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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.

Profoundly shocked about the humanitarian catastrophe in West Africa caused by the Ebola epidemic, a new world international concern, which has been spreading to other countries and

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 what 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 the preservation of life on this planet, and commitment to the most vulnerable peoples and to

Convinced that it is vital to adopt efficient and urgent cooperation measures that through

Remembering stipulations established in the International Health Regulation (2005) and in the international spread of a global scale and to confront the consequences of any new

Taking note of WHO protocols for the prevention of transmission of Ebola among persons, organizations and population groups.

Underlining that it is possible to contain the Ebola outbreak especially by applying the

We hereby agree:

- 1 To coordinate our efforts to prevent and deal with the Ebola epidemic, including rapidly supplying and maintaining assistance among countries and communities.
- 2 To look after and identify the special needs of our sister countries in the Caribbean that are affected by the epidemic.
- 3 To immediately activate the ALBA-TCP's Epidemiological Surveillance Alliance Network that was created in February 2014 in Caracas.
- 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 this region.
- 5 To establish national mechanisms to rapidly diagnose and isolate suspected cases of Ebola, as they are reported by the patient or obtained by the epidemiological investigation, and to expose them.
- 6 To share and generate capacities for the diagnosis of diseases that require laboratories of appropriate biosafety levels.
- 7 To design and carry out the preparedness campaigns about the prevention of and response to Ebola.
- 8 To provide and reinforce preventive measures for the detection and mitigation of exposure to Ebola.
- 9 To reinforce measures of epidemiological surveillance at borders, particularly at ports and airports.
- 10 To contribute to the ALBA-TCP training of health care workers specialized in the prevention and control of exposure to Ebola.
- 11 To create a cadre of professionals from different specialties to train health care workers in the detection and diagnosis of the respective diseases and critical patients, that might be affected by the disease.
- 12 To ensure the deployment of all possible health services, reserve medical teams and the necessary resources.
- 13 To encourage scientific epidemiological and biological research on Ebola within the ALBA-TCP summit, medical and health professionals of the countries of the Alliance, contributing to the knowledge of the disease.
- 14 To improve information mechanisms ALBA-TCP among countries so that we may keep up to date on the situation of the epidemic case.
- 15 To decisively support initiatives of the United Nations of particularly WHO/PAHO Regulations Emergency Committee.
- 16 To promote cooperation with other countries of the hemisphere in order to face and prevent the epidemic.
- 17 To urgently convene a technical meeting of specialists and directors of ALBA-TCP countries, in prevention and control strategies for the fight of the Ebola epidemic, as well as to draw up the plan of action.
- 18 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 of 5 November, 2014, by the Ministers of Health.
- 19 To utilize the resources available to the ALBA-TCP Executive Secretariat to support the countries of the Alliance.
- 20 To send to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela the Secretary General, of five million dollars for the fight of the epidemic.
- 21 To congratulate the Republic of Cuba and its people for the demonstration of solidarity with the people of the region.

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 confronting disasters and major epidemics who are at work there;

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