



CONSEJO FEDERAL DE INVERSIONES

**"NUEVO CUYO"**  
**Agreements Signed**  
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# INTRODUCTION

A new model of regional reality is arising in Argentina, a model which is not established by central planning. Developed from a cohesion of different societies, it is a system in which provincial and local institutions are the main sources of change and integration.

This concept, implying thought and action toward the future, with the Nation, States and Provinces joining together in a process of profound change, is realized in the **Nuevo Cuyo Economic Integration Agreement**, (Tratado de Integración Económica del Nuevo Cuyo), signed on January 22nd 1988 by the then-governors of the Provinces of **La Rioja**, Dr. Carlos Saúl Menem; **Mendoza's**, Lic. José Octavio Bordón; **San Juan's**, Dr. Carlos Enrique Gómez Centurión, and Dr. Adolfo Rodríguez Saa from **San Luis**.

The spirit of that Agreement is now made stronger, in a time when Argentina is undergoing one of the most complex stages of its history. Argentina is leaving behind an old exhausted model of government and is replacing it with a new scheme of development, focusing on a global transformation of the Argentine society. Because of this the protagonism of the territorial identities become essential.

The long economic crises that have changed the local horizons and production patterns, together with the industrial promotion policies, have led to a redistribution of activities, new industrial locations, and transformations in the methods of agricultural production, resulting in considerable alterations to the regional features of capital accumulation.

Progress is being made by directing production towards foreign markets, and accepting, either implicitly or explicitly, their guidelines and practices, with the need for a productive reconversion enabling Argentina to enter those markets efficiently and competitively.

The establishment of an expanded market calls for deeper transformations by setting forth such regionalizations that meet the requirements of a productive internalization, and those of the specific form at a regional level—subcontinental integration.

As a whole, this may be described as a process of regional "desestructuración-reestructuración" (dismantling old structures and reorganizing them into new models), replacing some economic channels while creating others.

The reconversion process Argentina is now involved in finds a positive attitude in the provinces towards accepting this historic

challenge. Their acceptance is reflected in many initiatives, such as creative responses aimed at giving a new significance to their own resources and the creation of new alternatives of investment and opportunities for employment, through non-conventional actions and measures, coordinated by the respective local jurisdictions to accomplish common objectives.

The ongoing transformations produce two ways of visualizing the concept of region, viz: the traditional one—unchanging, predetermined and subject to territorial limits—and the new regionalization, a system based on production channels that break old structures the political limits of which are the provinces.

Under decentralization, an essential component of this process, local initiatives and interprovincial united action are given considerable relevance. The creation of organic territorial areas paves the way for greater regional equity in the decision-making process.

Refederalization, also of vital importance at present, provides the country with a renewed identity through not merely formal but actual participation of the communities that form the provinces.

This implies a real process, developing from social consent, identification of matters necessities of mutual concern, and the possibility of creating appropriate means of management.

Therefore, the acting governors of **La Rioja**, Mr. Bernabé J. Arnaudo; of **Mendoza**, Lic. Rodolfo Gabrielli; of **San Juan**, Lic. Jorge Alberto Escobar, and of **San Luis**, Dr. Adolfo Rodríguez Saa, as true interpreters of the reality of their respective provinces, do not only ratify the effect of the **Nuevo Cuyo Economic Integration Agreement** (Tratado de Integración Económica del Nuevo Cuyo), but expressly declare their intention to extend the original scope of the Agreement, in order to encompass all the matters of their mutual concern.

The text of the Nuevo Cuyo Economic Integration Agreement, signed on January 22nd 1988 by the governors of La Rioja, Mendoza, San Juan and San Luis, is as follows:

**TEXT OF THE NUEVO CUYO  
ECONOMIC INTEGRATION AGREEMENT**

## IN VIEW OF:

*The necessity to strengthen our democratic way of life and reaffirm the federal frame of government, in an environment of serious crisis affecting regional economies, as well as an international situation that hinders an integral, harmonious and participative growth of both Nation and Region, and*

## WHEREAS:

*That the course of the history of nations has resulted in deep social and economic differences, thus determining the existence of poor and rich regions in relation to a geographical expansion of the productive frontiers, delineating uneven levels of economic achievement of their inhabitants potential;*

*That national reality shows that Argentina has not escaped this historical process; it is, therefore, necessary to direct the active role of the different provinces concerned, stressing decentralization as a means of releasing the creative capabilities of the regional communities to solve their major problems, and to advance them towards higher levels of organization;*

*That federalism is hereby reaffirmed as an expression of a fruitful relationship with the State, based on the actual protagonism of the Provinces, within a democratic system of justice and participation, within the frame of the Interprovincial Agreements established in Section 107 of the Constitution of the Argentine Nation, and the provincial provisions thereof;*

*That in order to achieve the aforementioned objectives, all efforts of integration and cooperation by free will established by the signing provinces are encouraged, aimed at a united contribution towards overcoming common problems, and increasing the integral capacity of development;*

*That the fulfilment of the above-mentioned goals will enable the identification of interests that will meet community expectations, firmly defending the role of Argentina in international decisions, and simultaneously exerting every effort at the domestic level to produce steady economic, technological and cultural development;*

