

Meeting of South American presidents in Brazil ends with the Brasilia Consensus



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The nine-point document states that the leaders of South American countries met, at the invitation of Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva, to exchange views and perspectives for cooperation and integration in the region.

Among the points established was the reaffirmation of the common vision that South America constitutes a region of peace and cooperation, based on dialogue and respect for the diversity of peoples, "committed to democracy and human rights, sustainable development and social justice, the rule of law and institutional stability, the defense of sovereignty and non-interference in internal affairs".

They also agreed that the world faces multiple challenges in the face of a scenario of climate crisis, risks of new pandemics, increased social inequalities, threats to institutional and democratic stability, among others.

"They agreed that regional integration must be part of the solutions to face the shared challenges of building a peaceful world; strengthening democracy; promoting economic and social development; combating poverty, hunger and all forms of inequality and discrimination; promoting gender equality; orderly, safe and regular migration management; and tackling climate change, including through innovative mechanisms for financing climate action," the text indicated.

The leaders pledged to work to increase trade and investment among the countries of the region; improve infrastructure and logistics; strengthen value chains; implement trade facilitation and financial integration measures; eliminate unilateral measures; and improve market access through the network of economic complementation agreements.

They also recognized the importance of maintaining regular dialogue to promote the integration process in South America and project the region's voice in the world.

Another point was the decision to establish a contact group, headed by the foreign ministers, with the objective of evaluating the experiences of South American integration mechanisms and the preparation of a road map for South American integration, which will be submitted for consideration by the heads of state.

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