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DECISION 645

GRANTING OF THE STATUS OF ASSOCIATE
MEMBER COUNTRY OF THE ANDEAN
COMMUNITY TO THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE

THE ANDEAN COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING
IN ENLARGED SESSION WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES TO
THE ANDEAN COMMUNITY COMMISSION,

HAVING SEEN: Articles 1, 3, 16, 17, 20, 22, 51, 52, 136 and 137 of the Cartagena Agreement, as codified through Decision 563, and the application for incorporation as an Associate Member of the Andean Community presented by the Republic of Chile; and

WHEREAS: Among the objectives of the Cartagena Agreement is to facilitate the Member Countries' participation in the regional integration process, with a view toward the gradual formation of a Latin American common market;

During the Third Meeting of South American Presidents, the Heads of State decided to form the South American Community of Nations through the integration and cooperation of the nations in the political, economic, social and cultural spheres;

The convergence of the Andean Community and the Members of MERCOSUR and Chile shall make it possible to gradually form the South American Community of Nations;

The Cartagena Agreement stipulates that only those countries that have not only expressed their interest, but have also signed a free trade agreement with the Member Countries of the respective constitutive instrument, may be granted the status of Associate Member;

The Republic of Bolivia, in reliance on the 1980 Montevideo Treaty and Resolution 2 of the ALADI Council of Ministers, signed Economic Complementarity Agreement AAP.CE 22 in order to form a free trade area with the Republic of Chile;

The Republic of Colombia, in reliance on the 1980 Montevideo Treaty and Resolution 2 of the ALADI Council of Ministers, signed Economic Complementarity Agreement AAP.CE 24 in order to form a free trade area with the Republic of Chile;

The Republic of Ecuador, in reliance on the 1980 Montevideo Treaty and Resolution 2 of the ALADI Council of Ministers, signed Economic Complementarity Agreement AAP.CE 32 in order to form a free trade area with the Republic of Chile;

The Republic of Peru, in reliance on the 1980 Montevideo Treaty and Resolution 2 of the ALADI Council of Ministers, signed Eco-

conomic Complementarity Agreement AAP.CE 38 in order to form a free trade area with the Republic of Chile;

The plenipotentiary representatives of the Member Countries to the Andean Community Commission expressed their agreement in writing with the draft Decision on Chile's incorporation into the Andean Community as an Associate Member Country and for that reason the respective proposal was submitted to the Andean Council of Foreign Ministers on September 20, 2006, with the favorable opinion of the General Secretariat; and

The Andean Council of Foreign Ministers meeting at their Twenty-second Enlarged Session in New York City accepted the cited proposal and expressed its consensus on the granting of associate membership to the Republic of Chile;

DECIDES:

Article 1.- To grant Associate Membership status in the Andean Community to the Republic of Chile.

Article 2.- The Republic of Chile may be invited to participate in meetings of the organs and institutions of the Andean Integration System at the initiative of the organ or institution itself or in response to that country's request to address matters of common interest.

When the Republic of Chile's permanent participation as an Associate Member Country in any of the cited organs or institutions is agreed, that participation shall be governed by the applicable regulations in each case.

Article 3.- The Republic of Chile, on the one hand, and the Andean Community Member Countries, on the other, shall form a Joint Commission in order to, within a period of one hundred and eighty (180) days after of its installation, examine the organs, mechanisms and measures of the Cartagena Agreement in which the Republic of Chile shall participate and shall define the scope of its association.

The Joint Commission shall enjoy the technical support of the Andean Community General Secretariat and shall start working within ninety (90) days after the signing of this Decision.

Article 4.- The Republic of Chile and the Andean Community Member Countries shall continue to heed, in their reciprocal relations and as applicable, the rules stipulated in Economic Complementarity Agreements ACE 22, ACE 24, ACE 38 or ACE 32, signed in reliance on the 1980 Montevideo Treaty and Resolution 2 of the ALADI Council of Ministers and any addendums or amendments thereto.

Article 5.- The Republic of Chile and the Andean Community Member Countries shall periodically evaluate the scope of their association, with a view toward deepening their relations.

Signed in New York City, United States on the twentieth of September of two thousand and six.

Perspective

