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**1st Joint Meeting of ALBA-TCP Ministers of Agriculture and Fisheries**

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Committed to continue advancing jointly in the economic horizon of the 2030 ALBA Strategic Agenda, the Ministers and High-Level Authorities of Agriculture and Fisheries of ALBA-TCP met to promote productive initiatives in the ALBA Shared Economic Development Zone, as well as to propose strategies for sharing material resources, aiming to generate the greatest possible happiness for our peoples through joint actions.

Convinced that, as part of the natural processes of cooperation and understanding among our peoples, fair and equitable trade stands as a pillar for regional and global integration. This, when enhanced by expanded and efficient maritime connectivity, will facilitate the flow of goods and services, stimulating economic growth, significantly increasing the geographic scope of trade, and developing greater employment opportunities. Consequently, commercial exchange, supported by robust maritime infrastructure, becomes a driving force for reducing poverty, promoting equity, and strengthening the social fabric.

Determined to undertake actions aimed at achieving the goals set forth by our Heads of State within the framework of the 12th Extraordinary and Special Summit of the Peoples and Governments of the ALBA-TCP countries, held virtually on February 3, 2025, in which it was agreed to advance in the launch of the ALBA Azul project and strengthen AGROALBA as an instrument of regional cooperation and integration, the ministers and high-level authorities addressed the following work agenda:

Expansion of the AGROALBA Project:

* Development of agroecological regenerative agriculture techniques.
* Exchange of experiences and research to determine regenerative agriculture and livestock protocols.
* The standardization of sanitary certificates for the export of agricultural and livestock products.

ALBA AZUL Initiative:

* The constitution of an ALBA-TCP fishing fleet
* The standardization of sanitary certificates for the export of fishery and aquaculture products.
* Holding of the First Meeting of Researchers and Scientists on fisheries and aquaculture of ALBA-TCP.
* Creation of a Network of Research Centers and Institutes on fisheries and aquaculture of ALBA-TCP.
* The use of the existing technical and productive capacities of the Ezequiel Zamora Fish Farming Complex.

**In this sense, they agreed to:**

1. Consolidate AGROALBA as a strategic mechanism for cooperation and integration of ALBA-TCP, aimed at strengthening agricultural, livestock and agro-industrial production in member countries, by developing strategic alliances to facilitate access to productive land, according to the capacities and needs of each nation.
2. Provide technical and logistical support to guarantee the effective production of items prioritized for the food sovereignty of our peoples, promoting a sustainable, solidary and complementary development model.
3. Formalize the creation of a regional investment fund for agri-food development, prioritizing sustainable production and agro-industrial transformation projects.
4. Work on the implementation of a unified phytosanitary and zoo-sanitary certification system to facilitate agricultural and livestock trade within ALBA-TCP.
5. Move forward with the regional standardization of phytosanitary and zoo sanitary certificates for agricultural, livestock, fishery and aquaculture products, as part of a unified certification system to facilitate trade within ALBA-TCP. It is suggested that a regional technical committee be created to design and implement this system, with a 12-month deadline for the adoption of common regulations and the integration of sanitary control mechanisms.
6. Adopt a regional plan to promote regenerative and agroecological agriculture, ensuring sustainable production and the efficient use of natural resources.
7. Create a program for the transfer of knowledge and agroecological technologies among member countries, prioritizing the training of producers and technicians in regenerative practices.
8. Work on developing a common agroecology protocol adapted to the production conditions of each country.
9. Establish a joint fishing fleet as a mechanism to boost and strengthen economic, supportive, and complementary relations among the Alliance's member States.
10. Create a network of research centers in the fishing, aquaculture, and related sciences sectors within ALBA-TCP, with the aim of strengthening scientific research and innovation in the sector.
11. Establish the ALBA-TCP Bloc for participation in any fisheries and aquaculture integration mechanism in the region, as well as in various intergovernmental forums related to the sector, such as the Fisheries COFI, Aquaculture COFI, and subcommittees such as the Fisheries Management Committee.
12. Design a common framework for the use of fishery resources shared among ALBA-TCP members.
13. Create an Ad Hoc group, or a Fisheries and Aquaculture working group of the ALBA-TCP.
14. Include the fishing and aquaculture sector in the ALBA-TCP Social Council, as well as incorporate it into the ALBA-TCP Council of Social Movements.

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