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JOINT STATEMENT
ON THE QHAPAQ ÑAN – ANDEAN ROAD SYSTEM

The Heads of State and Government of the Union of South American Nations –
UNASUR;

Recalling the Joint Declaration signed by the Presidents of Argentina and Chile and the
Presidents of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, on the occasion of the XVII Summit
of the Rio Group (Cusco, May 23, 2003), and the Joint Declaration by the Ministers of
Foreign Affairs signed on the occasion of the XX Ibero-American Summit in Mar del
Plata in 2010;

Given the significance of Qhapaq Ñan - Andean Road System, a road network which
covers the roads built by the pre-Inca people inhabiting our territories, reused and
completed during the Inca period, and that due to its extension, integrity and
authenticity is one of the archaeological monuments of greater magnitude and
significance in the world;

Highlighting the example of physical, cultural, social and economic integration that has
been represented up to now by Qhapaq Ñan in America;

DECLARE:

Support for the nomination process of Qhapaq Ñan to the World Heritage List of
UNESCO, promoted by the governments of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia,
Ecuador and Peru, and the work done by these countries towards ensuring standards
for its conservation and management compatible with its outstanding universal value;

Support for the diplomatic, technical and institutional efforts made so far in the
framework of this process, which demonstrate a form of real cultural integration through
research, record and preservation of the outstanding universal values of the prehispanic
continental communication system in the Andes;

Appreciation for the work of international support and coordination provided by the
World Heritage Center of UNESCO to the governments of Argentina, Bolivia, Chile,
Colombia, Ecuador and Peru, whose concerted action has been recognized by the
World Heritage Committee as an example of good practice for the development of
transnational nominations, and highlight them as a real example of international cultural
cooperation;

Emphasize that throughout the whole process priority has been given to a plural
reading of history through interdisciplinary work by which archaeology, anthropology
and ethno-history in the Andean region seek to engage in dialogue and find a balance
between conservation and development for the communities in the region that have
participated in this initiative;

Support all national and multinational efforts being made by the governments of
Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru towards the formal presentation
of the candidacy of Qhapaq Ñan to the World Heritage List of UNESCO in January
2013 and formulate our best wishes for the successful conclusion of this process.

Lima, November 30th, 2012