

**WORKING COMMITTEE III**

**THEMATIC AXIS III:**

**HEMISPHERIC SECURITY AND DEFENCE COOPERATION POLICY: BEGINNING  
WITH STRENGTHENED HUMANITARIAN EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**

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**RELATED PARAGRAPHS FROM DRAFT DECLARATION OF PORT OF SPAIN (Rev 2)**

**Operative Paragraph 6 ii.**

Implement the measures adopted by CDMA Member States in OAS General Assembly Resolution: AG/RES. 2750 (XLII-O/12) – *Existing Mechanisms for Disaster Prevention and Response and Humanitarian Assistance Among Member States* – particularly where such measures strengthen the level of cooperation for regional SAR, and promote specific actions for the preservation of life and provision of humanitarian assistance in the event of accidents and disasters that may occur both in the sea and land of the Americas.

**Operative Paragraph 14**

Their commitment to strengthen the mechanisms for the provision of Humanitarian Emergency Assistance with a focus on civil-military collaboration for the use of foreign military and civil defence assets in disaster relief (Oslo Guidelines), in accordance with the principles of sovereignty, territorial integrity, international humanitarian law and domestic legislation.

**Operative Paragraph 16**

Their agreement to establish an Ad Hoc Working Group, in accordance with Article 45 of the CDMA Regulations, to facilitate dialogue on the development of a framework for a Hemispheric Defense and Security Cooperation Policy commencing with a focus on Humanitarian Emergency Assistance; this Group would be constituted by the host country of the current conference, the host country of the XIII CDMA and other voluntary collaborators and will host its first meeting in the first half of 2017; and report to the XIII CDMA in 2018.

**Operative Paragraph 23**

Their support for the continued participation of the defence sector in United Nations peacekeeping and humanitarian assistance operations to strengthen the role of military and civil defence assets of Member States and their acknowledgment of the expanding range of missions that the military may be required to perform.