

**AFROCONOSUR STRATEGIC ALLIANCE
ARGENTINA, BRAZIL, CHILE, PARAGUAY, URUGUAY**

PROTOCOL OF COMMITMENTS OF CAMBA CUA, ASUNCIÓN DEL PARAGUAY, IN THE
PREPARATORY FRAMEWORK OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM,
DISCRIMINATION AND XENOPHOBIA CONVENED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

Greetings to our African ancestry in the Americas which permitted us to arrive at Camba Cau to fight for dignity and development against Racism and Social exclusion.

The representatives of afro-descendent NGOs and indigenous peoples of Paraguay, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Brazil, present in the Black Community of Paraguay called Camba Cua detailed below, agree to the following commitments.

We reaffirm the Afrolatinamerican and Caribbean Alliance, created in San Jose, Costa Rica in September 2000, as an articulation of afro-descendent NGOs endowed with the legitimacy to represent and defend the interests of the afro-descendents of the American Continent and of the Caribbean in the preparatory process of the WCR convened by the UN in Durban, South Africa.

We recognise the advances made during the NGO forum and the American States Consultation carried out in Santiago de Chile on 1st and 7th December, especially the recognition of slavery as an inhuman (sic) crime and the moral, ethical and economic duty of the States to stop the damage and its consequences.

We put on record our concern for the results of the intersessional meeting carried out in Geneva 6-9 March, coordinated by the High Commissioner, which abusively and arbitrarily omitted the issue of the afro-descendents from the draft declaration and plan of action of the World Conference in Durban.

We therefore summon the members of the Alliance and their allies to an immediate meeting to evaluate the World Conference process, in the city of Caracas, Venezuela.

We decided to give an incentive to the organization of young people of afro-descent in the preparatory framework of the World Conference, affording them physical and material conditions in which to state their demands and particularities.

We decided to carry out an afro-indigenous round table on 7th and 8th in Chile, in the city of Arica, with the aim of constructing a platform of consensus around the World Conference.

The women here meeting in the path to South Africa have resolved to bring about a regional meeting in the framework of the Instituto de Formacion Afro (Afro Training Institute) in Montevideo-Uruguay between 1st and 10th July 2001.

We urge that in the plan of Action of the World Conference in Durban, there will be a fundamental tool to combat racism and discrimination, and thus that it will contain concrete measures, forgotten by the States, international financial organisations and international human rights organisations, that benefit the afro-descendents directly and indirectly.

We previously signed a joint agreement for monitoring the results of the World Conference in Durban, seeking to give them effectiveness and application in the national states of which we are a part.

We urge the State to include the subject of AFRO-DESCENDENTS in the agenda of the Summit of the Americans, to meet in Quebec, Canada 20-22 April 2001.

The Alianza Estrategica Afrodescendiente (Afro-descent Strategic Alliance) in the South Cone and Brazil, reunited at two opportunities in the week 26-31 March, in San Pablo, Brazil and Asunci³/₄n, Paraguay, with the participation of:

(see list)

Arriving at the following resolutions expressed in the protocol.

1. INDIGENOUS PEOPLES

The Indigenous Organization of Brazil, Paraguay, Chile, Bolivia and Argentina.

We express our signed support to introducing the constitution of the Afro-indigenous table to the regional level, because of the racism, discrimination, xenophobia and intolerance of the dominant western ideology.

We are fulfilling the call for the Indigenous and Afro communities that we met in the month of June in Arica, Chile to formally make up a the Afro-Indigenous Regional Table where they will formulate strategies in conjunction with one another to the benefit of our people and the construction of an equalitarian and inclusive society.

Regional Youth Meeting

The young people meeting here on the road to South Africa have resolved to bring about a regional meeting within the framework of the Instituto de Formacion Afro (Afro training institute) in Montevideo-Uruguay between 1 and 10 July 2001.

Developing the strategies and measures to be implemented in South Africa.