

STATUTE OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN DEFENSE SCHOOL FROM CDS-UNASUR

The South American Defense Council (CDS)

In view of Articles 3 and 5 of the Union of South American Nations' Constitutive Treaty, and of the Statute of the South American Defense Council (CDS),

Considering

That in the III Lima Declaration from the IV South American Defense Council's Ordinary Meeting, held on November 28th, 2012, the Defense Ministers, "praised the initiative of proposing the establishment of the South American Defense School", as stated in the context of CDS' 2013 Action Plan, more specifically by Axis 4: Training and Mentoring, Activity 4.f: "**Elaborate the proposal to establish the South American Defense School**",

That the Paramaribo Chiefs of State & Government's Declaration after UNASUR's Chiefs of State Meeting of August 30th, 2013, highlighted "the works of the South American Defense Council as a potential instance at which to carry on the development of the strategic regional thought by strengthening the Center for Strategic Studies on Defense and by creating a South American Defense School, conceived as a center for Graduate Studies, and as a network to articulate national initiatives from Member States to form and train civilians and military personnel in the field of regional defense and security",

That in the Paramaribo Declaration of the V South American Defense Council's Ordinary Meeting, the Defense Ministers "stressed the relevance of concluding the preliminary studies and tasks that allow them to announce the creation of the South American Defense School (ESUDE)" and to continue with the duties of elaborating its internal rules of procedure, in compliance with the mandate in Paragraph 17 from the Paramaribo Chiefs of State & Government's Declaration of August 30th, 2013,



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The creation of the South American Defense School of UNASUR's South American Defense Council will contribute to materialize CSD's objectives, as well as UNASUR's, more broadly,

Further proclaims the following:

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I. Nature

Article 1. The South American Defense School (ESUDE) is a center for Graduate studies from the South American Defense Council (SDC) intended to articulate national initiatives from Member States through forming & training civilians and military personnel in the realms of and regional defense and security at a political-strategic level.

II. Mission

Article 2. ESUDE's mission is to contribute to the consolidation of the principles and objectives established at the SDC's Statute by forming and training personnel, through courses and researches on regional common affairs, as well as on issues that are specific to Member States, that contribute to the gradual advancement of a shared vision of regional defense and security.

III. Strategic guidelines

Article 3. ESUDE will contribute to the consolidation of South America as a zone of peace and democratic stability, to the integral development of our peoples and to peace in the World; to the construction of a South American identity in the realm of defense that takes into account sub-regional and national characteristics; and to the creation of consensuses that strengthen regional cooperation in the field of defense in order to engender a South American strategic thinking.

IV. Objectives

Article 4. ESUDE's general objectives are:

- a. To instruct and train civilian and military personnel in the field of regional defense and security.
- b. To contribute to the generation of a South American identity in the realm of regional defense and security.
- c. To promote the understanding of UNASUR's and its SDC's nature, functions, objectives and activities.

Article 5. ESUDE's specific objectives are:

- a. To contribute to exchanges between specialists and practitioners from the countries of the region.
- b. To promote dialogues on theoretical and practical knowledge related to the topics and areas of study that ESUDE develops.
- c. To encourage the discussion of strategic-military issues that enhances the construction of a South American vision in the realm of regional defense and security.
- d. To coordinate activities and initiatives with the CEED in order to reinforce the SDC's works.

- e. To promote the activities and researches done by ESUDE, by the CEED, and by the national institutes for strategic & defense studies with the purpose of stimulating debates on defense and security issues, particularly at the regional level.

V Principles

Article 6. The Statute of the South American Defense Council, in its Article 3, establishes the principles that guide ESUDE. In addition, the following specific principles orient the School:

Plurality and Equal Representation

ESUDE's activities abide by the principle of respect for the plurality of political visions & national experiences of UNASUR's Member States, which manifests itself, among others, in courses whose programs provide for equitable geographical representation and distribution.

Gradualism and Flexibility

ESUDE bears in mind the principles of gradualism and flexibility in its institutional development and in the promotion of cooperation initiatives in the field of defense that acknowledge different national realities.

Consensus

ESUDE takes all of its decisions by consensus of UNASUR's Member States.

