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Declaration of Asunción 2025 - "Strengthening Peace"

Approved by the Ministers of Defense and/or equivalent, heads of the participating delegations of the III Latin American and Caribbean Conference on Peace Operations of the United Nations Organization (III ALCONU), held in the city of Asunción on October 8 and 9, 2025.

Recognizing that strengthening peace is an ongoing process that involves the commitment of nations to the global efforts of the United Nations, which have proven to be a key tool in conflict management and peacebuilding. This Declaration highlights the relevance of United Nations (UN) Peace Operations as one of the most effective instruments for preserving international peace, stability and security.

Understanding that "STRENGTHENING PEACE" requires a comprehensive and multidisciplinary approach, the UN plays a crucial role not only in conflict prevention, but also in peaceful resolution through diplomacy, mediation and special missions. In order to consolidate a culture of peace, it is essential to promote education based on the principles of respect for human dignity and freedom, the peaceful resolution of conflicts and solidarity among nations, which must foster values, attitudes and behaviour that reject violence and promote dialogue, cooperation and peaceful coexistence.

Reiterating that the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Cooperation in Peacekeeping Operations (RELACOPAZ), which emerged from the First Latin American and Caribbean Conference on Peace Operations (I ALCONU) in 2022 and consolidated at the II ALCONU in 2023, continues to be a space for reflection and regional collaboration on peace. It aims to promote greater cooperation and coordination among countries in the region to support UN peacekeeping missions, strengthen operational capacity, and facilitate the exchange of knowledge and good practices.

Bearing in mind what was stated on the matter during the XVI Conference of Ministers of Defense of the Americas in the Mendoza Declaration of October 16, 2024, as well as the points raised in the framework of the last United Nations Ministerial Conference on Peace Operations held in Berlin on May 13 and 14, 2025.

Reaffirming the need to optimize the participation of Latin America and the Caribbean in UN Peace Operations, a call is made to increase training in coordination with the Latin American Association of Peace Operations Centers (ALCOPAZ) so that the countries of the region can contribute more effectively to international efforts for peace.

Affirming that UN Peace Operations are fundamental to the well-being, human rights and fundamental freedoms of all, by ensuring respect for life, health, security, integration and development in all its forms. It is imperative that member countries continue to work together as an ongoing mechanism, with constant operation to find peaceful solutions to existing and emerging conflicts.



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Therefore, an urgent call is made for conflict prevention and the implementation of diplomatic, political and cooperation measures to avoid new outbreaks of violence.

Reaffirming the commitment to promote the inclusion of women in peace operations, it is essential to ensure the full implementation of Resolution 1325 (2000) and its complementary UN Security Council resolutions on women, peace and security. Our region has been actively accompanying this provision; for this reason, it is necessary to continue with progressive attention to women's participation, in order to achieve greater inclusion in the scope of the deployments of the representatives of the full members of RELACOPAZ.

Considering emerging global threats, such as the risk of proliferation of weapons that threaten world peace, it is essential that the Latin American and Caribbean region continue to be a benchmark for peace, maintaining a commitment to the principles of non-proliferation and resolving conflicts through peaceful means.

Considering the particular situation in Haiti, with reference to the continuing deterioration of security in its territory and the risk of a humanitarian crisis in that country as a Full Member, which would adversely affect the entire region, and in knowledge of the action of the UN Security Council, visualizing the evolution of its intervention through a mission of a renewed nature.

Therefore, the Ministers of Defense and/or equivalent, heads of the delegations participating in the III ALCONU;

DECLARE:

1. That existing and emerging conflicts continue to disrupt peace and harmony, dramatically impacting the most vulnerable sectors, such as children, women, the elderly, and people with disabilities, and limiting the exercise of their rights and fundamental freedoms; it is essential that countries work together to find peaceful solutions and promote regional cooperation and multilateralism, and also to pay special attention to the correct application of the protection of civilians.
2. That they are interested in strengthening mechanisms for dialogue and cooperation to integrate the region into peacekeeping and peacebuilding efforts in support of the UN, and that it is urgent to collaborate in the prevention of new outbreaks of violence through diplomatic and political measures.



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3. That it is necessary to strengthen RELACOPAZ, inviting all the countries of the region to unite criteria and approaches, which in turn will contribute to efforts for peace both in the region and globally.
4. That it is a priority to increase efforts to identify innovative and sustainable financing mechanisms that strengthen both the quantity and quality of the resources allocated to Peace Operations to promote strategic cooperation that fosters the budgetary availability of full members for deployments and operational conditions in the field.
5. That it is essential to promote the contribution in Peace Operations, favoring the full, safe and meaningful participation of women at all levels of planning, decision-making and execution, in accordance with international commitments and the relevant resolutions of the UN Security Council.
6. That it is important to recognize that the language and communication capabilities of the military, police and civilians to be deployed to UN Peace Operations is a challenge that is recommended to be addressed as a priority at the national level and that in the context of ALCONU, practical solutions be explored at the regional and international level.
7. That, considering the recent approval of UN Security Council Resolution 2793 adopted on September 30, 2025, approving the transition of the current Multinational Mission in Support of the Gang Suppression Force (FRB) with an initial mandate of 12 months, which provides for securing the infrastructure, support the Haitian National Police (HNP) and the Armed Forces, protect civilians, facilitate humanitarian aid, hold free and fair elections, in accordance with international law and human rights. RELACOPAZ continues to follow up on this ongoing process.
8. That, with the plenary session meeting on this date, the review and conclusions of the Ministerial Conference on Peace Operations, held in Berlin in May 2025, have been taken into consideration, as well as relevant reflections on the future of United Nations peacekeeping. The vulnerable situation of children, youth and women in conflict contexts was highlighted, with particular recognition of the valuable contributions of women in peace operations. In addition, information was received from the United Nations on the System of Capabilities and Preparation for Peacekeeping Operations, the Light Coordination Mechanism, the Triangular Partnerships Program, and the results of the study prepared by RELACOPAZ on the language barriers faced by uniformed personnel from Latin America and the Caribbean deployed in such operations. Finally, the peace and security situation in Colombia and Haiti was monitored
9. That the III ALCONU highlights its concern over the high number of those killed in the line of duty, in the various peacekeeping missions that have been carried out.

