



INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL CHANGE RESEARCH

**NINETEENTH CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (CoP) OF THE IAI
15 February 2012 - Washington, USA**

We agree to take the opportunity that is provided by the offers from three Parties to help the IAI in its unique tasks of developing the continent's capacity to understand and deal with global change.

We agree that the Directorate needs a greater capacity to provide scientific knowledge to governments for the development of public policy, and to develop future science capacities and directions. We agree that a stronger structure is needed to manage these increased functions, and that two additional Directors are needed: one for science development and one for communications to increase public awareness and to inform policy. These two Directors will report to the Director General.

We agree that every effort shall be made to implement this in a manner neutral to the IAI Core Budget.

We agree that this strengthening of the IAI's capacity is best fulfilled by a distributed Directorate based on a tripartite offer to host the IAI by the three countries, Argentina, Brazil, and Uruguay.

We agree that the science development activity be based in the current facilities in São José dos Campos, Brazil, that the communications and science-policy liaison be based in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and that the integration and overall coordination be based in Montevideo, Uruguay.

We agree that an ad hoc committee consisting of Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Uruguay, and the United States shall prepare a detailed integrated proposal for this tripartite arrangement, and shall seek legal advice where appropriate for consideration and approval by CoP-20 in June 27-29 2012.

signed, Chair of the Executive Council

signed, Vice-chair of the Executive Council