

PROCUREMENT OF STRATEGIC MATERIALS

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The Acting Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

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MINISTRY OF
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MR. AMBASSADOR:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that the Government of Colombia, in its desire to increase its contribution to hemispheric defense and mindful of Resolution XV of Havana approved by Law number 20, 1941, of the Republic of Colombia, and the resolutions adopted by the Conference of Ministers at Rio de Janeiro on strategic materials, is disposed to facilitate the exploitation and production of such materials within its territories, as follows:

I. The Government of Colombia will make available to the Government of the United States of America, or to the respective official entities of that Government, all the basic or strategic materials necessary for the defense of the hemisphere found on public property. The exploitation and production of such items will be effected in accordance with the laws governing such matters.

II. The Government of Colombia will take the necessary steps to assure exclusive export to the United States of America of basic and strategic materials found on private property or produced by private individuals. Such exportation may be effected through the agencies of the Government of the United States or directly by interested parties. The foregoing does not imply any exclusive right of exploitation, production, purchase, sale, transportation, or commerce in such materials or products within the territory of the Republic to any person or entity whatsoever.

III. The Government of the United States will periodically inform the Colombian Government confidentially of such items considered as basic or strategic for the purpose of carrying out this agreement. The Government of