

## **SPECIAL COMMUNIQUE ON THE TRADITIONAL USE OF COCA LEAF CHEWING**

The Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin America and the Caribbean States (CELAC), on the occasion of the First Summit of Heads of State and Government of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC);

Recalling the Special Communiqué on the Original and Ancestral Coca, Natural Heritage of Bolivia and Peru, adopted in the context of the Summit of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC), on 3 December 2011, which recognizes the traditional use of Coca leaf chewing (akulliku) as an ancestral cultural expression of the peoples of Bolivia and Peru, that should be respected by the international community.

Underlining the Caracas Declaration that recognized the multicultural character of our peoples, and the plurinational character of some of our countries, especially of indigenous communities that promote and recreate historical remembrance, and ancestral know-how and knowledge;

Reaffirming the commitment to support the cultural and ancestral practices of indigenous peoples, in the framework of respect for Human Rights and the Fundamental Rights of Indigenous Peoples;

Assume the accession of the Plurinational State of Bolivia to the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961, amended by the 1972 Amending Protocol. By that act, the prohibition of the traditional consumption of Coca Leaf (akulliku) in its territory was eliminated.

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