

## HEAD OF STATE PARTICIPATED IN THE THIRD SUMMIT OF THE PACIFIC ALLIANCE

This morning President Ollanta Humala participated virtually via videoconference in the Third Summit of the Pacific Alliance. Presidents of Chile, Sebastián Piñera, Mexico, Felipe Calderon; Colombia, Juan Manuel Santos; Costa Rica, Laura Chinchilla, and Ricardo Martinelli of Panama also participated.

The Heads of State adopted the text of the agreement that gives life to the Pacific Alliance, with aim to their subscription. They established the objectives of this new international forum which aims for the progressive development of member countries through social inclusion and the construction of an integration that allows the free flow of goods, services, capital and people.

In that sense, President Ollanta Humala highlighted the importance for the Pacific Alliance to grant scholarships to the students of the member states. Peru was congratulated for being a country that does not require visas for citizens; the improvement of trade agreements was also proposed.

The President also highlighted the creation of a platform for cooperation in environmental issues, climate change, and innovation and for the development of small businesses. The Head of State stressed that boosting small and medium enterprises in this block of the Pacific is the best way to deal with the economic crises arising in other regions. Following this discussion the leaders also agreed to promote electronic commerce among the member states.

"We are pleased with the progress made in this agreement and the technology used for this virtual meeting," said President Ollanta Humala after congratulating the Chilean leader Sebastian Piñera for assuming the pro tempore secretariat of the Pacific Alliance. Finally, they agreed to admit Costa Rica to the Pacific Alliance in its capacity as an observer country.

President Ollanta Humala was accompanied during the virtual summit by the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Rafael Roncagliolo and the Minister of Foreign Trade and Tourism, Jose Luis Silva.

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