



XI Mines Ministries of the Americas Conference (XI CAMMA)

Convened by the Ministry of Mines and Energy of the Federative Republic of Brazil, the Ministers and Head of Delegations present at the XI Mines Ministries of the Americas Conference, virtually organized in 28th September, 2021, agreed the following:

DECLARATION

- We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegation, express our concern about the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic in all countries of the region. We believe that the mineral industry plays a central role in the post-pandemic recovery, as metals and minerals are essential resources for improving quality of life, and promoting economic growth and equity for future generations;
- We aim at enhancing regional cooperation to promote and share information and experiences between the Mines Ministers of the Americas in order to improve mining resources governance and ensure its contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals;
- We also aim to contribute to the mitigation of climate change through the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in the mining sector, also bearing in mind the important role of critical and strategic minerals for energy transition, as well as the fulfilling of the Paris Agreement.
- We wish to foster partnerships and cooperation with the industry and other interested stakeholders to expand the benefits of mining and its social economic impacts on local communities;
- We are grateful for the Latin American Mining Organization (OLAMI)'s continued support in the organization of the XI CAMMA.

In view of the above,

The Mines Ministries of the Americas, with due respect of national jurisdictions, agree as follows:

1. Establish a Coordinator Committee, presided by the Federative Republic of Brazil, with representatives from North America, Canada (primary) and Mexico (alternate); Central America, Honduras (primary) and Panama (alternate); the Caribbean, Dominican Republic (primary) and Jamaica



(alternate), South America, with the exception of MERCOSUR, Ecuador (primary) and Colombia (alternate) and the MERCOSUR, Uruguay (primary) and Argentina (alternate).

2. To take into consideration the projects identified in the report of the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF), named “regional supply chains to foster critical minerals”, (Annex I) as inputs and contribution for the definition of national policies, and which may be discussed at the CAMMA intersessional meeting during PDAC 2022.
3. The following themes of common interest could be analyzed in 2021 and 2022:
 - Energy efficiency in the mining industry;
 - Mining and metals for the energy transition;
 - The use of mining waste.
4. We are grateful for the support of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (CEPAL), the Association of Iberoamerican Geological and Mining Surveys (ASGMI), the Intergovernmental Forum on Mining, Minerals, Metals and Sustainable Development (IGF), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) and the Brazilian Mining Institute (IBRAM);
5. Taking into account that Dominican Republic has volunteered to hold the XII CAMMA in 2022, we thank and accept such proposition;
6. To organize the intersessional meeting in Toronto during PDAC 2022 to gauge the progress achieved and prepare the 2022 work plan;
7. In order to collaborate in the organization of conferences, meetings and other CAMMA events, we appoint Roberto Sarudiansky to work in coordination with the Executive Secretary, the Coordinator Committee and the Technical Secretary;
8. We congratulate the Federative Republic of Brazil for its professionalism in organizing the XI CAMMA.

In witness thereof the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Declaration.