



II Conferencia de América Latina y del Caribe  
sobre Operaciones de Paz de la Organización  
de las Naciones Unidas

**Declaration of Buenos Aires "The commitment to make peace" (2023)**

Approved by the Ministers of Defense and/or their equivalents, Heads of participating delegations of the II Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean on Peace Operations of the United Nations Organization (II ALCONU), held in the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires on September 11 and 12, 2023

*The Honorable Ministers of Defense and/or their equivalents of Latin America and the Caribbean,*

*Recognizing* that United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping Operations are an important means of promoting international peace, stability and security,

*Bearing in mind* that Peacekeeping Operations under the mandate of the United Nations (UN) reinforce and protect the mechanisms for peaceful solutions contained in the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations (UN),

*Recognizing* Peacekeeping Operations, in accordance with Article 51 of the Charter of the United Nations (UN) and in compliance with its mandates, are governed by the principles of impartiality, consent of the parties and non-use of force except in legitimate defense, or in defense of the mandate. Peacekeeping missions can also incorporate, among other aspects, the observance of Human Rights, the strengthening of the rule of law, the maintenance of peace, environmental regulations, energy efficiency, gender perspective and the promotion of innovation in the development of their tasks,

*Emphasizing* that the challenges involved in an increasingly uncertain and dangerous world, require the creation and implementation of initiatives with a regional perspective and articulation for the maintenance of peace, international security and the strengthening of multilateralism in the field of defense in order to cooperate with United Nations (UN) Peacekeeping Operations,

*Remembering* that our region has a historical adherence to the peaceful resolution of international controversies, to multilateralism as a mechanism for political agreement, and to peace as a strategic asset to be preserved,

*Expressing* that the design and deployment of Peacekeeping Operations promote and complement the primacy of political solutions to conflicts, incorporating integrated strategies within the framework of their respective mandates and responsibilities,



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*Noting that the spirit, exchanges, and conclusions of global multilateral consultation spaces, such as the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations (C34), in addition to the initiatives of the United Nations General Secretariat (UN), such as the Action for the Maintenance of Peace (A4P) and Action for the Maintenance of Peace Plus (A4P+), are a constitutive part of the region's commitment to the Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations Organization (UN),*

*Returning to the fact that, as mentioned in the Lima Declaration "Living in Peace" -a document resulting from the I Conference-, the continuation and optimization of the participation of countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in Peacekeeping Operations is an unavoidable goal for the advancement and consolidation of international peace and security in the region and in the world,*

*Considering Resolution 1325 (2000) of the United Nations (UN) Security Council, which establishes that women, in uniform and/or civilians, play a fundamental role in the prevention and peaceful resolution of conflicts as well as in the consolidation of peace, and therefore, the increase in their participation on equality in Peacekeeping Operations, their full intervention in all initiatives aimed at maintaining and promoting peace and international security and in decision-making in this regard, as well as the incorporation of a gender perspective, become an urgent need,*

*Observing that regional initiatives such as the Latin American Association of Training Centers for Peacekeeping Operations (ALCOPAZ), strengthen the commitment to promote the protection of civilians in Peacekeeping Operations through the adequate training of personnel deployed for this purpose,*

*Welcoming new regional mechanisms for dialogue, coordination and cooperation in the field of Peacekeeping Operations, such as the exchange of information, experience and training, and contribute with the implementation of the mandates of Peacekeeping Operations.*

*Noting that Report of the Special Committee on Peacekeeping Operations of the 2023 Session, in its Article 56, "welcomes the First Latin American and Caribbean Conference on Peacekeeping Operations of the United Nations, held in Lima (Peru) in September 2022".*

*Considering that during the Lima Declaration, the Ministers of Defense and/or their equivalents from Latin America and the Caribbean agreed to "create a regional network in the field of United Nations Peacekeeping Operations, between the Ministries of Defense and/or their equivalents from the countries of the region, which will be called the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations - RELACOPAZ".*

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1. Their agreement regarding the implementation of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations (RELACOPAZ), which include the Ministries of Defense and/or their equivalents from the countries of the region;
2. That the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations (RELACOPAZ), agreed upon at the I Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean on United Nations Peace Operations in Lima, Republic of Peru during 2022, constitutes a regional mechanism for the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean in coordination with the United Nations Organization (UN) to contribute to peace in this region and in the world;
3. That the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations (RELACOPAZ) contributes to the articulation between the Ministries of Defense and/or their equivalents in the region in relation to Peacekeeping Operations in the United Nations Organization.
4. That the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations (RELACOPAZ) reflect the predisposition of the Ministries of Defense and/or their equivalents in the region towards cooperation and coordination in the United Nations Peace Maintenance Operations.
5. That the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations (RELACOPAZ) could constitute a valuable precedent that can be replicated in other regions of the world;
6. That the treatment of the information that may be exchanged or generated within the scope of this Statement shall be in accordance with the provisions of the corresponding national laws and regulations of the Participants.
7. That this Declaration does not create any right, legal or contractual 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 will not be considered as an Agreement, Instrument or Treaty within the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties of 1969, nor will it affect the status or obligations of any of the Parties under national or international law.
8. That the Ministries of Defense and/or their signatory equivalents must read and study the objectives and functions of RELACOPAZ as expressed in its Constitutive Statute.



