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**COLOMBIA, ECUADOR,  
VENEZUELA and PERU**

**Charter of Conduct. Signed at Riobamba on 11 September 1980**

*Authentic text: Spanish.*

*Registered by Ecuador on 1 March 1983<sup>1</sup>.*

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<sup>1</sup> The documentation pertaining to this Charter was received on 2 October 1980, but owing to administrative delays, registration was not effected until this date—La documentation concernant cette Charte a été reçue le 2 octobre 1980 mais, du fait de délais administratifs, l'enregistrement n'a été effectué qu'à cette date.

## [TRANSLATION—TRADUCTION]

The Presidents of Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela, and the Personal Representative of the President of Peru, member countries of the Andean Group meeting in Riobamba on the occasion of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the adoption of the "Constitution of the State of Ecuador" on 11 September 1830,

Inspired by the ideals of the Liberator, Simón Bolívar;

Convinced that a substantive stage of the economic integration scheme has been reached resulting in the formation of new links which have enabled the countries of the subregion to achieve levels of political concordance that constitute a vivid demonstration of their capacity for understanding;

Convinced that the concordance of political wills will make a decisive contribution to the affirmation of the democratic system and the principles which sustain it and of an authentic separate and autonomous Latin American identity;

Aware that it is of fundamental importance to establish juridically an institutional order that orients their relations jointly and constructively towards common interests;

Determined to respect and enrich their common principles and values; and

Taking into account that which was agreed upon at the Third Meeting of the Council of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Andean Group, held in Quito from 12 to 15 March 1980,

Decide to adopt the following:

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1. To achieve a subregional political order originating from democracy that is essentially popular and of a clearly participatory character, without prejudice to the principles of self-determination of peoples, non-intervention and ideological pluralism;

2. To promote new integral development schemes based on the principles of social justice which will make it possible to change the unjust structures that still exist;

3. To reiterate the solemn pledge that respect for human, political, economic and social rights constitutes a basic rule of the internal conduct of the States of the Andean Group, that their defence is an international

<sup>1</sup> Came into force on 11 September 1980 by signature.

obligation for States and that, consequently, joint action taken to protect those rights does not violate the principle of non-intervention;

4. To encourage the settlement of disputes that exist or might arise between the countries of the Andean Group, or between them and third parties, by means of the peaceful procedures provided for in international law;

5. To promote a process of subregional and regional disarmament based on the postulates of the Declaration of Ayacucho which constitutes an effective contribution to general and complete disarmament and makes it possible to free resources for economic and social development;

6. To reaffirm the sovereign right of States to dispose freely of their natural resources as a substantive rule of international coexistence;

7. To act jointly in the face of any economic threat or coercion affecting one of the States of the Andean Subregional Group, as a means of ensuring their collective economic security;

8. To encourage greater participation by the countries of the Andean Subregion in the negotiations relating to political and economic problems that are being debated by the international community, particularly those relating to peace and security and the new international economic order, in co-operation with the other Latin American countries and the other third world countries;

9. To make efforts to adopt common policies in the economic, social, labour, educational, cultural, technological and health fields, among others, and to bring the respective national legislations closer into line with each other;

10. Inspired by the principles of international social justice, to apply the instruments of the Andean integration scheme in such a way that the member States derive equitable benefits, including the preferential treatment for countries which are relatively less economically developed that is established in the Cartagena Agreement;

11. To contribute to the maintenance of freedom, social justice and democracy by fulfilling the Andean pledge to apply the basic principles established, among other international instruments, in the Charter of the United Nations; in the Charter of the Organization of American States<sup>1</sup>; in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights<sup>2</sup>; in the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States; in the Declaration on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order; in the Cartagena Mandate of 28 May 1979; in the Quito Declaration of 11 August 1979; in the Panama Act of 1 October 1979; and in the Lima Declaration of 29 July 1980.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador shall be the depositary of the original instrument.

<sup>1</sup> United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 119, p. 3.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, *Official Records of the General Assembly, Third session, part I*, p. 71.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF this Charter of Conduct is signed in the city of Riobamba on the eleventh day of the month of September, one thousand nine hundred and eighty.

*[Signed]*

JULIO CÉSAR TURBAY AYALA  
President of the Republic  
of Colombia

*[Signed]*

LUIS HERRERA CAMPINS  
President of the Republic  
of Venezuela

*[Signed]*

JAIME ROLDÓS AGUILERA  
President of the Republic  
of Ecuador

*[Signed]*

JAVIER ALVA ORLANDINI  
Personal Representative  
of the President of Peru

The Presidents of Costa Rica and Panama and the Personal Representative of the President of the Government of Spain accede to the spirit and purpose of this document.

*[Signed]*

RODRIGO CARAZO  
President of the Republic  
of Costa Rica

*[Signed]*

ARÍSTIDES ROYO  
President of the Republic  
of Panama

*[Signed]*

CARLOS ROBLES PIQUER  
Personal Representative of the President  
of the Government of Spain

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