Complementarity and Cooperation

ESUDE's activities benefit from the capabilities and experiences of different countries in the region in the academic, strategic and operational fields, to improve its educational and administrative processes, aiming at engendering academic and knowledge networks that deal with topics related to regional defense and security.

Quality

ESUDE shall conduct its activities according to the highest academic standards.

V. Scope

Article 7. All UNASUR's Member States can present offers of courses at ESUDE's framework.

Article 8. ESUDE maintains permanent and direct interaction with the Center for Strategic Studies on Defense of UNASUR's SDC, as mandated by the SDC, aiming at complementing both institutions' functions.

ESUDE will promote academic associations and exchanges with official institutions that have similar characteristics and level of excellence.

In its relations with third parties, ESUDE will abide by UNASUR's Resolution 25/2012.

Article 9. ESUDE offers courses and programs at the Graduate level. This implies that a superior education degree, in conformity with national legislations, is a requirement for participants to enroll. However, an appropriate professional background in this field may be considered as well.

VI. Organizational Structure

Article 10. ESUDE will have a Direction, which will function at UNASUR General-Secretariat's headquarters; a technological distance education platform for online studies; and a network to link and articulate national academic centers from the region. It will function with decentralized & autonomous procedures.

Article 11. ESUDE's organizational structure is constituted as follows:

- a. ESUDE's maximum authority is the Council of Defense Ministers.
- b. ESUDE's decision-making unit is the Executive Instance, which for all purposes is denominated as the Superior Council.
- c. ESUDE's administrative unit is its Direction.
- d. The Academic Council is the Advisory body to ESUDE's Direction. It is constituted by one representative (an expert) from each Member State, as well as from the CEED and from the School's administrative body. The latter shall be appointed with due consideration to the principle of equitable representation of member states.

VII. Activities and Academic Proposals

Article 12. The Academic Council will elaborate the annual course program. This program is composed by the proposals from one or more Member States, and by the Academic Council's. The Superior Council, as well as the Council of Defense Ministers, shall approve this program, in compliance with Article 14 of the Statute of the South American Defense Council.

Article 13. Academic activities implemented by a Member State must be carried out, as much as possible, with the participation of instructors from other Member State(s). Academic activities that ESUDE's Direction carries on shall involve the participation of one or more Member States. ESUDE will possibly invite representatives or scholars from other States, whenever considered necessary, in coordination with its Academic Council and in compliance with UNASUR's protocols to engage in relations with third parties.

VIII. Academic Modalities

Article 14. ESUDE will develop, among others, the following academic modalities:

- a. Face-to-face courses at the facilities of any institution from a Member State or at ESUDE's Direction.
- b. Courses that combine distance education with on-site activities.
- c. Online, distance education through a technological platform.

IX. Academic Network

Article 15. ESUDE's Direction will build an Academic Network to connect existing academic resources from each Member State as a means to promote the exchange of knowledge between students and instructors by organizing courses, seminars, congresses and regional conferences on areas of interest that calls for the participation of scholars, researchers and instructors from Member States, as well as experts from third countries, when considered appropriate. Each Ministry of Defense from CDS' Member States will propose the institutions that will constitute this Academic Network.

X. Languages

Article 16. ESUDE's official languages are, according to Article 23 of UNASUR's Constitutive Treaty, Dutch, English, Portuguese and Spanish.

XI. Financing

Article 17. Member States will contribute to the budget to finance the School's activities through UNASUR's General Secretariat. These contributions will respect what UNASUR's Constitutive Treaty establishes in its Article 16. Each Member State will bear the costs related to the participation of its representative at the Academic Council meetings.

In accordance with the procedures of UNASUR's Rules of Procedure, ESUDE is entitled to submit to its Superior Council and to the Council of Defense Ministers,



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for its consideration and future forwarding to the Council of Delegates, through UNASUR's General Secretariat, requests for resources from UNASUR's Common Initiatives Fund. Furthermore, ESUDE is authorized to receive voluntary contributions from Member States.

According to Chapter VII, Art. 44 and Art.52 of UNASUR's Internal Rules, proposals of courses and activities presented by Member States within ESUDE's framework may contain information on their financial needs that depend on the Common Initiatives Fund.

XII Amendments

Article 18. This Statute and its Internal Rules can be amended by the South American Defense Council, on its own initiative or through a recommendation from its Superior Council, on demand from any Member State.