

**PREPARATORY MEETING FOR THE XI CONFERENCE OF DEFENSE MINISTERS OF  
THE AMERICAS  
PRO TEMPORE SECRETARIAT  
EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT**

The meeting started at 08:55 hrs. on March 6, 2014 with the welcoming remarks by His Excellency, Vice Minister for Defense Policy of the Ministry of Defense of Peru.

After the welcoming remarks, the reading and approval of the proposed agenda were conducted.

**A. APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED THEMES FOR THE THEMATIC AGENDA OF  
THE XI CDMA**

**I. COORDINATION OF SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES OF HEMISPHERIC  
ARMED SERVICES WITH THE CDMA.**

Objectives:

- To evaluate the existing integration level among Hemispheric Military Conferences (CEA, CNI, SICOFAA) and the CDMA.
- To identify existing communication channels among the conferences and the CDMA.
- To analyze and evaluate the effective relation level among the Conferences.
- To study measures to strengthen existing channels and propose new instruments for the exchange of experience and lessons learned among the Conferences.

Delegations took into consideration the importance to conduct coordination, as well as interoperability and strengthening of communications channels between the Conferences and the CDMA.

Even during this discussion, it was agreed that this cooperation will contribute to strengthening the Institutions and their capacities,

On the latter, this theme was approved by consensus.

During the discussion on this theme, some concern was raised by some countries on the role of the Inter-American Defense Board (IADB) on this issue and the scope of its operations.

The establishment of the working group that will work on detail this theme was as follows:

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RAPPOORTEUR : ARGENTINA  
CO-RAPPOORTEUR : CHILE AND BRAZIL  
MODERATOR : PERU

## II. COOPERATION AT THE MILITARY HEALTH LEVEL

Objectives:

- To evaluate the existing integration level among military health institutions of the Hemisphere.
- To analyze the possibility of formalizing and strengthening communication channels among military health institutions of the Hemisphere, aiming at providing support to operations of humanitarian assistance in case of disasters.

During the discussion, some delegations welcomed the inclusion of this theme in the Agenda of the conference. The following aspects were addressed as topics of great interest a) Production and distribution of medicine within the armed forces, b) Mental health, c) Exchange of experience on best practices in the area of military health, and d) Field Hospitals.

After discussions, this theme was approved by consensus.

The establishment of the working group that will work on detail this theme was as follows:

RAPPOORTEUR : CANADA  
CO-RAPPOORTEUR : COLOMBIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
MODERATOR : UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

## III. COOPERATION IN SEARCH AND RESCUE CAPACITIES.

Objectives:

- To evaluate the existing level of cooperation in the hemisphere on Search and Rescue issue.
- To analyze the role of the Military Conferences (CEA, IANC, SICOFAA) in combined Search and Rescue operations.
- To evaluate the possibility and feasibility of conducting a study on the possible components and conditions for hemispheric integration of Search and Rescue systems. The starting point could be the standardization of terms and concepts used in the Armed Forces, in their various languages.

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During the discussion, the need to consider the experience and lessons learned from other multinational organizations operating in other regions was mentioned.

The armed forces will cooperate under the conduction of pertinent authorities of each country and at their request, in cases of rescue during natural disasters.

After discussions, this theme was approved by consensus.

The establishment of the working group that will work on detail this theme was as follows:

**RAPPOREUR** : CHILE

**CO-RAPPOREUR**: COLOMBIA, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

**MODERATOR** : DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

#### IV. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND DEFENSE

Objectives:

- To deepen studies on the possible participation of the Armed Forces in the protection of the environment.
- To analyze the feasibility of hemispheric cooperation among Ministries of Defense on environmental issues.

During the discussion, it was agreed that the theme is important and represents a great opportunity for exchange of experience and information on this topic.

After discussions, this theme was approved by consensus.

The establishment of the working group that will work on detail this theme was as follows:

**RAPPOREUR** : PERU

**CO-RAPPOREURS** : BRAZIL AND PANAMA

**MODERATORS** : TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

#### V. EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCE ON THE PARTICIPATION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ARMED FORCES IN SECURITY TASKS IN THE REGION AND THE HEMISPHERE.

