

MINISTERIAL DECISION

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JUST ENERGY TRANSITION WITH THE COMMUNITIES NEIGHBORING ENERGY PROJECTS

SANTIAGO, CHILE

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THE LV MEETING OF MINISTERS

CONSIDERING:

THAT in accordance with the provisions of subparagraphs c), d), f) and o) of Article 3 of the Lima Agreement, OLADE has among its objectives and functions: to promote an effective and rational policy for the exploration, exploitation, transformation and commercialization of the energy resources of the Member States; to promote the adequate preservation of the energy resources of the Region through their rational use; to advocate the industrialization of energy resources and the expansion of industries that make energy production possible; and to promote among the Member States the adoption of effective measures in order to prevent environmental pollution during the exploitation, transport, storage and use of energy resources within the region.

THAT the energy transition needed to reduce greenhouse gas emissions involves the development of energy projects, as well as the development of transmission lines to transport the energy from where it is generated to where it is consumed. In both cases, there is a conflict of interests between energy projects and other economic, social or cultural activities that take place in the territory.

THAT with greater the development of renewable energy projects, there will be greater pressure in the territories to allocate land for their use, which could generate greater social or environmental conflicts within them.

THAT Latin America and the Caribbean is a region rich in natural resources and biodiversity, with diverse indigenous peoples with heritage and sites of cultural significance that are important to preserve.

THAT, in turn, the region faces high levels of poverty to overcome, which highlights the need to better distribute the costs and benefits of energy development between the local and national levels, so that communities coexisting with energy projects can share the benefits and this contributes to local development and overcoming poverty.

THAT there are several international instruments that establish guidelines to address the above, making compatible the development of energy projects, environmental protection and human rights, as well as the participation of communities in the benefits generated by these projects, such as ILO Convention 169; the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean; the report of the Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment, John Xnox, among others.

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THAT the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean have developed various strategies from both the public and private sectors to face the aforementioned challenges, based on their own realities. And, that it would be enriching for energy development in the region to exchange experiences in order to implement best practices and move towards a common standard.

In exercise of its powers,

DECIDES:

ARTICLE ONE: TO INSTRUCT the Permanent Secretariat of OLADE to:

- a) The **creation of a regional commission for participation and territorial insertion** with representation from the member states: A working instance that monitors, evaluates and promotes citizen participation, sharing of benefits and adequate territorial insertion of energy projects, fostering the exchange between countries, the generation of content and a repository of experiences and good practices oriented to the fulfillment of relevant international commitments. The commission can be led by 2 or 3 countries and have a mirror instance in the business council.
- b) The **creation of a digital platform of experiences of public and private participation and territorial insertion in the energy sector:** A virtual space where success stories, tools and methodologies related to citizen participation, territorial insertion, benefit sharing and collaborative governance in energy projects are collected and shared.
- c) The **development of a regional citizen participation protocol:** A technical document that establishes minimum voluntary standards for citizen consultation and participation in energy projects, including conflict resolution and benefit-sharing mechanisms.
- d) Develop a **training plan for participation and governance:** training activities and exchange of experiences aimed at public officials, companies and communities to strengthen their capacities in citizen participation, environmental rights and collaborative governance.

ARTICLE TWO: TO URGE the National Coordinations of OLADE to express their commitment to ensure that energy projects relate in a harmonious manner with the territory, promoting mechanisms for access to information, respect for human rights, citizen participation in the development of projects and participation in the benefits for local development, through public or private mechanisms.

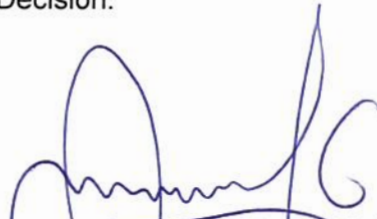
ARTICLE THREE: TO RECOGNIZE that each Member State of OLADE, in the exercise of its sovereignty and according to its population and territorial reality, designs and implements its energy projects in accordance with its circumstances, perspectives, interests, national priorities, international commitments and agreements assumed, levels of development, characteristics of its communities, endowment and availability of energy, technological, financial, budgetary and infrastructure resources, among other legal, regulatory, economic, institutional circumstances and conditions of access to energy sources, capital, financing, guaranteeing the local development of its population.

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ARTICLE FOUR: TO URGE the National Coordinations of OLADE to provide the Permanent Secretariat of OLADE with the necessary information on the development of energy projects in their countries, both from the public and private sectors, in order to contribute to the implementation of the mandate of this Ministerial Decision.



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