*That in view of the contradictory and unfavorable trends, it is essential to strengthen the national identity, which implies a sovereign*

*control over natural resources, a unified and integrative interaction with the Latin America brother-nations, and greater influence in the international decision-making process;*

*That the present economic situation reflects conflicts stemming from protectionist regulations that interfere with the normal relationship between different countries and regions, limiting the narrow scope of Latin America's development possibilities, and being one of the reasons for its dependance and weakness;*

*That making a rational and complementary use of the geographical areas determined by the national boundaries ensures prosperity and autonomy for the Latin American nations, requiring united efforts in order to redirect the commercial trends, give priority to regional goods for domestic supply, fight protectionism, and create new ways to commerce, in order to acquire a more effective negotiating position with more developed countries. In this sense, the opening of the Pacific Axis is considered essential for assuming a more important role in the international economy;*

*That this integration necessarily implies the achievement of national objectives, composed of the effective sovereign exercise of the political decisions, the right to exert control over the exploitable resources of the Southern Cone, and the absolute power over the natural resources with regard to exploiting them. Integration also implies the strengthening of the national and Latin American spirit, from those international relations standards that best suit the Nation, and the region that make up the signing provinces;*

*That the growth of the regional economy must be supported by the protagonism of the different social, economic and cultural sectors, working within an adequate framework of solid, united intergovernment cooperation, deeply established in the region, in order to achieve a successful decentralization of administrative matters, and an actual participation in the decision-making process;*

*That only through a high concept of interprovincial solidarity can the global-regional interests can be defended, in the light of the individual expectations of each province, related to their right to the resource-sharing, the sovereignty implied in the federal principles, the power to legislate in a way they deem convenient, the integral defense of their development, the increase of the value-added, and the preservation and encouragement of their own cultural values;*

*That the regional integration understood in this way - united, participative, creative, and rational- will bring about the necessary solutions for present and future generations, improve the welfare of the Latin American nations, and increase the possibility of recovering pride and respect for their cultural heritage;*

**THEREFORE:**

*The Governors of the Provinces of La Rioja, DR. CARLOS SAUL MENEM; of Mendoza, Licenciado JOSE OCTAVIO BORDON; of San Juan, DR. CARLOS ENRIQUE GOMEZ CENTURION; and of San Luis, DR. ADOLFO RODRIGUEZ SAA,*

**AGREE:**

- 1.- To strengthen the integration of the Region by improving the means of communication and transportation, promote the supply of regional goods and services, at both local and international levels, and encourage productive and commercial relations with other countries, especially the ones of Latin America;*
- 2.- To set down the guidelines of participative and integrative regional planning in matters of mutual concern;*
- 3. To promote and integrate the exploitation and commercialization of regional mining production and adopt an adequate system of transportation and tariffs to ensure profitability;*
- 4. To promote industrial installations and provide for the integration and common undertakings;*
- 5.- To encourage the creation and/or support of interprovincial financing bodies, (as in the case of C.O.F.I.R.O.- Financial Cooperation for the Western Region of Argentina - which manages service supplies, public works, and the growth of local economic power, aimed at regional productive investment);*
- 6.- To take joint measures to obtain foreign capital and financing resources;*
- 7.- To support the integral exploitation of tourism resources of the region;*
- 8.- To motivate and encourage improvement, standardization, and*



- quality control of the regional goods through technical assistance and joint measures for plant-health control;*
- 9.- To jointly participate in establishing the national foreign trade policy by seeking a harmonious and simplified export/import system , with the operating entities located in the Provinces and/ or the Region;*
  - 10.-To encourage the creation and organization of a joint-venture associations of regional exports, or of any such appropriate form of agency to increase the regional export potential;*
  - 11.-To establish effective channels of communication, and enable consulting and management solidarity in matters of mutual concern;*
  - 12.-To encourage the transformation and complementation of the farming industry, for the purpose of entering into consumer markets;*
  - 13.-To promote the creation of a regional data base network that will provide necessary information on market trends and allow entranced product orientation;*
  - 14.-To carry out research plans and agreements with universities, institutions, and teaching organizations within the scope of the objectives herein stated;*
  - 15.-To encourage a better physical integration with the Republic of Chile and provide for the infrastructure necessary for its achievement and an increase in the flow of goods and services;*
  - 16.-For this purpose, the Governors of the signing Provinces shall establish an Assembly of Governors, which shall be the supreme authority in relation to the definition of the guidelines concerning this Agreement. An Executive Committee shall be created to assist the Assembly of Governors, composed of the Ministers of Economy of the Provinces of San Juan and Mendoza, and the Ministers of Treasury and Public Works of La Rioja and San Luis, who shall be in charge of submitting proposals and executing the operative actions for putting such proposals into practice. The Assembly and the Committee shall define their own Regulation. The Executive Committee shall entrust the Coordination of its duties to a Technical Secretariat, which shall be filled by the CFI*

*(Federal Investment Council), who shall render logistic and technical assistance to the Executive Committee through C.O.F.I.R.O.'s organization;*

