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**UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
and
COMMISSION TO THE CARTAGENA AGREEMENT**

**Memorandum of Understanding relating to economic co-
operation. Signed at Washington on 21 November 1979**

Authentic texts: English and Spanish.

Registered by the United States of America on 1 March 1982.

**ÉTATS-UNIS D'AMÉRIQUE
et
COMMISSION DE L'ACCORD DE CARTHAGÈNE**

**Mémoire d'accord sur la coopération économique.
Signé à Washington le 21 novembre 1979**

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MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING¹ BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND THE ANDEAN GROUP

1. At the beginning of this year, contacts between representatives of the Cartagena Agreement and the Government of the United States of America were initiated with the objective of achieving a greater degree of understanding on matters of mutual interest between the Andean Group and the United States Government as well as between their respective private sectors.

2. As a result of meetings in Caracas in September and in Washington in October, and the visit to the United States of the Commission and Junta of the Cartagena Agreement on November 20 and 21, both parties agreed that it would be in their interest to seek the basis for effective cooperation in the areas of trade, financing, science and technology, and development of industry, agriculture and infrastructure, including transportation.

3. Such cooperation shall be characterized by the concepts of equality and reciprocal interest for each party. Efforts to seek areas of common interest will not serve as a substitute for efforts which individual governments believe to be necessary, nor those undertaken by governments and regional organizations in multilateral fora. The Members of the Pact of Cartagena note that their efforts will be consistent with the positions adopted by Latin America and developing countries. Reciprocity of treatment will take into consideration the degree of development of each party. Areas of negotiations should be based on the community interests of the Andean Group as a unit.

4. For the procedures and mechanisms of this agreement to be organized in a more systematic fashion, both parties agree to discuss the four substantive areas contained herein in a gradual and progressive manner, and for this purpose they agree to the establishment of Special Groups on Trade, Financing, Science and Technology and Development of Industry, Agriculture and Infrastructure, including Transportation. These groups will be made up by the Junta of the Cartagena Agreement and government representatives of both parties, who will submit the results of their work to their respective authorities for approval. One of the purposes of these groups will be to keep all members up-to-date on changes which have been adopted in the laws, regulations and procedures of both parties as they affect the other party.

5. Both parties agree that during the first four months of 1980 these groups will meet as necessary, that the meetings may be alternated between the respective headquarters and that the dates of the meetings will be the subject of consultations. The results of the meetings will be reported to a plenary session of both parties.

6. Both parties agree that it is their objective to sign an agreement on economic cooperation based on the results of the discussions in the four groups.

7. Both parties further agree that the guidelines for the Trade and Science and Technology Groups are as follows:

¹ Came into force on 21 November 1979 by signature.

Trade

The Commission of the Pact of Cartagena and the representatives of the Government of the United States, in accordance with the General Memorandum of Understanding that guides their cooperative relations, agree to establish a Special Group for Trade Matters, whose task it will be to look into the possibilities for a qualitative and quantitative improvement in reciprocal trading relations.

The principal subjects, among others of interest to either party, to be handled by this Group are as follows:

- A) The United States Generalized System of Preferences.
- B) Matters associated with the Multilateral Trade Negotiations under the GATT.¹
- C) Measures to improve trade relations between the Andean Pact and the United States.
- D) Matters associated with commodities.

Science and Technology

The Commission of the Pact of Cartagena and the representatives of the United States agree in a separate Memorandum of Understanding on science and technology*² to establish the framework for cooperation in this field. In order to implement this agreement, the Working Group on Science and Technology referred to above will serve, as appropriate, as the channel of communication to facilitate cooperation in the various specific areas of science and technology resulting from the Memorandum of Understanding.

DONE at Washington, in duplicate, in the English and Spanish languages, both texts being equally authentic, this twenty-first day of November, 1979.

For the Government
of the United States of America:

[Signed — Signé]³

For the Commission
of the Cartagena Agreement:

Bolivia: [Signed — Signé]⁴

Colombia: [Signed — Signé]⁵

Ecuador: [Signed — Signé]⁶

Peru: [Signed — Signé]⁷

Venezuela: [Signed — Signé]⁸

* Signed November 21, 1979.

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 55, p. 187.

² See p. 285 of this volume.

³ Signed by Cyrus Vance — Signé par Cyrus Vance.

⁴ Signed by Roberto Arce — Signé par Roberto Arce.

⁵ Signed by Edgar Moncayo Jiménez — Signé par Edgar Moncayo Jiménez.

⁶ Signed by M. Manosalvas Vaca — Signé par M. Manosalvas Vaca.

⁷ Signed by J. Garland Combe — Signé par J. Garland Combe.

⁸ Signed by Sebastián Alegrét Ruiz — Signé par Sebastián Alegrét Ruiz.