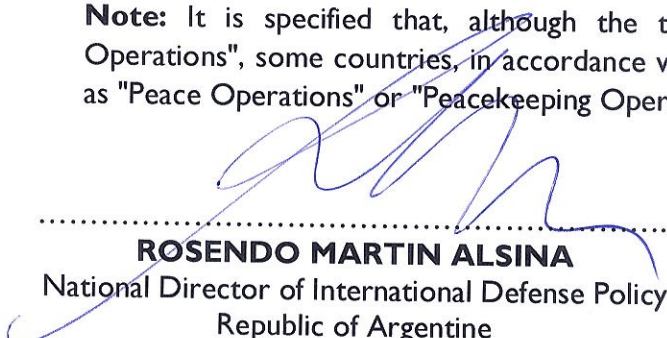


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10. That all findings, statements, information and intellectual contributions of this network shall be in accordance with the respective national regulations and international resolutions, in particular the provisions of the UN Security Council.
11. That this declaration does not constitute a binding instrument, appealing to the sovereignty and free will of the member countries to carry out their activities within the framework of this Forum.
12. We would like to thank the **Republic of Paraguay**, for organizing and holding the III ALCONU Conference.
13. We thank the **Oriental Republic of Uruguay**, to assume the **Pro Tempore Presidency** of RELACOPAZ for the period 2026-2027.

Note: It is specified that, although the text incorporates the term "Peacekeeping Operations", some countries, in accordance with their national regulations, refer to them as "Peace Operations" or "Peacekeeping Operations".


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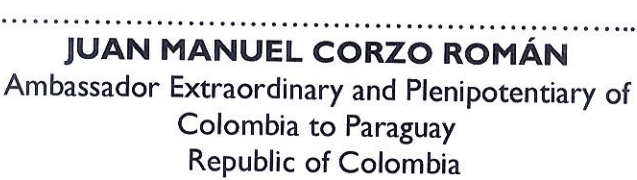
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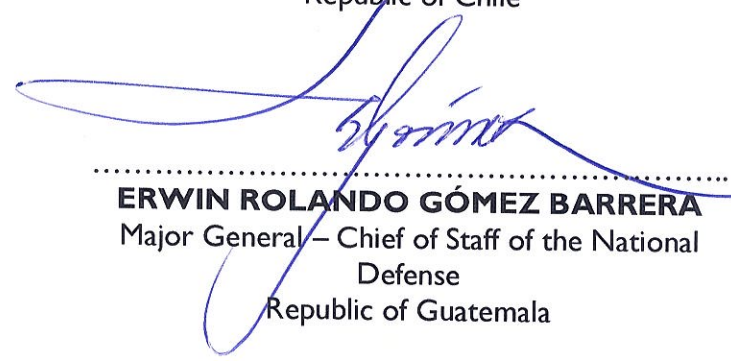
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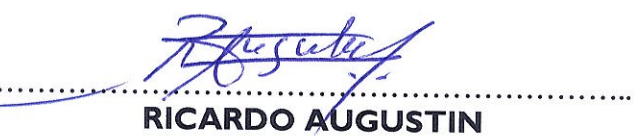
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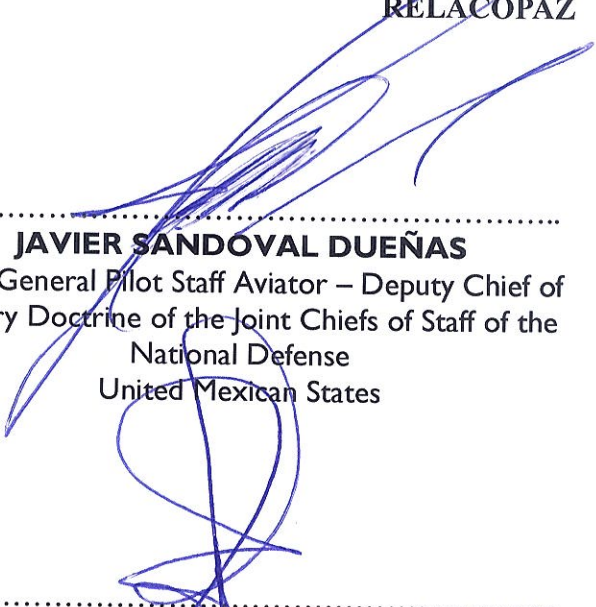

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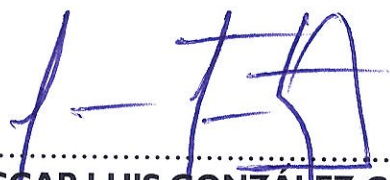


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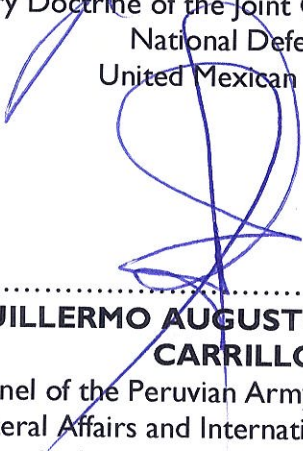
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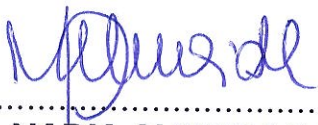
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