs and payment or recognition for ecosystem services in the national context, when appropriate; **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**
- c. promoting initiatives for the prevention of illegal trafficking of species of flora and fauna, the conservation of migratory species, and efforts to minimize the impact of invasive alien species; **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

- d. **[deleted on 09/07/10]**
- e. strengthening the management and mechanisms to exchange information on best practices for the sound management of chemicals, pollutants and waste, including the introduction of programs of public awareness; **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**
- f. **[deleted on 09/07/10]**
- g. **[deleted on 09/07/10]**
- h. **[deleted on 09/07/10]**
- i. **[deleted on 09/07/10]**
- j. implementing multilateral environmental agreements under a synergy framework, as well as bilateral and regional agreements; and **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**
- k. other initiatives included in the present Declaration, when appropriate. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

45. To promote the strengthening and effective application and enforcement of national environmental laws, taking into account international law and our sustainable development priorities. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

46. To promote citizen and public participation as a key element in the sustainable development policy decision-making process and to support member states' efforts to implement the Inter-American Strategy for the Promotion of Public Participation in Decision-Making for Sustainable Development (ISP). **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

47. To contribute to the mainstreaming of respect for cultural values, gender equality and equity, and commitment to the Millennium Development Goals in projects and programs for sustainable development in the Hemisphere. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

48. To promote a new culture of sustainable development based on the [NI: preservation of Mother Nature and, therefore, on] harmony between economic, social, and environmental issues through awareness campaigns and education of the population, with emphasis on children and youth. *[Proposal of the Delegation of Nicaragua bracketed at the request of the delegations of Canada, the United States, and Saint Lucia – 09/07/10]*

New proposal presented by the Delegation of Nicaragua for a paragraph 48bis. on 09/07/10:

48bis. To promote organized participation, starting in the communities and territories, with financing and alternative sources of work, through which to build social and economic well-being in harmony with Mother Earth.

49. To recognize that the results of the virtual forum and consultations with civil society and other social actors that took place in Saint Lucia, Argentina, Costa Rica, and the Dominican Republic, as well as consultations with the private sector, have been important contributions to this Declaration. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

50. To express our appreciation for the hospitality and warm welcome of the people and the Government of the Dominican Republic on the occasion of the Second Meeting of Ministers and High Level Authorities on Sustainable Development in the framework of CIDI and for the excellent leadership and organization of the meeting. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**

51. We, the Ministers and High Level Authorities on Sustainable Development of the Americas, hereby approve the contents of this "Declaration of Santo Domingo for the Sustainable Development of the Americas", on November ___, 2010. **(AGREED on 09/07/10)**