

**RESOLUTION ADOPTED AT THE
I MEETING OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
COMMUNITY OF LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES (CELAC)
ON SPECIAL COOPERATION WITH THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI**

Taking into consideration the report of the Pro-Tempore Presidency (PTP) on cooperation between CELAC and the Republic of Haiti;

Considering that CELAC and its member States have manifested great commitment in consolidating the values and principles of South-South Cooperation with the Republic of Haiti in its reconstruction and development;

Taking into consideration the Special Communiqué on Solidarity with Haiti, adopted by the Heads of State and Government at the III Summit of Latin American and the Caribbean on Integration and Development, where we reaffirmed our strong commitment to continue to contribute effectively to the efforts of reconstruction and development, according to the fundamental needs and priorities defined by the Government of the Republic of Haiti and with full respect for its authority and sovereignty and to the principle of non-intervention in internal affairs;

Recognizing the fact that the Republic of Haiti has been considered by the United Nations as a Least Developed Country, and in this context, requires that its specific needs be fully and permanently considered;

Recommending the member Countries to double their efforts required to contribute to the task of overcoming the still present devastating consequences of the earthquake that struck the Haitian people on 12 January 2010;

Considering that the priorities expressed by the Government of Haiti focus on the following areas:

1. Energy
2. Employment
3. Rule of Law and Strengthening of State Institutions
4. Education
5. Environment
6. Eradication of Hunger and Extreme Poverty
7. Health
8. Agriculture
9. Infrastructure;

Highlighting that the Government of Haiti expressed its desire that technical and financial international, regional, and bilateral cooperation be fully coordinated by the Government of Haiti in conformity with the priorities that it establishes.

The I Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) resolves:

1. To continue undertaking cooperation efforts in conjunction with the Haitian Government, intended to achieve its comprehensive sustainable development as expressed in its previously defined priorities.

2. To request CELAC and its related bodies to reflect in depth about the special situation of Haiti and cooperate with its Government in a concrete manner to satisfy its “special needs” in the process of the pursuit of development;

3. To call on the member States of CELAC to support the Haitian Government in implementing its own National Strategic Development Plan (NSDH), in order to contribute with actions aimed at the sustainable development of the country that result in an improved quality of life for its people and an efficient use of its potentialities.

4. To urge the member States of CELAC to annually report to the Pro-Tempore Presidency on the collaboration and cooperation they provide to the people and Government of Haiti, and hold annual periodical meetings with the Government of Haiti, in order to harmonize the actions undertaken in benefit of the country and receive information on the actions carried out with the cooperation provided in the framework of the present Resolution.

5. To recommend the Pro-Tempore Presidency to generate tools of exchange of information with other regional mechanisms charged with the compilation of reports on cooperation initiatives in Haiti, to avoid duplication of efforts in collecting this information.

Santiago, Chile, 28 January 2013