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Joint Communiqué**

1. On the occasion of the Sixth Summit between Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union, held in Madrid, the Heads of State of the Andean Community member countries, the President of Bolivia, Evo Morales, the President of Colombia, Álvaro Uribe, the President of Ecuador, Rafael Correa, and the President of Peru, Alan García, accompanied by the representative of the General Secretariat of the Andean Community, Adalid Contreras, held a working session with the European Union, represented by Herman Van Rompuy, President of the European Council, and José Manuel Durão Barroso, President of the European Commission, in the presence of José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, President of the Spanish government and current holder of the rotating Presidency of the European Union.
2. The representatives examined the state of relations between the European Union and the Andean Community and noted that they were making good headway. In particular, they welcomed the recent meeting of the EU-CAN Joint Committee.

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3. The leaders held a dialogue on the results of the Copenhagen Conference on Climate Change, and on the future of negotiations on that subject. In this context, they emphasised that the negotiations must continue in the framework and with the procedures established by the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change and the Kyoto Protocol. They agreed on the need, through a transparent and inclusive negotiating process conducted with mutual trust, to reach decisions at the November 2010 Mexico meeting that would make it possible to achieve a comprehensive, ambitious and legally effective outcome in the fight against climate change.

Without prejudice to their autonomous national policies on hydrocarbons and climate change, they expressed their support for the Yasuni-ITT Initiative, presented by Ecuador, to set up an effective voluntary measure to address the problem of climate change and to ensure the preservation of one of the areas of greatest biodiversity in the world.

The President of Bolivia presented the results of the Peoples' World Conference on Climate Change and Mother Earth's Rights, held in Cochabamba from 20 to 22 April 2010, and urged the other representatives to consider its recommendations and follow them up.

The representatives further took note of the Dialogue for Progressive Action, held in Cartagena from 24 to 26 March 2010 and the LAC-EU dialogue held in Lima from 26 to 27 April 2010.

To complete this theme, the Andean Community set out the region's achievements in applying the Andean Environmental Agenda and the European Union stated that climate change would be one of its priority areas in future cooperation with the Andean Community.

4. They also confirmed their commitment to give greater political impetus to the bi-regional dialogue to tackle the global issue of drugs, based on the principle of common and shared responsibility, by strengthening the EU-Andean Community High Level Specialised Dialogue on Drugs, an existing mechanism for dialogue and cooperation between the two blocs on the subject. They undertook to hold the XIth meeting of the mechanism in the second half of 2010. In this context, they stressed the importance of tackling the world drugs problem in a coordinated way, through a comprehensive and balanced approach, in order to achieve greater effectiveness. They emphasised regional projects approved with European Union funding, which will contribute to continuing implementation of the Andean Plan for Combating Illicit Drugs and Related Offences and the Andean Strategy for Alternative, Full and Sustainable Development in accordance with national policies.

5. Finally, they emphasised the strong historical, cultural and social bonds between the Andean Community and the EU, welcomed the launch and progress of the structured and comprehensive LAC-EU dialogue on migration, stressed the need to enhance this area of dialogue from a perspective of political commitment and expressed support for the achievement of its aims. They recalled the positive contribution of migrants to the economic and socio-cultural development of migrants' societies of origin and destination. The representatives confirmed the importance of continuing to work in areas of common interest and benefit in relation to migration in the areas agreed on in the Dialogue, with a view to dealing jointly with issues linked to migration, while fully respecting the human rights of the migrants.
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