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BETWEEN STATES

Letter dated 7 August 1987 from the Permanent Representatives
of Bolivia and Peru to the United Nations addressed to the
Secretary-General

On instructions of our Governments, we have the honour to enclose a copy of the Puno Programme of Action (see annex) agreed to by the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru and the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Public Worship of Bolivia with respect to frontier development and integration between Peru and Bolivia.

We should be grateful if you would have the text of the Puno Programme of Action circulated as an official document of the General Assembly under items 83 and 140 of the provisional agenda.

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ANNEX

Puno Programme of Action

At the kind invitation of the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru, Mr. Allan Wagner Tizón, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Public Worship of Bolivia, Mr. Guillermo Bedregal Gutiérrez, paid an official visit to Puno from 13 to 15 July 1987 in order to hold a working meeting, the main objective of which was to initiate the early implementation of the Preliminary Convention on the Study of the Exploitation of the Waters of Lake Titicaca and the Agreement on the Preliminary Economic Study of the Exploitation of the Waters of Lake Titicaca, signed on 30 July 1955 and 19 February 1957 respectively, as well as to establish the most appropriate mechanisms for conducting a vigorous programme of frontier integration between Peru and Bolivia.

As a result of their work, the Ministers adopted the following decisions:

- (1) To establish the Joint Sub-Commission for the Development of the Lake Titicaca Integration Zone as provided for in the exchange of notes constituting an agreement signed today by the two Ministers;
- (2) To commit their Governments to providing priority political support for the work of the Joint Sub-Commission, and to establish the most effective mechanisms for ensuring that each country's national section performs its duties efficiently;
- (3) To devote special and constant attention to stimulating bilateral programmes and projects for the development of all the resources of Lake Titicaca;
- (4) To instruct the Joint Sub-Commission to assign the highest priority to flood control in Lake Titicaca and give strong encouragement to the Integrated Study of the Lake Titicaca Basin, which is sponsored by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), as well as to other financial co-operation programmes with complementary objectives, such as the "Programa de Reconstrucción/Prevención del Lago Titicaca" to be implemented shortly with the support of the European Economic Community (EEC);
- (5) To instruct the Joint Sub-Commission, at its first meeting, to conduct an inventory of bilateral programmes and of the resources available through international co-operation, making relevant recommendations for the optimum utilization of those resources for the benefit of the frontier region between the two countries;
- (6) To support the work leading to the holding of the first meeting of the Programming and Evaluation Committee of the Support Programme for Frontier Integration being financed by the Inter-American Development Bank, at which the two countries will ensure that the terms of reference of that Programme are compatible with the decisions embodied in the present Programme of Action;

(7) To extend their fullest support to the integrated national frontier centres to be set up shortly in Kasani and Desaguadero districts;

(8) To establish a flexible régime for the transit of persons through the frontier zone by reactivating the draft agreement negotiated at the Sixth Meeting of the Joint Peruvian-Bolivian Commission on Co-ordination (COMICOORD);

(9) To lend strong support to the contacts taking place between the Tourism Promotion Fund of Peru (FOPTUR) and the Bolivian Tourism Institute (IBT), which should result in the early signing of the co-operation agreement drawn up by these institutions, which it is particularly recommended should conduct integrated tourism programmes on Lake Titicaca;

(10) To initiate as soon as possible the second phase of the Fisheries Resources Evaluation Project being implemented with the co-operation of the Latin American Fisheries Organization (OLDEPESCA) and to request the national units, the Andean Development Corporation (ADC) and other international agencies to extend the co-operation required for the earliest possible initiation of the scheduled production activities, bearing in mind their importance for the socio-economic development of the frontier zone and their contribution to the reactivation of Andean sub-regional integration. To this end, they agreed to convene a bilateral meeting of experts to be held at Lima within at most 60 days;

(11) To promote programmes for livestock improvement in the Altiplano and phytosanitary control in the region through joint action by the Puno Development Corporation (CORDEPUNO) and the La Paz Development Corporation (CORDEPAZ);

(12) To take the greatest interest in the project submitted by the International Integration Institute on educational broadcasting and on wool-bearing species and wools, and to submit them for consideration by the competent national agencies of each country;

(13) To promote contacts between the health authorities of Puno and La Paz departments for the purpose of exploring areas in which co-operation could be undertaken for the conduct of bilateral programmes for the benefit of the local population;

(14) To instruct the Hydrography and shipping services of the Peruvian and Bolivian navies:

- To update the bathymetric survey of Lake Titicaca;
- To study new lake shipping routes;
- To evaluate periodically the bathymetry of the bed of the river Desaguadero in order that the competent agencies of the two countries may adopt relevant actions;
- To study projects for the improvement of the navigability of the river Madre de Dios;

(15) To recommend that the government agencies, development corporations and cottage-industry organizations in the region should develop a project designed to improve the economic situation of cottage-industry workers in the Altiplano, defining the prerequisites for the transformation of lama-wool yarn into finished products so as to increase the opportunities for a larger number of the population;

(16) To convene the first meeting of the Joint Sub-Commission for the Development of the Lake Titicaca Integration Zone, to be held in La Paz during August 1987, at which time it should approve its own rules of procedure;

(17) To convene the 7th meeting of COMICOORD, to be held in Lima during the first half of September 1987;

(18) To extend strong support to the plan for relaunching the branch of the People's Bank of Peru submitted for the consideration of the Central Bank of Bolivia. In this respect, the Minister for Foreign Affairs and Worship of Bolivia undertook to recommend to the authorities of the Central Bank of Bolivia that the highest priority should be accorded to that proposal with a view to resolving the situation of the People's Bank within at most 30 days;

(19) To reiterate their recommendation to the presidents of the Central Reserve Bank of Peru and the Central Bank of Bolivia that, before the next meeting of COMICOORD, they should study the solution to the pending liquidation exercises and the possibility of renewing the Reciprocal Credit Agreement as provided for in the joint communiqué signed at La Paz on 3 June 1986;

(20) To accelerate the ongoing internal consultations with a view to the early signature of a bilateral agreement on Amazonian co-operation based on the draft submitted to the Bolivian authorities;

(21) To welcome the signature of the Quito Protocol amending the Cartagena Agreement and to commit their Governments to the broadest support for the earliest possible ratification of that important international legal instrument, drawn up to promote the attainment of the objectives of sub-regional economic integration to which the countries members of the Andean Group have committed themselves.

In the context of bilateral economic relations, they emphasized the particular importance of the Peruvian trade mission which is shortly to visit the towns of Cochabamba, Santa Cruz and La Paz, as well as of the visit by the President of the Foreign Trade Institute of Peru, Doctor Enrique Cornejo Ramirez, to discuss important issues relating to the expansion of bilateral trade.

The Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Peru and Bolivia welcomed the important agreements adopted by the Ministers for Transport and Communications of the two countries, General (Ret.) Germán Parra and Andrés Petricevic, respectively, meeting at the same time in Puno to analyse and advance the physical linkage between Peru and Bolivia.

Finally, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of Peru and Bolivia express their deep gratitude to the authorities and people of Puno for the warm welcome extended to them during their stay in that town, as well as their sincere thanks for the support provided to ensure the success of the meeting.

Puno, 15 July 1987

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