JOINT DECLARATION BETWEEN STATES PARTIES TO THE FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT OF THE PACIFIC ALLIANCE AND THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT

THE ORGANISATION FOR ECONOMIC CO-OPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT (OECD) ON ONE PART, AND THE REPUBLIC OF CHILE, THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA, THE UNITED MEXICAN STATES AND THE REPUBLIC OF PERU (JOINTLY REFERRED TO AS THE "PACIFIC ALLIANCE") ON THE OTHER, HEREINAFTER DENOMINATED "THE PARTICIPANTS":

RECOGNISING that the Pacific Alliance, is a regional integration initiative, established in April 2011, by the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Colombia, the United Mexican States and the Republic of Peru whose main objectives are to strengthen growth, development and competitiveness and to build an area of deep integration that will move progressively towards the free flow of capital, goods, people, and services among its members;

RECOGNISING that the OECD is an international organisation, in which Member and non Member States cooperate to pursue domestic and international policies to promote sustainable economic growth, raise living standards, and thus contribute to the development of the world economy;

DECIDED to strengthen the friendship, solidarity and cooperation between the Participants;

CONVINCED of the importance of free trade for the improvement of competitiveness, the importance of the promotion of sustainable economic development and social inclusion;

GUIDED by our values of democracy based on the rule of law and respect of human rights, and a shared goal of sustainable development in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its UN Sustainable Development Goals;

HIGHLIGHTING the progress achieved by the Pacific Alliance towards the free circulation of goods, services, capitals and people, and its establishment as an economic-commercial platform with global projection, with emphasis in Asia-Pacific;

CONSIDERING that the links between the OECD and the Pacific Alliance are underpinned by the closeness of the four Pacific Alliance members and the OECD;

RECOGNISING that the Pacific Alliance and the OECD have collaborated to date in various fields including in the fields of Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) and gender, where the OECD has produced specific reports;

MINDFUL of potential synergies derived from the fact that 29 OECD Members are Observers to the Pacific Alliance; and that the OECD has a strong interaction with most, if not all, Observer States of the Pacific Alliance through different engagement platforms including Key Partners, Country Programmes, Regional Programmes and the OECD Development Centre.

DECLARE:

- Their commitment to establish solid, productive, strategic and longstanding ties, strengthening co-operation between the Participants based on a shared vision of the benefits of multilateral cooperation, economic integration, the exchange of best practices and the promotion and implementation of OECD standards.
- 2. Their interest to promote greater synergies between the economic integration process advanced in the technical groups of the Pacific Alliance and the policy dialogue and analytical tools developed in OECD committees, in line with the objective of the Pacific Alliance to move towards the free circulation of goods, services, capital and people among the States Parties to the Framework Agreement of the Pacific Alliance.
- 3. Their intention to facilitate synergies between the cooperation of Observer States of the Pacific Alliance and the platforms of cooperation and policy dialogue of OECD.
- 4. The intention of the Pacific Alliance to:
 - a. consider the OECD as one of the strategic partners on policy issues and facilitator in the relationship with Pacific Alliance's Observer States;
 - build synergies in areas of mutual interest with the Pacific Alliance technical groups and the OECD committees and working parties as well as the OECD Latin American and the Caribbean Regional Programme "LACRP" on similar issues;
 - c. aim for high policy standards based as appropriate on OECD legal instruments.
- 5. The intention of the OECD to consider the cooperation with the Pacific Alliance as a relevant component of their engagement with the Latin America and the Caribbean region, and the promotion and dissemination of good policy practices and standards for better global governance.
- 6. Their decision to collaborate in areas of cooperation of mutual benefit, which will include, but not limited to:
- a. connectivity;
- b. digital economy;
- c. education;
- d. environment;
- e. gender;

- f. global value chains;
- g. innovation;
- h. international regulatory cooperation;
- i. investment;
- j. public procurement;
- k. regulatory policy;
- 1. small and medium enterprises (SMEs);
- m. trade facilitation:
- n. trade in services.
- 7. Their interest to cooperate by various means, which will include, but not be limited to:
- a) organisation of meetings, seminars, workshops, training sessions on topics of mutual interest;
- b) collaboration in studies, peer reviews and projects;
- c) preparation and dissemination of regional publications;
- d) development of specific cooperation activities and projects in previously agreed areas; and
- e) exchange of information, data and material.
- 8. Their interest to explore jointly opportunities to carry out projects, activities and to find financial sources.
- 9. Their decision that any specific activities are subject to their inclusion in the Participants' respective programmes of work and budgets and to the availability of funds; and that they shall be carried out in accordance with the Participants' respective rules and practices.
- 10. Their decision to consolidate at the beginning of each Pro-Tempore Presidency of the Pacific Alliance, the collaborative activities, if any, to be undertaken during that period in separate written agreements that may be entered into by the Participants under this Declaration.
- 11. Their decision to assess periodically the advances in the cooperation and progress on implementation of this Joint Declaration.
- 12. Their decision to appoint as focal points responsible for the implementation of this Declaration, the National Coordinators of the Pacific Alliance and the Latin America and the Caribbean Division of the OECD Global Relations Secretariat.
- 13. Their interest in implementing this Declaration for a period of 5 years, which may be renewed by the Participants.

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