*17.-The governors signing this Agreement agree to submit it to their respective Legislatures within a period of thirty days, for the purposes the corresponding Provincial Constitutions may provide.*

*18.-This Agreement and the Protocols below shall take effect with the ratification by two of the signing Provincial Governments. As each province makes its corresponding ratification, it shall enjoy the benefits and comply with the obligations incident thereto;*

*19.-The Protocols and/or Agreements supplemental thereto, shall, upon fulfilment of the requirements of the local provincial public law, be incorporated in this Economic Integration Agreement.*

***Signed in the City of San Juan, on the twenty-second day of January, 1988, in four original certified copies.***



**Governors who signed  
NUEVO CUYO ECONOMIC  
INTEGRATION AGREEMENT**

**San Juan, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1988**



**Provincia de La Rioja**  
**Dr. Carlos Saúl Menem**



**Provincia de San Juan**  
**Dr. Carlos Enrique  
Gómez Centurión**



**Provincia de Mendoza**  
**Lic. José Octavio Bordón**



**Provincia de San Luis**  
**Dr. Adolfo Rodríguez Saa**

**CONTINUITY OF THE  
NUEVO CUYO ECONOMIC  
INTEGRATION AGREEMENT**

The spirit of the **Nuevo Cuyo Economic Integration Agreement** acknowledges as its nearest antecedent the agreement reached between the governors of San Juan and Mendoza a month before the signing of said Treaty, on 19th December, 1987, in order to gather criteria – regardless of any political interest – which enabled said provinces to face the crisis affecting wine-making at that moment.

Said agreement set forth, in addition to the immediate measures, other measures aimed at giving priority to the production reserved for international markets.

The Agreement insisted on

*... the need that wine-making policy be enforced by those provinces which produce grapes...*

and committed itself

*... to achieve a general agreement among all the provinces that produce grapes in the Country in order to define a consistent policy which completely agrees with the interests of production and labor.*

It also added:

*This is the first step by our provinces, which allows us to continue working in order to achieve aims involving the other sectors of the economic and social activity of both provinces.*

From the moment the Treaty of the Area of “Nuevo Cuyo” was signed, the willingness of integration of signatory provinces became consolidated through a number of agreements.

On the same day said Treaty was signed, a meeting among the Areas of Foreign Trade of the provinces of La Rioja, Mendoza and San Juan took place in order to establish a Minutes Agreement of Regional Foreign Trade

*...to implement common strategies for regional development...*

Once the Treaty of “Nuevo Cuyo” was ratified by the corresponding Legislatures, the Governors of the signatory provinces met in the City

**of La Rioja, on February 10th, 1988**, in order to discuss issues concerning foreign trade, the Regional Financial Corporation of the West ("Corporación Financiera del Oeste") (COFIRO) and wine-making activity.

On said occasion, the governors state that all parties are interested in:

*...coordinating the policies of their respective Administrations, according to the regional interests.*

They argue that:

*...only through a concept of solidarity among provinces will it be possible to defend the interests of the area and state,*

and also, that:

*...it is necessary to make a joint effort to reorient trade trends and to create new exchange methods, in order to ensure a viable power of negotiation with developed countries, emphasize the opening towards the Pacific, and involve ourselves in the most influential scenery of the international economy (...) finally, the wine-making issue has been dealt with, since it is a sector with a high degree of participation in regional economies which, as such, influences the sectors or areas alien to its own activity.*

**Minutes of April 7th of the same year**, signed in the city of **San Luis** by provincial officials of the Tourism Area, consider said activity is:

*...a certain and immediate possibility for the provinces that integrating the "Nuevo Cuyo" geoeconomic area, its geography, history, arts and crafts, folklore and different motivations that are helpful in attracting a wide range of tourists, it is agreed, on eight points, to carry out other activities that*

*...may support greater exploitation of the tourism resources of the "Nuevo Cuyo" Area (...) emphasizing the fact that all actions must be defined or motivated by two aspects: export tourism and local tourism.*

In the **Minutes Agreement** signed on the **8th of the same month and year**, in the **Headquarters of the Province of San Luis in Buenos Aires** ("Casa de la Provincia de San Luis en Buenos Aires"),

Group of Foreign Trade ("Bloque Regional Patagónico de Comercio Exterior"), they decided to hold the first extraordinary meeting of COFECEX (Federal Council of Foreign Trade-"Consejo Federal de Comercio Exterior"), which would concentrate on, among others, issues concerning decentralization and regionalization of foreign Trade.

On said occasion, the representatives of the areas of Foreign Trade of "Nuevo Cuyo" provinces, since

*...it is necessary to promote regional foreign trade, improving to that end the rational use of human as well as material resources,*

signed a new **Minutes Agreement of Foreign Trade.**

Furthermore, on **April 28th, 1988**, in the city of **La Rioja**, the "Nuevo Cuyo" provinces, together with Buenos Aires, Chaco, Chubut, Entre Ríos, Formos, La Pampa, Misiones, Río Negro, Salta, Santa Fe and Santa Cruz, considered:

*That the projection of the Argentine economy within new international markets is one of the essential tools in the process of economic development;*

*That the relevant role of the Argentine provinces in said process is indispensable to genuinely ensure the increase of exports and, at the same time, promote the full use of the productive powers of the Nation;*

*That foreign trade regulation, being under federal jurisdiction, does not exclude the active participation of provinces in the different phases of production and application thereof, and demands at the same time, effective enforcement in our federal state, an administrative decentralization which duly responds to regional needs*

they enter into the **Constituent Agreement of the Federal Council of Foreign Trade-COFECEX.** ("Convenio Constitutivo del Consejo Federal de Comercio Exterior" COFECEX).

