



MEETING POINT

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BRASILIA DECLARATION

In Brasilia, Federative Republic of Brazil, Engineers of the Americas during the XXXI UPADI Convention.

COSIDERING THAT:

1. The engineer must have a vision, philosophy and commitment to cooperate in developing countries in the Americas.
2. UPADI affiliated associations within the social responsibility topic; in each member countries must perform strategic alliances with public and private institutions to participate in making appropriate policy decisions in engineering projects that generate development, in order to improve the quality of life of our people.
3. The engineer is a basic pillar of the development of a nation and the lawful exercise of their profession should always be within an ethical control, attached to the laws, rules and regulations, as a sign of transparency and integrity to the country.
4. The defense of the institutional validation at all levels of professional societies is the only way to ensure professional practice in a liable way, base of the free practice of the profession.
5. The young engineers are the present and the future of the engineering and the development of America.
6. Women have the same rights as men when they perform equal tasks.



WE MANIFEST THAT:

1. Engineering must develop **social projects that improve the quality of life for families who are in high geological risk**, and projects that contribute to reduce poverty.
2. America needs to confront and integrate to the new process of global change.
3. **Engineers must have a position in the state portfolios** in order to make the most accurate decisions.
4. It is essential to incorporate into their working committees **young people** and **women** of America.
5. **We support unconditionally the institutionalization** of colleges, societies, federations and associations of professional engineers, and the work they perform on behalf of its partners, society and their countries.
6. UPADI should develop and execute an action plan for the implementation of this declaration.

Signed in Brasilia, December 2nd, 2008.