After the discussion on the themes proposed by the Pro Tempore Secretariat, the proposal by the Delegation of El Salvador, requesting the inclusion of the following theme: "The importance of the participation and effectiveness of the armed forces in security tasks in the region and the hemisphere," was presented. During the

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discussion, no consensus was reached on the theme. After voting, this proposal did not reach enough votes for its inclusion.

The Delegation of Mexico submitted a proposal to amend the terms of the theme to reflect only the exchange of experience among member states in such operations. After discussion, the theme was put to a vote again and was approved by majority.

The new wording of the topic was presented in the theme header.

The establishment of the working group that will work on detail this theme was as follows:

- RAPORTEURS : COLOMBIA
- CO-RAPORTEURS : ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, EL SALVADOR, GUATEMALA, HONDURAS, JAMAICA, MEXICO
- MODERATOR : PARAGUAY

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**B. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSALS ON MODIFICATION OF THE REGULATIONS OF THE CDMA**

After discussion on the themes for the Agenda of the Meeting, the Pro Tempore Secretariat presented proposals for certain modifications of the Regulations of the CDMA. It is noted that some countries do not support the proposal on amendment of the CDMA Regulations.

Finally, it was agreed that proposals will be submitted for consideration by Ministers during the XI CDMA.

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**C. PRESENTATION ON THE FINAL DRAFT DECLARATION OF THE XI CDMA**

Following, the Pro Tempore Secretariat presented a proposal for the text of the Final Declaration of the Conference.

During the discussion, delegations made several suggestions for modifications of the original text, including the need to increase topics related to the theme initially proposed by the Delegation of El Salvador and subsequently amended at the suggestion of the Delegation of Mexico. These suggestions were incorporated into the text and the Pro Tempore Secretariat will continue to receive written contributions by delegations until September, for consolidation.

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**D. PRESENTATION OF ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE XI CDMA – AREQUIPA 2014**

The Pro Tempore Secretariat presented the administrative instructions for the XI Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas, highlighting the importance to submit to the Pro Tempore Secretariat accreditation forms and flight itineraries of delegates, at least one week before the Conference.

**E. PRESENTATION ON PROPOSALS ON OBSERVERS TO BE INVITED TO THE XI CDMA**

After receiving contributions by delegations, the proposed list of observers to be invited to the XI CDMA was presented, which is attached hereto as an annex. It is worth noting that each country, via written communication, may withdraw their country's institutions invited as observers. The Pro Tempore Secretariat will inform delegations on any changes to the list.

**F. CANDIDACIES FOR HOST COUNTRY OF THE XII CDMA AND THE XIII CDMA**

The following countries are proposed to host the next Conferences of Defense Ministers of the Americas:

- XII CDMA - 2016 : Trinidad and Tobago
- XIII CDMA - 2018 : Panama

The Delegation of Panama made an altruistic gesture by choosing to deter their candidacy to host the XII CDMA 2016, and applying to host the XIII CDMA in 2018. Similarly, member delegations of the preparatory meeting acknowledge the gesture of the Dominican Republic for withdrawing its candidacy.

Participating delegations expressed their appreciation and commend the excellent work done by the Pro Tempore Secretariat in the realization of the Preparatory Meeting of the XI Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas.

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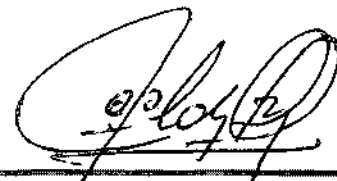
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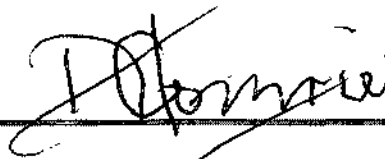
  
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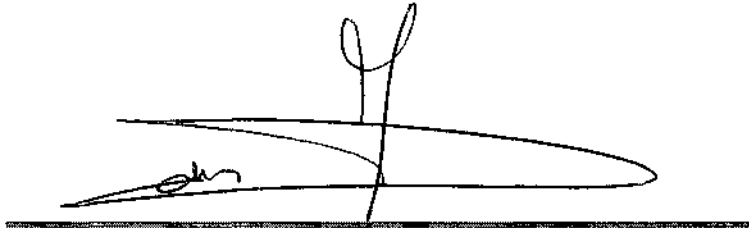


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