On said occasion, the provinces taking part thereof signed a **Minutes** in which

*... they state their intention and indomitable willingness to federalize foreign trade, taking into account the real and urgent demands by provinces to reinforce and increase the same.*

And,

*... to be able to decentralize and eventually regionalize Argentine foreign trade, and try to obtain the real and effective participation of provinces, they decided to create different commissions in charge of directing the discussion of corresponding issues.*

Furthermore, on said occasion, the representatives of Provincial States signed the so-called **Statement of La Rioja** ("Declaración de La Rioja")

*... in order to systematically consolidate the COFECEX and reassert the political willingness to recover their inherent, relevant role regarding the reformulation of foreign trade in the Country.*

They point out in said Statement that it becomes essential to find solutions by means of

*... actions aimed at rectifying exports policy (...), so that it may meet the demands of the whole productive spectrum...*

Furthermore, on **April 28th, 1988**, the **First Meeting of Police Heads and Deputy Heads of the Provinces of "Nuevo Cuyo"** took place, in San Juan,

*... with the intention of starting a new phase of joint efforts to fight crime...*

On **May 23rd, 1988**, the representatives of Foreign Trade of the provinces of "Nuevo Cuyo" Area met in **San Luis** in order to analyze different aspects involving the projects: "**Description of Regional Exportable Supply**" ("Relevamiento de Oferta Exportable Regional") and "**Analysis of International Demand**" (Análisis de Demanda Internacional"), and on June 3rd, they agreed to carry out a "**Program of Regional Development of Nuevo Cuyo Exports**" ("Programa de Desarrollo Regional de las Exportaciones del Nuevo Cuyo"), in the city of **San Juan**.

On **June 23rd, 1988**, the **Second Meeting of Police Heads and Deputy Heads of "Nuevo Cuyo"** took place in the city of **Mendoza**,



and they met again in the **Third Meeting, in La Rioja, on August 22nd, 1988.**

On **July 31st, 1989, governor of San Luis, Dr. Adolfo Rodríguez Saa,** addressed his counterparts from La Rioja, Mendoza and San Juan, proposing an **“exchange of notes”** to clarify the Nuevo Cuyo Economic Integration Agreement.

On **August 4th, 1989, the Fourth Meeting of Police Heads and Deputy Heads of “Nuevo Cuyo”,** took place.

Furthermore, on **August 18th, 1989, the meeting of Cuyo Area of the Federal Road Council,** took place in San Juan. On this occasion, the heads of Districts of **“Dirección Nacional de Vialidad (DNV)”** presented the work plan for reconstruction, improvement and maintenance of National Roads in their jurisdictions: also, the representatives of the provinces pointed out the relevance of regional communications improvement, to benefit transport of regional products.

After taking office, the new governors of La Rioja, Dn. Bernabé J. Arnaudo; of Mendoza, Lic. Rodolfo Gabrielli; of San Juan, Lic. Jorge Alberto Escobar, and of San Luis, Dr. Adolfo Rodríguez Saa, stated their political willingness to reassert not only the spirit that underscores the Treaty as a whole, but also to make it even more operative.

The said initiative succeeds on **May 18th, 1992, when the governors, who held a meeting in the city of San Juan, proposed the ratification and expansion of the Treaty through the signature of a supplementary Agreement.**

## **SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT TEXT**

## **Supplementary Agreement.**

*Pursuant to what is laid down in section 18º of the Economic Cooperation Agreement of January 22nd, 1988, Governors of Provinces of San Lui, Dr. ADOLFO RODRIGUEZ SAA, of San Juan, Lic. JORGE ALBERTO ESCOBAR, of Mendoza, Lic. RODOLFO FEDERICO GABRIELLI, and of La Rioja, MR. BERNABE JOSE ANGEL ARNAUDO, meeting in the City of San Juan, on May 18th, 1992, agree to expand and amend said Agreement as follows:*

*ADD the following TO ITS TEXT:*

*SECTION 1º.- To promote agreements and common undertakings, aimed at ensuring a better Public Health level, and anticipate and solve situations that affect the areas or provinces individually.*

*SECTION 2º.- To coordinate a uniform security system that protects not only citizens' rights, guarantees and the present authorities' security, but also promotes better compliance with sanitary measures to be adopted to ensure an area free from plague.*

*SECTION 3º.- To jointly promote all measures and means deemed necessary to ensure satisfactory levels of standard education in the area, improving the system and enabling the creation of institutions to achieve higher education aims.*

