

The Declaration of Rome

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Joint Declaration political dialogue between the European Union and the Andean Community

At a meeting held in Rome on 30 June 1996, the Joint Declaration on Political Dialogue between the European Union and the Andean Community (text attached) was signed

for the Union by :

- ✍ Mr Lamberto DINI Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Italian Republic, President-in-Office of the Council
- ✍ Mr Manuel MARÍN Vice-President of the European Commission

for the Andean Community by:

- ✍ Mr Antonio ARANIBAR QUIROGA Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bolivia
- ✍ Mr Camillo REYES Deputy -Minister for Foreign Affairs of Colombia
- ✍ Mr Galo LEORO FRANCO Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ecuador
- ✍ Mr Voto BERNALES Deputy -Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru
- ✍ Mr Miguel Angel BURELLI RIVAS Minister for Foreign Affairs of Venezuela

The signing ceremony was also attended by Mr Ramón de MIGUEL, State Secretary for European Affairs of the Kingdom of Spain and Mr Bernard ALLEN, Minister of State at the Department of Education of Ireland, representing the other countries of the European Union Troika.

ANNEX

Draft Joint Declaration on Political Dialogue between the European Union and the Andean Community

1. Preamble

The European Union and the countries of the Andean Community, Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela:

- ✍ conscious of the common cultural heritage and the historical, political and economic ties that bind them;
- ✍ agreeing to follow democratic values and stressing that the respect for human rights, for individual freedoms and for the principle of the constitutional State, which is the cornerstone of the democratic society, governs the domestic and foreign policy of the countries of the European Union and of the Andean Community, and forms the basis of their common project;
- ✍ considering their support for the rules and principles of international law;
- ✍ manifesting their interest in regional integration as an instrument for the promotion of a sustainable and harmonious development of peoples, based on the principles of social progress and solidarity among their members;
- ✍ basing themselves on the relations established by the Cooperation Agreement signed by the European Community and the countries of the Andean Community;
- ✍ supporting the present level of technical and financial cooperation between the European Union and the countries of the Andean Community;

- ☞ taking into account the level reached by the dialogue and the instruments of cooperation between the European Union and the Andean countries on the fight against drugs,

have decided to impart a lasting and far-reaching perspective to mutual relations.

2. Objectives

Taking into account the conclusions adopted by the European Council of Madrid of 15 and 16 December 1995 and by the Andean Presidential Council of Trujillo of 10 March 1996, the parties stress their willingness to strengthen the political dialogue.

3. Dialogue mechanism

In order to institutionalize and develop the aforementioned political dialogue on bi-regional and international issues of common interest, the parties have agreed on the following:

- a. meetings in Europe will be held, whenever convenient, between the President of the Andean Presidential Council, the Presidency of the Council of the European Union and the President of the European Commission;
- b. periodic meetings will be held, following procedures to be laid down by the parties on the sidelines of other ongoing political dialogues at the level of Foreign Ministers;
- c. meetings will be held at appropriate level, whenever circumstances so require, in order to examine further matters of common interest.