



**STATEMENT OF THE RIO GROUP ON THE DECISION BY THE
GOVERNMENTS OF ECUADOR AND COLOMBIA TO
RESTORE THEIR DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS**

The governments of the member states of the Permanent Mechanism for Consultations and Political Coordination, bearing in mind the “Declaration of the Heads of State and of Government on the Recent Events between Ecuador and Colombia”, adopted at the XX Summit of the Group of Rio, held in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on March 7, 2008, celebrate and express their greatest satisfaction regarding the decision of the governments of the republics of Colombia and Ecuador to restore their diplomatic relations in an immediate, unconditional way, initially at the Charge d’ Affaires.

Likewise, the Rio Group renews its support to the actions of the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, mandated by the XXV Consultation Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Relations, in order to promote the process of approach and mutual trust and keeps itself aware of the evolution of events, oriented towards the total normalization of relations between both countries. In this context, state the recognition to the Carter Center for its actions that facilitated the approach between the Colombian and the Ecuadorian governments.

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