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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Declaration 3524 of the Honorable Legislature of the Province of Neuquén, Argentina

Dear Madam, Sir,

Artículo II of the *Agreement Establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* states:

The Institute shall pursue the principles of scientific excellence, international cooperation, and the full and open exchange of scientific information, relevant to global change.

In support of the above, the IAI Directorate organized the [Regional Training Workshop on Climate, Environment and Health for the Americas](#) in collaboration with the Pan American Health Organization, the Global Consortium for Education in Climate and Health, and the Ministry of Public Health of the Province of Neuquén, Argentina.

As a result, the Honorable Legislature of the Province of Neuquén has issued the Climate, Environment and Health Declaration (Declaration 3524), which contemplates the following:

1. Form a regional community of practice of climate, environment, and health with researchers, universities, government officials, and other civil society actors to address the complexity of the topic.
2. Identify collaborative mechanisms between municipal, provincial, and national levels to generate technical support and transfer knowledge, allowing to capacities to be built locally with the possibility to scale actions.
3. Identify funding sources from different regional, national, and international organizations so that the proposed objectives can be put into practice, thus generating new knowledge and evidence to allow the continued development of the necessary strategies and public policies aimed at improving the response capacity of the health sector, which should be sufficiently resilient to climate and global change.
4. Create strategies today, establishing policies that transcend individuals and involve society by connecting and integrating into climate governance the health of people, climate change, and caring for the environment.

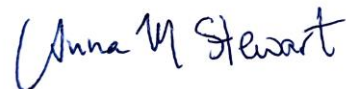
5. Establish a system of health and environment indicators, which allows monitoring of the results of applying adaptation policies and the continuous observation of the effects of climate change on morbidity and mortality.
6. Promote technical, semantic, and organizational interoperability of information systems and applications used for monitoring the environment, climate change, and health, in Latin America and the Caribbean, through standardized protocols and procedures for structuring databases, which allow communication processes to share information and knowledge resulting from continuous monitoring of air quality, water quality, and soil quality and their impacts based on the principles of *One Health*.
7. Transform health systems to ensure interculturality as a management principle in pursuit of parity by treating others with dignity and respecting the diversity and the human rights of the communities that use the health services. Also, consider an intercultural approach by bringing together traditional indigenous medicines with the scientific-technical paradigm.

The announcement of the Declaration is available by video here: <https://youtu.be/zX9GfYHugq>.

Parties are invited to join the collaborative efforts that will be made in support of this Declaration.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Yours sincerely,



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