*SECTION 4º.- To consider the reevaluation of the Cultural and Historical background of "Nuevo Cuyo" Area a priority, adopting all relevant measures.*

*SECTION 5º.- To aim at an efficient Geo-Economic integration of the area, through a new analysis of regional road systems and through all communication and contact means joining the Provinces involved.*

*SECTION 6º.- To coordinate all common actions that will enable signatory Provinces to promote important sport events, which not only contribute to citizens' recreation and culture, but are also efficient means for promoting the Area and its economy.*

*SECTION 7º.- To emphasize the creation of all legal and executive regulations connected with the initiatives, designed to promote the*

*ecological defense of the environment, and the recovery of all renewable natural resources.*

*SECTION 8º.- To jointly promote welfare policies, and give priority to such areas as minority, family, disabled people, etc.*

*SECTION 9º.- To invite the Legislatures of the respective Provinces to meet in a regional forum and work as a consulting body on issues set forth by Departments and laid down in the present Treaty.*

**DELETE**

*- Delete Section 5º of original Agreement.*

*- Delete from Section 16º the phrase: "for which COFIRO structure will be used"*

**SUBSTITUTE:**

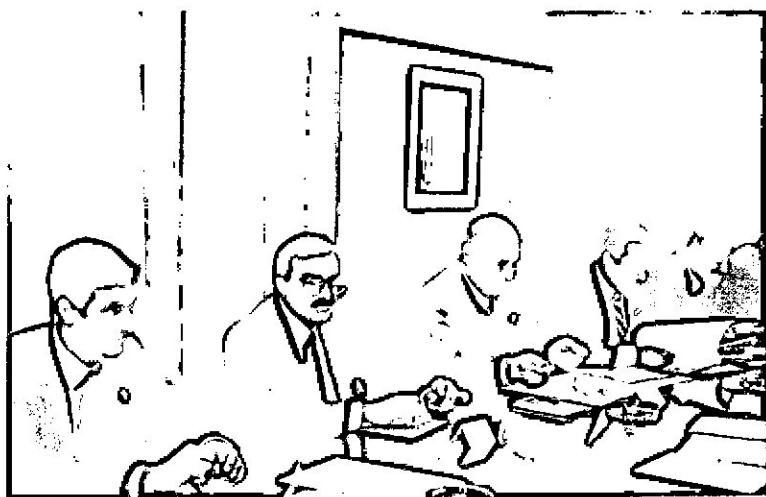
*- Substitute on Section 16º of the Original Agreement the phrase: "...Ministers of Economy of Provinces of San Juan and Mendoza and Ministers of Finance and Public Works of Provinces of La Rioja and San Luis", by the following:*

*"...Ministers of Government, Justice and Worship or their equivalent of the four signatory Provinces of Agreement entered into on January 22nd, 1988."*

***Presented in the city of San Juan on the eighteenth day of the month of May of the year one thousand nine hundred and ninety-two, in four original and authentic copies.***



**GOVERNORS WHO SIGNED  
SUPPLEMENTARY AGREEMENT  
OF THE NUEVO CUYO ECONOMIC  
INTEGRATION AGREEMENT**



Lic. Rodolfo Federico Gabrielli, from **Mendoza**; Lic. Jorge Alberto Escobar, from **San Juan**; Dn. Bernabé José Angel Arnaudo, from **La Rioja**, and Dr. Adolfo Rodríguez Saa, from **San Luis**.

**San Juan, May 18th. 1992.**

Simultaneously with the signature of Supplementary Agreement, the governors adopted sanitary protection measures for the

*...control and eradication of plague and diseases affecting farming and animal husbandry and which also limit export possibilities.*

The Governors also stated

*...that their respective Governments commit themselves to give the proper instructions to Police authorities, so that departments depending thereon would implement and coordinate the proper procedure to ensure an effective security control (...) Furthermore, police staff will be in charge of control, supervision and procedure, (...) guaranteeing, through their performance and resources, a whole phytozoosanitary barrier...*

In addition, they agreed:

*To make up a Commission with representatives of the respective Ministries of Finance and/or Economy and of provincial Banks, with a view to establishing joint policies and undertakings concerning regional development and foreign trade, and financing of the same.*

*To negotiate the grant of loans or national or international financing at rates in line with projects to be promoted.*

*To decide allocation of funds according to development priorities outlined for the area.*

*To set up a regional banking integration and cooperation policy.*

**LAST AGREEMENTS SIGNED.**

On **July 31st, 1992**, the governors again met in the city of **San Luis**, in order to sign three protocols dealing with common interest issues essential to the **Area**.

**Protocol I** declares the **Plan of Central Andean Region for the eradication of aphthous fever** ("Plan de Cordillera Central para la erradicación de fiebre aftosa") a matter of interest for "**Nuevo Cuyo**" **Area**, and demands its inclusion in the National Plan of Eradication 1993/97.

Regarding its most relevant aspects, the Protocol includes these suggestions:

- To set up joint regulation and strategies for sanitary controls.
- To include a training program for all agents involved in the control of aphthous fever.
- To create the Territorial Sanitary Protection System.

