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**DECLARATION OF SAN PEDRO SULA**

The member financial institutions of the Latin American Association of Development Financing Institutions (ALIDE), the international organization representing Latin American and Caribbean Development Banking, based on the deliberations of the 53rd Regular Meeting of the General Assembly in regard to the key topic of the meeting “Developing the Intrinsic Potential of Latin America and the Caribbean before the World: role and challenges of the development banking system,” held in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, from May 31 to June 2, 2023, declare the following:

- 1. We acknowledge that on the global scene we are confronting an immediate and possible risk of a worldwide economic slowdown that would result in weak growth of the regional economy, thereby limiting the scope of the efforts made by our countries to improve the well-being of our citizens.** The international economy, for its part, is facing problems that are more structural in nature. We are undergoing processes that are redefining the very foundations of the global economy; the challenges we face are systemic and the development banking system has a key role to play in supporting actions to bring about structural transformation that are essential for our long-term development, and that are inclusive, dynamic and sustainable.
- 2. We reaffirm our commitment to a sustainable economic growth that does not fail to take environmental aspects into consideration.** For that reason, the development finance institutions remain committed to creating new markets and providing access to funds for climate adaptation and mitigation projects. This will facilitate the effective mobilization of those resources with a view towards promoting a favorable environment for enabling the institutions to finance climate actions both effectively and efficiently. To that end, we will work jointly with different parties interested in overcoming the existing challenges and ensuring that the resources we administer are made available to boost sustainable activities that are in line with positive climate action.
- 3. We commit to continuing our unceasing efforts to reduce poverty and inequality in our countries.** We recognize that these endless challenges call for a constant and determined effort in order to make a profound impact on the lives of people; and that, as a result, it will be necessary to use all available financial and non-financial means, in line with the legal frameworks and institutional mandates, so as to mobilize the necessary resources and open up

opportunities for improving the quality of life of our most vulnerable citizens. We will promote more equitable distribution of the economic and social benefits by fostering the inclusion and participation of all social groups; and will, furthermore, build up the capacities of our communities by providing for the transfer of knowledge and access to pertinent information. We will seek to empower people to make informed decisions and to execute projects and productive and social undertakings that will further their own well-being and that of their communities.

4. **We will make every effort to provide resources and to serve as catalysts for raising capital from the private sector for investment in intelligent and sustainable infrastructure projects** at both the local and national levels. We will develop innovative products and supply technical assistance, with a view to closing the gap in investment in productive and social infrastructure that is so sorely needed to enhance competitiveness, positioning ourselves on better terms in the markets, positioning ourselves within our countries, creating and taking more advantage of the opportunities provided to us by the global economy, bettering our productivity, and in that way producing development that will lead us to take a leap in the quality of life of our countries.
5. **We assume the commitment to contribute to the development of the rural and agricultural sectors and to sustainable food systems in order to make full use of their potential**, by providing finance, credit, guarantees, technical assistance and integration into the value chain, in alliance with the various sectors involved, given the existence of their multisector problems, with particular attention to smallholdings, in order to help alleviate the dangers of hunger and malnutrition; considering that, as the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) points out, the world demand for agricultural products is expected to rise at a rate of 1.2% a year over the present decade, and that 87% of the increase in global production will stem from the growth in productivity, and in line with what is also stated in the Declaration of Morelia of the VII Congress of Rural and Agricultural Finance, held in 2022 by ALIDE, the Fideicomisos Instituidos en Relación con la Agricultura (FIRA) and the regional associations of agricultural credit institutions.
6. **We will continue to be actively involved in deepening and strengthening the various different regional integration and cooperation initiatives and systems**, in order to enhance the growth of trade, joint investments, physical integration, the exchange of good practices and the flow of Latin American technology, with a view towards developing the potentials offered by the regional market and that are not being used in their entirety, as in other regions of the world.
7. **We reiterate our support for SME internationalization**, for widening and facilitating finance for small and medium export firms or those with an export

potential, in order to enhance their insertion into intra-regional trade flows and increase their export of manufactured goods, inasmuch as the regional market is highly important for exports intensive in added value, knowledge and employment, and constitutes a natural market for small and medium export firms. We deem it necessary to coach these enterprises throughout the entire process of their development by providing them with financial and non-financial products suited to their needs at the different stages of their development.

8. **We firmly support the transition to clean energy**, inasmuch as the technology needed to accomplish this rests on the use of metals and minerals that are key inputs for battery production and for electrification, electric mobility and digitalization. The LAC region, given its abundant resources, has a transcendental role to play in this burgeoning provisioning with key minerals. The World Bank estimates that mining production should show growth of 500% towards the year 2050 in order to contribute to climate goals. The resources currently being exploited or the mines planned today cover only 50% of the lithium and 80% of the copper that are needed. Another resource that is coming to be seen as a key ally in this process is green hydrogen, which could position the region in a new context in the transformation of value chains.
9. **We will take part in global initiatives concerning development banking and finance**, by furthering the creation of alliances, collaboration and the ongoing exchange of knowledge and experiences among the region's development finance institutions, as well as with their counterparts in other regions, both in regard to the subject matters taken up at this meeting and others of special interest corresponding to the needs of our respective countries, and in the understanding that, just as we need to have a shared vision at the national level and for the different financial sectors and actors to work together, the same holds true at the world level in order to face up to global problems and systematic risks that transcend the borders of a given country. For that reason, we welcome the World Finance in Common Summit, better known as "Finance in Common (FIC)", which this year will be held in Latin America, in the city of Cartagena, in Colombia.
10. **We are aware that the challenges and difficulties confronting the development finance institutions are diverse and varied**, depending on the country's goals and the nature of each institution. Even so, a common aspect is that the banks should be in constant evolution, in the understanding that, as public policy tools, they always need to be in the vanguard. This is tied in with their capacity to produce innovations in the market, act counter-cyclically, and be ready and willing to support necessary structural changes. In order to accomplish these aims, they must identify new areas or sectors for promotion in order to always act as agents of change. We need to make greater efforts to bolster the work of the development banks as key actors in our countries' economic recovery. If we are able to do this in

coordination with the different public policy actors, we will be able to have a greater impact on the development and well-being of our citizens.

**11. We recognize the importance of joint efforts in leading the way towards the region's sustainable development** by integrating environmental, social and governance criteria into the actions of our institutions, in addition to building up their technical and institutional capacities, promoting social and financial inclusion, creating jobs, improving the quality of life of local communities and promoting gender equality.

**12. In concluding, we would like to express our special appreciation to** Banhprovi, Banco Hondureño para la Producción y la Vivienda; to the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) for its contribution to the sponsorship of this Assembly; to the members of the National Liaison Committee - Banco Central de Honduras and Banco Nacional de Desarrollo Agrícola de Honduras (Banadesa),- and to the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), to the allies S&P Global Intelligence and the private national and international enterprises and organizations; and to the Government officials and the citizens of San Pedro Sula for their collaboration and warm hospitality provided during the course of this 53rd Regular Meeting of the ALIDE Annual General Assembly.

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