

# *Peru and Colombia Sign 11 Accords at First Joint Cabinet Meeting*

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Iquitos, October 2 (Andina-RHC) — The governments of Peru and Colombia signed eleven agreements after Tuesday's talks between presidents of both nations and their respective ministerial teams, who flew to the Amazon city of Iquitos in Peru to attend the long-awaited First Binational Cabinet Meeting.

The Tuesday gathering opened earlier in the day in the presence of Peruvian President Ollanta Humala, Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos and their ministers.

At the opening ceremony held at Peru's naval base facilities in Iquitos, Peruvian President Ollanta Humala said that the first-ever Peru-Colombia bi-national Cabinet meeting was a "historic step" for bilateral integration and an opportunity for both countries to reach agreements aimed at improving the quality of life of their peoples.

The key event held at Peru's naval base facilities located in the rain-forest region of Loreto, convened authorities of the two countries to discuss about governance, social and development affairs, trade opportunities, security and defense, and border issues.

This two-nation meeting confirms the excellent relations between the two neighboring countries. Its purpose was to further enlarge the bilateral agenda and boost sectoral cooperation, especially in the common border area.

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