

THE DECLARATION OF SANTO DOMINGO

1. The organizations and university networks of Latin America and the Caribbean promoted by the UNESCO International Institute for Higher Education in Latin America and the Caribbean (IESALC/UNESCO); the Union of Latin American and Caribbean Universities (UDUAL); and the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education (IOHE) that convened at the Office of the State Secretariat for Higher Education, Science and Technology from March 9-10, 2009, hereby affirm their support for the Declaration of the Regional Conference of Higher Education-CRES and the Declaration of Panama, which were held in 2008 to develop the Latin American and Caribbean Area for Higher Education Area (ENLACES), as a means to provide cooperation and academic integration in Latin America and the Caribbean.

2. The ENLACES Declaration of Santo Domingo upholds that:

2.1 Presidents, Heads of State and Government in Latin America and the Caribbean may be sought to include Higher Education, Science and Technology in the State Policies of their respective countries.

2.2 The strategic importance of Cooperation and Regional Academic Integration for the Development of Higher Education, Science, Technology and Innovation in the structural development of Latin American and Caribbean Society be fully recognized.

2.3 The Organization of American States (OAS) and International Financial Organizations may be sought to reinforce programs and action related to Higher Education, Science and Technology in Latin America and the Caribbean.

2.4 His Excellency, Dr. Leonel Fernández, President of the Dominican Republic may be sought as Government Spokesperson for the Fifth Summit of the Americas for Heads of State and Government, which is to be held in Trinidad and Tobago in April 2009, and thereby ensure that support be included within this Declaration for the Latin American and Caribbean Area for Higher Education (ENLACES), which was created during the 2008 Regional Conference of Higher Education in Cartagena (CRES) and include the terms established in the present Declaration of Santo Domingo.

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