

XI CONFERENCE OF DEFENSE MINISTERS OF THE AMERICAS

THEMATIC AXIS I:

Coordination of the Specialized Conferences of the Armed Forces with the CDMA

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The Theme 1 Working Group met to analyze the theme “Coordination of the Specialized Conferences of the Armed Forces with the CDMA,” based on the document presented by the rapporteur.

The Working Group was comprised of the following delegations: Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Bolivia, Canada, Chile, Colombia, United States, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Mexico, Nicaragua, Surinam, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay.

After the rapporteur made its presentation on the theme, a broad debate took place and the following conclusions were made:

1. The Conference of the Defense Ministers of the Americas constitutes the highest political level on inter-American defense issues.
2. The specialized conferences of the institutions of the armed forces make important contributions to confidence building, integration, stability, cooperation, and the solution to common problems within their scope of their competencies.
3. Coordination of the specialized conferences of the armed forces is necessary beginning with the XII CDMA. Synchronization of the schedules of the service conferences with that of the CDMA will be progressively sought so that each ministerial meeting receives reports of specialized conferences held in the previous period and guides their future meetings according to what is established in the final declaration.
4. The will of states is a key to the success of dialogue and inter-American defense cooperation.

5. The formation of an Ad Hoc Working Group is required to develop a proposal for coordination alternatives between CDMA and the specialized conferences of the armed forces. This group should consist of the current conference host country, the host country of the XII CMDA, and other volunteer countries.
6. In the framework of the review process of the inter-American dialogue and cooperation mechanisms for defense that the CDMA has promoted since its meeting in 2010, the Working Group discussed the need for the same ad hoc group to reflect on the mechanisms and processes that articulate the Inter-american defense coordination.
7. This thematic working group suggests that the first meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group be held during the first half of 2015.

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