

DECLARATION OF MONTEVIDEO

Representatives of the States of the met in Montevideo, Uruguay, on 12-14 May 1992 to sign an Agreement Establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IA). The Meeting, chaired by the acting Minister of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Eduardo Mezzera , adopted this Agreement as a new international instrument intended to foster cooperation in global change research throughout the Americas. A copy of this Agreement is attached as Annex I.

The establishment of the Inter-American Institute as a regional network of research entities reflects both the vision of the scientific community and the political will of the States of the region. The Institute seeks to achieve the best possible international coordination of scientific and economic research on the extent, causes, and consequences of global change in the Americas, with the objective of significantly expanding the frontiers of knowledge and serving as an effective interface between science and the policy process.

The Representatives stressed that scientific interests should be the driving force in the implementation of the Institute's research programs and the development of specialized facilities within the Institute's network, including its affiliated and associated research institutions. The expression of intent on the part of several countries to submit proposals to host Research Centers and the Directorate within the Institute's network was acknowledged and supported.

The Representatives agreed to establish an Implementation Committee which would be composed of representatives from interested signatory States to the Agreement and would be supported by a small staff. Other States were invited to participate as observers. This Committee was charged with laying the groundwork for the Institute to become operational promptly upon the entry into force of the Agreement and would continue to function until the first meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

It was further agreed that, in order to maintain the momentum generated by the opening of the Agreement for signature, representatives from signatory States shall meet immediately thereafter to discuss terms of reference, statement of work, and schedule the first meeting of the Implementation Committee. In addition, the representatives agreed to inform the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development (UNCED-92) of the establishment of this Institute.

In signing this Communique, the Representatives express the collective will of their Governments to advance as much as possible the establishment of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research and to be guided during the period preceding the entry into force of the Agreement, by its principles and objectives.

Representatives of all countries were invited to sign this Communique to express their support for the initiative and their continued interest in becoming Parties to the Agreement as soon as circumstances would allow their full participation.

For Argentine Republic



For Republic of Bolivia



For Federal Republic of Brazil



For Republic of Chile



For Republic of Costa Rica



For Dominican Republic



For the United Mexican States



For Republic of Panama



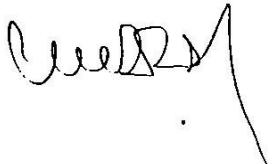
For Republic of Peru



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For Oriental Republic of Uruguay



For Republic of Venezuela

