



MINUTES OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Thematic Line A CONSOLIDATION OF PEACE, CONFIDENCE, SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN THE AMERICAS

Subtheme II Transparency in Defense Budget, Spending and Arms Acquisition

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I. Conclusions

1. Although transparency in defense spending has been a long-term aspiration in Latin America, it has not yet been completely achieved and should remain as an essential part of our future agenda.
2. Transparency in defense spending is a vital component of measures aimed at building mutual confidence between our countries.
3. Although different mechanisms already exist for measuring defense spending, the Hemisphere does not yet have one single mechanism that is universally applied.

II. Recommendations

1. Encourage the participation of every country of the Americas in the United Nations Standardized Reporting Instrument for Military Expenditures.
2. Suggest that the Organization of American States study the possible implementation of an Inter-American defense spending register.



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3. Once the methodology for measuring defense spending is approved by UNASUR defense ministers, submit this proposal to the Tenth Conference of Defense Ministers of the Americas to analyze its extension to all the other countries of the American continent.