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9. That this Statement 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 of any activity under this Statement. *DECLARATI*

10. That the participation of observers of the Ministries of Defense and/or equivalent non-members of RELACOPAZ must be carried out through consensus among the signatories of this Declaration.

11. Thanks to the Republic of Argentina for the initiative of chairing and coordinating the II Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean on Peace Operations of the United Nations Organization (II ALCONU).

12. Thank you also to the Republic of Paraguay for the agreement and commitment to chair and coordinate the III Conference of Latin America and the Caribbean on Peace Operations of the United Nations Organization Nations (III ALCONU) in 2025, accepting the responsibilities that are expressed below:

- a) Also assume the Pro Tempore Presidency of RELACOPAZ for the same period, as established in the Constitutive Statute of said Network.
- b) Prepare an annual calendar of the activities that RELACOPAZ will carry out during its Presidency, taking into consideration, when appropriate and/or complementary, the activities outlined by ALCOPAZ each year. Said calendar must include the organization of the III ALCONU and the coordination of preparatory meetings for said Conference and for the consensual drafting of the Declaration resulting from it.
- c) Request that each of the signatories of this Declaration and members of RELACOPAZ send a brief report that reflects and lists the activities related to the United Nations Peacekeeping Operations that have been held up to the present.
- d) Gather the information presented by the Participants and constitute a point of redirection to facilitate transparency, cooperation and due exchange among the members of the Network.

**\*\*Note:** It is specified that, although the text incorporates the term "Peacekeeping Operations", it is established that some countries, according to their national regulations, refer to those as "Peace Operations".



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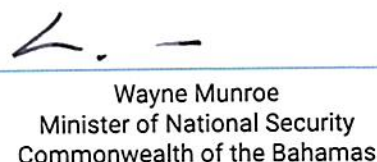




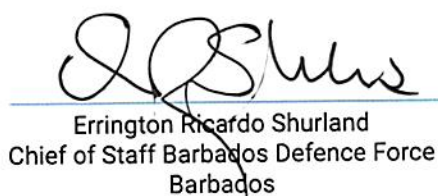
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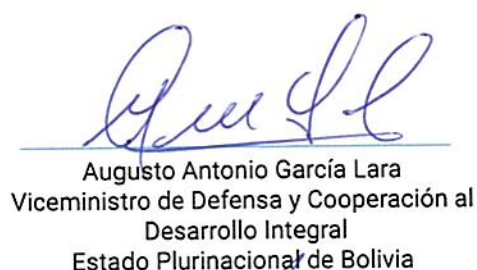
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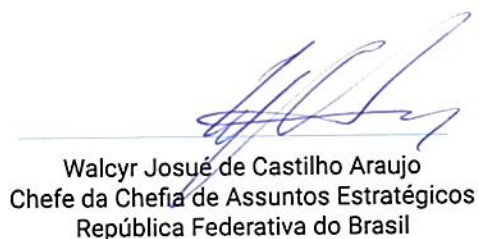
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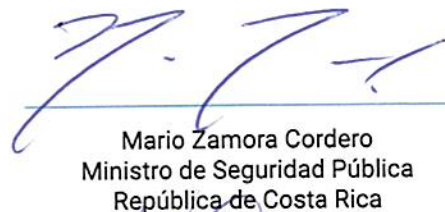
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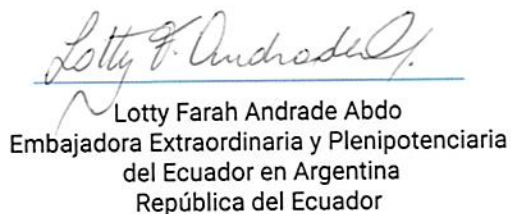
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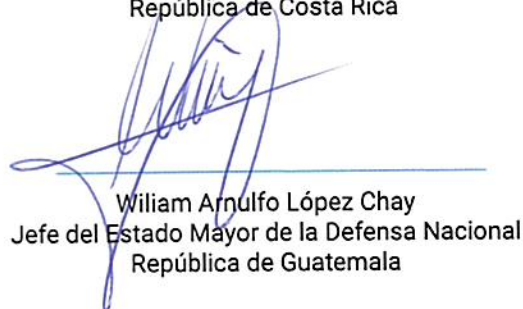
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Co-operative Republic of Guyana

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Ministre de la Défense  
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Alberto Flores Florián  
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Mayor Conjunto de la Defensa Nacional  
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