



**United Nations General Assembly I Sixth Committee**

**Observer status for the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization in the General Assembly (Agenda item 178)**

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Mr. Chair,

I thank the delegation of Bolivia for introducing this resolution inviting the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer. Brazil takes the floor to express its support as a cosponsor for this resolution.

Over decades, the Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization has been developing important cooperation projects in the Amazon region with respect to the protection of biodiversity, forests, water, and rights of

indigenous peoples. It has been addressing the three dimensions of sustainable development — economic, social and environmental — in a balanced and integrated manner, in line with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by the General Assembly in 2015.

The Amazon Cooperation Treaty Organization, a reference in technical cooperation in the Amazon, has been working with trusted global and regional partners who support the implementation of different initiatives in its portfolio: the Inter-American Development Bank (IABD), the Global Environment Facility (GEF), the United Nations Environment Program (UNEP), the KfW Development Bank, the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ), Euroclima, the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF), among others.

In addition, the Amazon Treaty Cooperation Organization currently has observer status within the United Nations Forum on Forests, actively contributing to its activities. The Organization could thus bring significant added value to the work of the General Assembly, while

deepening and amplifying its overall cooperation with the UN system. Furthermore, as observer to the General Assembly, it could bring valuable expertise in discussions related to forests, biodiversity and water.

I thank you.