

**JOINT DECLARATION BETWEEN THE MINISTERS OF JUSTICE,
INTERIOR AND SECURITY FOR A MERCOSUR FREE OF TRAFFICKING
AND ORGANIZED CRIME.**

CONSIDERING the need to address the problem of the fight against organized crime in our region from an intersectoral coordinated perspective that unifies our human, logistic and cooperation resources.

ASSUMING the importance to deepen the commitment of MERCOSUR towards the PAcCTO program on issues such as security, justice, and prison matters.

UNDERSTANDING the importance of making a study and exploring the jurisdictional alternatives aimed to the integral fight against organized crime and the impunity on all fronts. In the meeting between the Ministers of Justice, Minister of Interior and Security, they declare:

1. The importance of channeling the joint action between the limits of our abilities to accomplish a “MERCOSUR free of drug trafficking” and a “MERCOSUR free of organized crime”.
2. Consolidate joint commitment with PAcCTO in matters of security, justice and prisons.
3. Study the viability and explore the alternatives aimed to fight transnational organized crime. Avoid impunity as an initiative of the Latin American and Caribbean Criminal Court Against Transnational Organized Crime (COPLA).
4. Express their condemnation and most energetic rejection of the attacks towards magistrates, police forces and State Agents that fight against transnational organized crime.
5. The ministers took notice of Brazil’s proposal of launching a South American security initiative as a platform of the organization, exchange and cooperation between the Ministries of Security and Interior, to whom it would correspond to facilitate the organization and coordination of operational activities.