**Protocol II** proposes decisive action on the **Regional Program of Integrated Handling of Fruit Fly of "Nuevo Cuyo"** (Programa Regional de Manejo Integrado de Mosca de los Frutos del Nuevo Cuyo"), adapting the same to needs of the **Area**.

Therefore, it agrees:

- To set up those technical structures necessary to carry out the phytozoosanitary measures required by said program.
- To ask the Framing, Livestock and Fishing Department of the Nation ("Secretaría de Agricultura, Ganadería y Pesca de la Nación an expansion of the Board of Directors of the **Argentine Institute of Vegetable Health and Quality** (Instituto Argentino de Sanidad y Calidad Vegetal (IASCV)") in order to allow more provincial participation, taking into account the different regional and economic-phytozoosanitary conditions.

The Annex to this Protocol shows a preliminary report of the Phytozoosanitary Annex of "Nuevo Cuyo". This presents the compliance with covenants entered into in the **Phytozoosanitary Protection Agreement**, signed on May 18th, 1992.



With regard to its most relevant points, the Annex to Protocol II states:

The creation of **Phytozoosanitary Regional Council of "Nuevo Cuyo"**, composed of Secretaries and Deputy Secretaries of farming and livestock areas, and the creation of the **Regional Committee of Phytozoosanitary Struggle**, made up by the heads of said areas and the private sector, with the intention of enforcing the policies agreed upon by the Regional Council.

That concerning the **Argentine Institute of Vegetable Health and Quality** ("Instituto Argentino de Sanidad y Calidad Vegetal (IASCAV)"), "**Nuevo Cuyo**" is actively taking part in the enforcement of the **Argentine System of Vegetable Health and Quality Control** ("Sistema Argentino de Control de Sanidad y Calidad Vegetal (SARCOVE)").

That "**Nuevo Cuyo**" also actively take part in integration with the Republic of Chile, having participated in the **Fifth and Sixth Meeting of the Argentine-Chilean Economic Cooperation Council**.

With regard to livestock, there was a meeting of the **Chilean-Argentine Subregional Commission of Struggle Against Aphthous Fever in Argentina**.

That it is important to point out the acknowledgement of the **Central Andean Region Plan** ("Plan Cordillera Central") by the European Economic Community (CEE), at the Brussels meeting (Belgium).

That "**Nuevo Cuyo**" undertake the enforcement of programs for the control of aphthous fever, a contingency included in the **Central Andean Region Plan**.

Concerning phytozoosanitary barriers, a meeting took place between "**Nuevo Cuyo**" and national representatives in which guidelines were drawn regarding the installation of barriers, according to the advancements achieved by the Provinces of San Juan and Mendoza. National authorities required the establishment of phytozoosanitary barriers of "Nuevo Cuyo" and presented the relevant financing proposal.

Regarding **Protocol III**, the governors of the "**Nuevo Cuyo**" provinces decided to give priority to regionalization of mining activity.

Therefore, they committed themselves, among other points, to:

Institutionally support mining producers in "**Nuevo Cuyo**" in all phases involving mining development and promote technological exchange, modernization, investment and market promotion; and also to common features among provincial legislatures so as to create only one regional regulation system.

Create a geological regional data bank with statistical mining potential, market research and investment, as well as marketing alternatives.

Set up guidelines and joint measures before instituting policies that favor or hinder the possibility of regional mining development. Set up a permanent Commission with area officials and specialized personnel that can produce a resolution for the Assembly to be held on September 18th of this year in the city of Mendoza.

In their **Annex to Protocol III**, the representatives of Petrochemistry and Mining areas of each of the provinces constituting "**Nuevo Cuyo**" agreed to set forth, among others, the following conclusions:

To incorporate within the concept of "**Nuevo Cuyo**" the study of Reservation Areas and adopt legal mechanisms similar to those already in place in the Provinces of San Juan, Santa Cruz and Neuquén.

To encourage Private and State-controlled Banks to formulate financing systems that enable regional mining development and take into account the unique features of this activity.

To insist before national authorities for the need of an effective participation the **Area** in Argentine-Chilean Bilateral Meetings, within the framework of Protocol III, timely signed by the Presidents of both countries.

During a meeting held in the city of **Mendoza**, on **September 16th, 1992**, within the framework of the supplementary Agreement of the **Nuevo Cuyo Economic Integration Agreement**, the governors of the Provinces of **Mendoza**, Lic. Rodolfo Gabrielli; of **La Rioja**, Dn. Bernabé J. Arnaudo; of **San Juan**, Lic. Jorge Alberto Escobar, and of **San Luis**, Dr. Adolfo Rodríguez Saa, signed four Protocols concerning Sports, Health, Environment and Labor.

During this meeting, commissions were organized in order to discuss said issues and their conclusions were attached as Annexes to the Protocols signed.

### **Protocol I, concerning Sports.**

The governors decided to carry out the **Interschool Regional Olympic Games** ("Olimpiadas Regionales Interescolares e Intercolegiales") that will involve Volleyball, Basquetball and Athletics, (male and female) and male Soccer (or Fútbol). They set up the schedule and seats for 1993, so seats will be changed in the following years so as to allow each province to participate and organize the events. Said Olympic Games will be coordinated with the Universities of each province in order to integrate university sports with the projects.

