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Declaration of the Extraordinary ALBA-TCP Summit on Ebola

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The member countries of the Bolivarian Alliance for the Peoples of Our America, Peoples' Republics and Nations of the Extraordinary Summit to deal with the Ebola epidemic.

Reaffirming our concern about the humanitarian catastrophe in West Africa caused by the Ebola epidemic and the international concern, which has turned into a global epidemic.

Aware of the urgency with which the international community as a whole, in full cooperation with the World Health Organization (WHO), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the United Nations Mission for Ebola Emergency Response (UNMEER) is undertaking actions to deal with this scourge using all necessary resources.

Clearly understanding with concern, that the international response required in order to be able to contain a virus that could become one of the most serious pandemics in the history of humanity.

Reaffirming that ALBA-TCP is sustained on principles of solidarity, true cooperation and to the preservation of life on this planet.

Convinced that it is vital to adopt efficient and urgent cooperative measures that prevent the spread of the virus to the countries of our hemisphere.

Reaffirming the obligations established in the International Health Regulation (2005) and in the international spread of a global scale and to contain the consequences of any new

Organizations and population groups, the prevention of transmission of Ebola among persons,

Underlining that it is possible to contain the Ebola outbreak especially by applying the measures that have been considered in the emergency.

We hereby agree:

- 1 To coordinate our efforts to prevent and deal with the Ebola epidemic, including rapidly responding to hotspots, as well as to coordinate our efforts to deal with the epidemic in the region.
- 2 To deal with the emergency of the special needs of our sistering countries in the Caribbean that are affected by the Ebola epidemic.
- 3 To immediately coordinate with ALBA-TCP's Epidemiological Surveillance Alliance, the creation of February 2014, in order to coordinate our efforts to deal with the epidemic in the region.
- 4 To decisively support the voluntary medical brigades specialized in dealing with disasters and the region of Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the urgent tasks that are required in the region.
- 5 To establish national mechanisms to rapidly diagnose and isolate suspected cases of Ebola, as well as to report the patient to the national health authorities for investigation.
- 6 To share and generate capacities for the diagnosis of diseases that require laboratories of Ebola designated and carry out the preparedness campaigns about the prevention of and response to Ebola.
- 7 To provide and reinforce preventive measures for the detection and mitigation of exposure to Ebola.
- 8 To reinforce measures of epidemiological surveillance at borders, particularly at ports and airports.
- 9 To contribute to ALBA-TCP training of health care workers specialized in the prevention and control of Ebola.
- 10 To create a cadre of professionals from different specialties to train health care workers in the region, particularly in the area of infection control, and to provide technical assistance to the health care workers in the region.
- 11 To ensure the deployment of all possible health services, reserve medical teams and the necessary resources to deal with the epidemic.
- 12 To encourage scientific epidemiological and biological research on Ebola within the ALBA-TCP, the Caribbean, the Americas and the world, and to disseminate the results of the research.
- 13 To improve information mechanisms ALBA-TCP among our countries so that we may keep up to date on the epidemic and its progress.
- 14 To decisively support initiatives of the United Nations, particularly WHO, PAHO and the Emergency Committee.
- 15 To promote cooperation with other countries of the hemisphere in order to face and prevent the epidemic.
- 16 To urgently convene a technical meeting of specialists and directors of ALBA-TCP countries, in order to coordinate our strategies for the fight against the Ebola epidemic.
- 17 To charge the Ministers of Health of the ALBA-TCP countries to draw up an Action Plan in the heads of state and government of the ALBA-TCP, at the latest on 5 November 2014.
- 18 To utilize the resources available to the ALBA-TCP Executive Secretariat to support the fight against the epidemic.
- 19 To send to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela the US Secretary General, of five million dollars.
- 20 To congratulate the Republic of Cuba and its people for the demonstration of solidarity with the fight against the epidemic.

22; To propose that the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC) promotes regional efforts to prevent and control the threat of the Ebola epidemic;

23; To continue collaborating with the countries of Africa affected by the epidemic to maintain brigades specialized in combating disasters and major epidemics who are at work there;

Havana, 20 October, 2014

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