



MINUTES OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TENTH CONFERENCE OF DEFENSE MINISTERS OF THE AMERICAS

THEMATIC AXIS III: SECURITY AND DEFENSE/INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE SYSTEM

SUB-THEME I: SECURITY AND DEFENSE

Reporting Country: Dominican Republic

Co-Reporting Country: Republic of Colombia

Moderating Country: Republic of Peru

Representative of the Executive Secretariat: Advisor from the Inter-American Defense Board

The Working Committee met to analyze the issue of Security and Defense, based on the document submitted by the Dominican Republic. After a long debate, the delegations present arrived at the following conclusions and recommendations:

Conclusions:

- 1.- Various points of view and political and conceptual definitions of security and defense coexist in the hemisphere, according to the specific processes in the different countries and their perception of risk and threat, depending on each nation's situation.
- 2.- The task of the working group has not been precisely to define the concepts of security and defense but rather to propose the specific scope of security and defense issues that could be addressed within the Conference of Ministers, understanding that public security-related issues correspond, mainly, to other hemispheric forums and to the specific features of the institutional architecture of each country.
- 3.- Over the years, the Conferences of Defense Ministers have addressed security-related themes, taking into account the various perspectives on traditional and new threats, as well as the security priorities of the participating countries.
- 4.- Defense-related security issues, dealt with in different ways by States in the Conference of Defense Ministers, should be developed taking into account the common interests shared by the member countries.
- 5.- Defense-related security issues should be addressed in the Conference of Defense Ministers based on the criteria of cooperation, comprehensive vision and respect for the norms of each State, taking into account the importance of the multi-dimensional nature of security for some States.
- 6.- The Ministries of Defense of the Americas, through their Armed Forces, shall act in accordance with each State's legal system, as subsidiary or secondary support to other forces to face threats to public security.



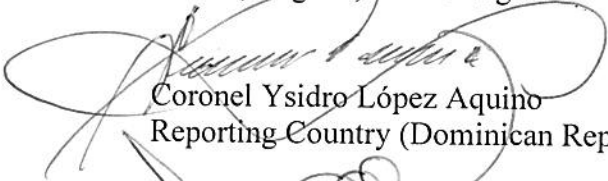
7.- The Conference of Defense Ministers shall take into account efforts undertaken by regional and/or sub-regional cooperation mechanisms on defense issues.

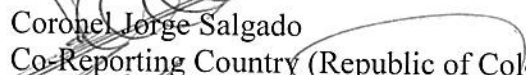
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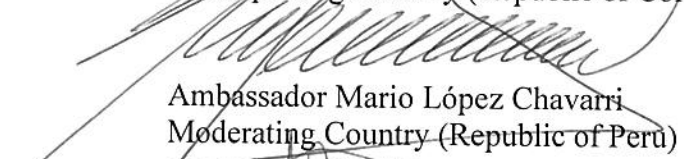
The Conference of Defense Ministers should take into consideration priority issues of regional agendas that are of interest to the defense sectors, from a comprehensive point of view, following a cooperative and complementary approach, taking into account the importance of the multi-dimensional nature of security for some States.

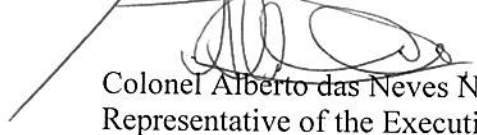
In accordance with article 45 of the Regulation of the Conference, Ambassador Mario López Chavarri is hereby appointed Chairman of the Working Committee and shall present conclusions and recommendations at the Plenary Session on Tuesday, October 9th 2012.

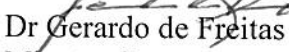
In faith whereof, the present minutes are executed in four counterparts in Spanish, French, English, and Portuguese.


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