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## Integral Management of Fire between the Member Countries of ACTO

Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Assistance

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**10:00 - 14:00 BRT (UTC - 3h)** **Spanish | Portuguese | English** **Zoom Platform**

On June 1, 2021, the Technical Working Group of the Member Countries of the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization - ACTO: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname, and Venezuela, approved within the framework of the competencies and mandates of the PS/ACTO, the Memorandum of Understanding of Cooperation and Mutual Assistance for the Integral Management of Fire among the Member Countries of the ACTO (MOU MIF).

The latter is to deal with the ecological, social, environmental, and technical aspects of fire in an integral manner, which includes risk management and the fight against forest fires in the Amazon countries and in particular in the Amazon territories.

### I. CONTEXT

Forest fires in the Amazon represent an invaluable loss of natural, social, and economic resources; as well as biodiversity, which contributes to the worsening of climate change due to the high levels of carbon dioxide emissions resulting from the burning of organic matter. They also affect health; and they cause material damage to local populations, in addition to impacting other regions of South America.

The implementation of integral fire management is a permanent task and, in some cases, to be effective it requires an articulation between more than one country, while fires do not recognize geopolitical borders and can affect more than one country in the same event. The increasing impacts that fire in the Amazon have been causing over the last decades are the reason for the attention of different initiatives and specialist organizations in the matter.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and even though in some cases they are individual beneficiaries, ACTO Member Countries have requested in the different instances of the Organization that the PS/ACTO provide a regional approach that encompasses the eight countries beyond individual cooperation existing with the sole recommendation that ongoing regional efforts not be duplicated and rather that they be articulated with existing initiatives.



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### II. OBJECTIVES

Present at the national, regional and international levels the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance for Integral Fire Management among the Member Countries of the ACTO (MoU MIF). Likewise, provide a space for Member Countries to detail their needs and expectations regarding the implementation of the MOU within the framework of ACTO; and progress in the conformation of the Amazon Network foreseen within the MOU; and that the different participating organizations, specialists in the matter, present their actions in the Amazon in such a way that the possibilities of cooperation at the regional level are known.

### III. PROPOSED METHODOLOGY

Four thematic blocks with their respective presentations and section of questions and answers.

**I Block.** Opening and presentation of the Memorandum of Understanding for the Cooperation and Mutual Assistance for Integral Fire Management among Countries Members of the ACTO.

**II Block.** Reflections and expectations of ACTO Member Countries.

**III Block.** Opportunities for Cooperation in the International Context.

**IV Block.** Ongoing Experiences of Regional Cooperation in the Amazon Region.



Bolivia



Brazil



Colombia



Ecuador



Guyana



Peru



Suriname



Venezuela







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Preliminary Agenda



10:00 First Block - Opening and Presentation of the MoU-MIF

- . Mrs. Alexandra Moreira, Secretary General of ACTO
- . Gral. Hamilton Mourão, Vice President of Brazil and President of the National Council of the Legal Amazon (video)
- . Mr. Carlos Salinas, Director of the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO, presentation of the Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation and Mutual Assistance for Integral Fire Management among ACTO Member Countries



10:40 Second Block - Reflections and Expectations of ACTO Member Countries


Intervention by the representatives of Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, Suriname and Venezuela



11:40 Third Block - Opportunities for Cooperation in the International Context

- . Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations - FAO  
Dr. Pieter van Lierop, Officer FAORLC  
Dr. Peter Moore, Forest Officer FAO
- . International Tropical Timber Organization - ITTO  
Dr. Hwan-Ok Ma, Project Manager
- . Joint Research Center (JRC) of the European Commission  
Dr. Jesús San-Miguel, Diretor
- . Global Fire Monitoring Center - GFMC / Federal University of Tocantins  
Dr. Georg Goldammer, Director GFMC

Questions and answers



12:40 Fourth Block - Ongoing Experiences of Cooperation in Member Countries

- . National Center for Monitoring and Early Warning of Natural Disasters – Cemaden / MCTI  
Dr. Liana O. Anderson, Scientist
- . Forest Fire and Burns Program Inpe/MCTI  
Dr. Fabiano Morelli, Program Director
- . National Centre for Prevention and Fighting Fires - Prevfogo / Brazilian Institute for the Environment and Renewable Natural Resources – Ibama  
Dr. Lara Steil, Coordinator of the Department for Interagency and Burning Control - Prevfogo

Questions and answers



13:40 Final words and closing of the event - Permanent Secretariat of ACTO

- . Ambassador Carlos Alfredo Lazary, Executive Director of the Permanent Secretariat of ACTO