Each province is in charge of contacting the Associations and Federations of the Area in order to coordinate a provisional schedule that fosters - from the State - orientation and promotion and so that institutions may hold regional meetings on different sports, in addition to the above-mentioned sports.

After setting up the organization and promotion of some sport meetings and competitions for the Area, they decided to enter into agreements with clubs that work for the community so the State may endorse a sport chosen by the clubs, through means of subsidies. This point is entitled "Schools for Sport Beginners".

Under the title "School for Talents" they decided

*to scout out talented individuals for certain sports so the appropriate Federation may sponsor them with the assistance of technical and financial resources of the State.*

Furthermore, they decided to integrate the Area to the project of High Performance to obtain better performance from athletes who will participate in the Panamerican Games of 1995, in Mar del Plata, and in the Olympic Games to be held in Atlanta in 1996. Therefore, benefits that may occur from the agreement that the province of Mendoza will sign with the Republic of Cuba will also be contributed.

They decided to add to the 1993 budget a "Nuevo Cuyo" Project Program in order to finance the agreed covenants, and finally, they agreed to organize a "Nuevo Cuyo" Soccer (or Fútbol) Regional Tournament.

As an **Annex** to this **Protocol**, the conclusions of the Sports Commission that held a meeting on said occasion and which worked as a basis for the draft of the **Protocol**, are attached hereto.

**Protocol II**, concerning health.

Four aspects are considered in this Protocol.

### **Human resources training**

It is considered that

*... the strengthening of the training of human resources in the area of health, from all points of view, is the most important and urgent investment to achieve better degrees of efficacy, efficiency and effectiveness by using the available technical and financial resources and more humane and complete Medicine.*

The creation of an interdisciplinarian work group among the provinces, operating permanently, is recommended, its mission being: to produce a Regional description of the essential needs regarding training, in order to combine criteria concerning the planning of educational areas of common interest:

To set up regional objectives and goals for the harmonious growth of human resources, with the participation of sectors involved in health training.

Revise current legal and technical regulations in order to achieve a "regional compatibility".

### **Quality control of medicine.**

1- Enforce in each provincial jurisdiction medicine quality control, the first phase directed especially toward that medicine purchased by the public sector.

2- Find common features between medicine vade mecum and consumption in the Area, and make them compatible.

3- Set up an immediate source of information detailing the results obtained from each province, as well as any other relevant news of interest.

4- Promote the development of a Regional Center for Quality

Control, agreeing firstly to describe in detail those resources available in each jurisdiction.

5- Exchange of legislative information.

### **Cholera and Aids**

Concerning this issue, it was agreed:

1- To create a regional committee of systematic work on both issues.

2- To open a Regional Committee handling other issues concerning health promotion and protection.

3- Exchange of human resources.

4- Adapt regional health education strategies.

5- Incorporate mass media agents and other professionals and technicians into the health team.

### **High complexity.**

It was decided:

To recommend the creation of a **Permanent Commission** aimed at integrating and making up a **Regional Sanitary Network**, whose objectives, among others, will be:

- Carry out a diagnosis and detailed description of all available resources.
- Set up its own working methodology with goals and objectives to be reached within certain deadlines.
- Progress towards a Health Integrated Regional System, and assert a willingness to contribute to its financing.
- Exchange all information that may be useful to enforce provincial programs.
- Improve available resources and move towards integration in strategic areas (regional vade mecum).

- Train human resources in the health area according to the needs of the Area.

- Enter into interprovincial agreements in order to have access to The Health Integrated Regional Network.

- Develop regulations for the transfer of patients within the Regional Network system.

This **Protocol** contains the conclusions of the Commissions that worked on each of the issues considered as **Annexes**.

### **Protocol III**, concerning Environment.

With regard to this issue, the governors agree:

*That the unquestionable right of Provinces to exploit their natural resources, in order to comply with their social, cultural and financial aims, adds to their duty of controlling said activities that do not affect their environment, nor that of the other provinces, nor that of the Area.*

And they point out that this is particularly relevant for "Nuevo Cuyo" Provinces, subjected most - of them - to a gradual process of desertification that has to be reduced and modified, which does not only involve Signatory Provinces but also the Nation and the International Community, as to their cooperation for the conservation, improvement and restoration of Regional Environment.

The governors insist on asserting the inalienable and imprescriptible right of the provinces to the conservation and improvement of their environments and ecosystems thereof; therefore, they state their right to eradicate any abusive, destructive or contaminating use affecting the amount, quality and proper balance of their natural resources. Finally, a number of measures aimed at modifying the desertification environmental impact, are listed.

In **Annex 1** to this **Protocol**, the Projects on Works or activities subjected to the process of Evaluation of Environmental Impact by the appropriate provincial environmental authority, are listed.

In **Annex 2**, the provinces committed themselves, through their representatives, to enforce the necessary measures to establish a legal system aimed at preserving the natural resources of the Area:

flora, fauna, air, water and soils. Furthermore, they agreed to implement a common regulation for dangerous waste. The appropriate executive powers will appoint provincial representatives before a Coordination Commission on said issue, which will start working not earlier than six months from the legislative notification of this agreement.

