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## **SPECIAL COMMUNIQUÉ ON THE ORIGINAL AND ANCESTRAL COCA, NATURAL HERITAGE OF BOLIVIA AND PERU**

The Heads of State and Government of Latin America and the Caribbean, gathered in Caracas, Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2011, within the framework of the Summit of the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States (CELAC):

Reaffirm their commitment to support cultural and ancestral practices of the native peoples within the framework of respect for Human Rights and Fundamental Rights of the Indigenous Peoples.

Likewise, they acknowledge that the traditional use of Coca leaf chewing (*akulliku*), is an ancestral cultural expression of the peoples of Bolivia and Peru that should be respected by the international community.



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