

***PERMANENT MISSION OF COLOMBIA
TO THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES***

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Mr. Alfonso Quiñonez
Secretary for External Relations
Organization of American States
Washington, D.C.

Subject: Inter-American Education System

Dear Secretary:

I wish to thank you most sincerely for supporting Colombia's proposal on the establishment of an Inter-American Education System, the aim of which will be to promote improved quality in the Hemisphere and promote research and identification of effective public policies to that end.

For the relevant purposes, I am forwarding herewith the original Letter of Intent signed by the Organization of American States (OAS), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the World Bank (WB), and Development Bank of Latin America (CAF) during the Seventh Summit of the Americas.

We now stand ready to start taking whatever action is deemed appropriate in that regard.

Sincerely yours,

Andrés González Díaz
Ambassador, Permanent Representative

LETTER OF INTENT

Following the invitation and the proposal made by the President of the Republic of Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos Calderón, we, José Miguel Insulza, Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS); Luis Alberto Moreno, President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB); Enrique García, President of the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF); and Jorge Familiar, World Bank Vice President for Latin America, in the presence of Luis Almagro, Secretary General-elect of the OAS, expressed our desire to establish a working group to evaluate different alternatives and strategies, with a view to forming an inter-American education system to promote improvement in the quality of education in the Hemisphere and foster research on and identification of effective public policies to that end, and to identify support for the countries of the region to adopt pertinent decisions and define an institutional framework.

Accordingly, the international organizations represented agreed to start acting as soon as possible to define an agenda and present initiatives within the scope and competence of each entity, and agreed to produce a first report over the next 90 days.

Done in Panama City, this 10th day of April, 2015, in the framework of the VII Summit of the Americas.

JOSÉ MIGUEL INSULZA
Secretary General of the OAS

LUIS ALBERTO MORENO
President of the IDB

ENRIQUE GARCÍA
President of CAF

JORGE FAMILIAR
Vice President of the World Bank

Witnesses of honor:

JUAN MANUEL SANTOS
President of the Republic of Colombia

LUIS ALMAGRO
Secretary General-elect of the OAS

MARÍA ÁNGELA HOLGUÍN
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia

GINA PARODI
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ANDRÉS GONZÁLEZ DÍAZ
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