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The representatives of University Networks and Councils of Chancellors of Latin America and the Caribbean meeting in the city of Lima, Peru, at the request of UNESCO-IESALC, and considering:

the principles, reflections, and recommendations of the Regional Conference on Higher Education of Latin America and the Caribbean (CRES 2008) that call for regional academic integration and cooperation in order to construct higher education based upon sustainability, pertinence, quality, and equitable access;

the decisive contribution that higher education can make within the knowledge society to guarantee the sustainable development and progress of our communities, both of which are essential for constructing a more just and solidarity-based society;

the need to achieve greater proximity between the peoples of the countries of the region through the training of professionals, the generation of knowledge, the development of the arts, and cultural exchange;

the importance of joining our potentials in higher education, sharing our achievements, strengthening the training of human resources, and generating synergies that benefit the common good, the strengthening of democracies and citizen participation, and contribute to improving the working conditions and economic productivity of the countries of the region.

Hereby agree:

1. To construct the Latin American and Caribbean Higher Education Area (ENLACES), guided by the principles of university autonomy, solidarity-based and multi-lateral cooperation, inclusion, co-participation, equality of opportunities, and flexibility, in order to contribute to the sustainable integration and human development of our region – all in accordance with the spirit and proposals expressed by the representatives attending the III Meeting of University Networks and Councils of Chancellors of Latin America and the Caribbean.
2. To ensure that ENLACES is an area for reflection, complementary action, and synergy of higher education, aimed at raising its quality, equity, and pertinence.
3. To take these proposals to our individual institutions, and urge that the Plan of Action of CRES 2008 be incorporated by each of them.

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4. To foster support for these initiatives by our governments and by bi-lateral and multi-lateral organizations of the region, as well as by different sectors of society.
5. To encourage the definition and implementation of regional policies for the strengthening and development of higher education as a public good in Latin America and the Caribbean.
6. To foster solidarity-based and reciprocal academic cooperation within the region.
7. To define an agile and flexible organizational structure (committees, executive and technical working) in order to move forward in solidifying specific plans and actions derived from the CRES 2008 Action Plan and from the key working areas of ENLACES, including, among others:
  - a) "the renovation of education systems in the region in order to achieve better and greater compatibility between programs, institutions, modalities, and systems, integrating and articulating cultural and institutional diversity."
  - b) "the articulation of national higher education information systems ..." (MESALC, Observatories, etc.).
  - c) "strengthening of the process of convergence of national and sub-regional assessment and accreditation systems ..."
  - d) "mutual recognition of studies, titles, and diplomas ..."
  - e) "the fostering of the intra-regional mobility of students, researchers, professors, and administrative personnel, including through the implementation of specific funds."
  - f) "carrying out joint projects of research and the creation of multi-university and multidisciplinary research networks".
  - g) "the establishment of communication instruments in order to foster the circulation of information and learning."

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- h) “the encouragement of shared distance education programs as well as support of the creation of institutions of a regional character that combine internet-based and regular education”.
  - i) “strengthening of the learning of languages of the region ...”
8. To create a follow-up committee with consultative, technical support, and supervision functions, with UNESCO-IESALC being responsible for the development of a concrete working agenda and for making operational the above-mentioned working focuses, with the support of all of the institutions involved.

We furthermore reaffirm the proposals of the region included in the Plan of Action of CRES 2008 in regard to the World Conference on Higher Education (WCHE 2009), which are the following:

- “To reiterate as fundamental principles the values expressed in the Declaration of the World Conference on Higher Education 1998: education as a public good, quality, pertinence and social inclusion, and solidarity-based internationalization.
- To request that governments declare and act in favour of higher education as a right, and not as a trade-related service within the framework of the World Trade Organization.
- To support Member Countries in the implementation of measures designed to regulate cross-border education offerings and the acquisition of institutions of higher education by foreign companies.
- To develop agendas of science, technology, and innovation for sustainable development that reduce the gap between developed and developing countries.
- To take measures to prevent and avoid the flight of talent occurring through the emigration of individuals with professional qualifications, and to implement actions that seek to create conditions of balance between developed countries and those that are exporters of labour.
- To support the articulation of national and regional systems of accreditation and assessment.



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- To sponsor the creation of support funds for South-South and North-South-South cooperation ...”

Finally, we wish to express our recognition to UNESCO/IESALC for calling and organizing this meeting, and our thanks to the National Assembly of Rectors of Peru for its support and warm reception.

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