**Annex 3** shows the conclusions of the commission that worked on this issue.

#### **Protocol IV**, concerning Labor.

In this Protocol - based on work produced by the appropriate commission, whose conclusions are enclosed as an Annex - the governors recommend the strict compliance of national and provincial legislations with regard to the transport of rural workers within each jurisdiction, in order to preserve their dignity, health and welfare, and to safeguard regional populations by adopting hygiene and security measures, as well as to ensure compliance with fulfilment of health certificates that said workers must have.

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# **LAST AGREEMENTS SIGNED**

**Annex**



On **December 19th, 1992**, another meeting was held among the Governors of the provinces of "**Nuevo Cuyo**", in the city of **La Rioja**.

During said meeting-with the presence of governors of provinces of **Mendoza**, Lic. Rodolfo F. Gabrielli; of **La Rioja**, Mr. Bernabé j. Arnaudo; of **San Luis**, Dr. Adolfo Rodríguez Saa, and the Executive Power representative of Province of **San Juan**, Prof Margarita Ferra de Bartol – three **Protocols** were signed, concerning issues such as **Education, Tourism and Integration with the Republic of Chile**. The **Interprovincial Treaty of Mining Legislation Unification** was also signed there.

Pursuant to Sect. 3 of the **Supplementary Agreement**, of **May 18th, 1992**, they decide in **Protocol I**:

- To implement a Regional Program of Analysis of Education Quality, setting up Executive Universities in the Provinces and a Regional Coordination Commission.

- To foster actions aimed at entering into a cooperation agreement on education with UNICEF.

- To plan a Provincial System of Training, Improvement and Learning for Teachers, in which national as well as provincial proposals will be taken into consideration.

- To implement a Regional Network of Educational Information, which enables research on and exchange of data bases compiled in each of the Provinces.

- To restate common objectives according to level, taking into account the training guidelines approved at the **Twelfth Assembly to Federal Council of Culture and Education**, ("XII Asamblea del Consejo Federal de Cultura y Educación"), and diagram the minimum regional curricula, which will then be compared with those approved by national authorities, in order to find common features and make them compatible.

Pursuant to what is laid down in section 7 of the **Nuevo Cuyo Economic Integration Agreement**, (Tratado de Integración Económica de Nuevo Cuyo) the Governors agree, in **Protocol II**:

- To set up information agencies on tourism in the Provinces included in the **Area**.

- To coordinate the planning of a tourism program in the **Area**.
- To launch "**Nuevo Cuyo**" tourism programs-jointly- to the main markets.
- To set up a working commission made up by private sector representatives, with the coordination of the Tourism Regional Council.
- To foster the development of local tourism in the **Area**.
- To back up the new **Policy of Open Skies** (deregulation of Trade Airlines) to be enforced by the National Government and to ask for new and more frequent flights as well as for a regional interconexión of domestic flights.
- To analyze the study of the draft of the provincial Act of travel agents, put forward by province of La Rioja, so as to unify pertinent legislation existing in the **Area**.

Pursuant to what is laid down in sections 10 and 15o of the **Nuevo Cuyo Economic Integration Agreement**, (Tratado de Integración Económica de Nuevo Cuyo), and to Sect. 5o of the **Supplementary Agreement**, the governors decide, in **Protocol III**.

- To insist before national authorities and those of the Republic of Chile, so as to achieve the completion of International Passages located at "**Pircas Negras**", Prov. of La Rioja; "**Aguas Negras**", Prov. of San Juan; "**Pehuenche**" ("**Campanario**" type and **low altitude tunnel** ("**Horcones - Juncal**"), Prov. of Mendoza. Therefore, letters were sent to National Executive Power and Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship in our country, encouraging the accomplishment of **Project on International Road to Chile through the passage of "Pircas Negras"**.

- To encourage a meeting organized by the **Area**, with Argentine and Chilean entrepreneurs, in the first quarter of 1993, in order to foster mutual investments in different areas, such as, among others, industry, agroindustry, farming and animal husbandry, mining, energy and tourism.

- To agree on the integration of the **provinces of "Nuevo Cuyo"**, into the "**Cristo Redentor**" Frontier Committee, asking the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship for the accomplishment of said agreement.

Submission of the **Interprovincial Treaty of Mining Legislation Unification**, signed by Governors of Provinces of “Nuevo Cuyo”, was based, among other reasons, on the need to promote a uniform institutional legal framework on said issue, so as arouse interest to invest in an area of around 400,000 km<sup>2</sup>, by national and foreign capitals.

Furthermore, the Treaty agrees to foster, in the respective jurisdictions, the approval of the items set forth in the Treaty in its **Single Annex**, to wit:

- Legal framework for the creation of Mining Court.
- Mining Proceeding Code.
- Register of Producers, Traders and Mining Entrepreneurs and Guide for Mineral Traffic
- Mining Police.

**NOTE:** *Information offered in this document will be completed when events and achievements within the framework of the Nuevo Cuyo Economic Integration Agreement take place.*