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NOTIFICATION

Subject: Statement on the Withdrawal of the United States from the IAI

Dear Madam or Sir,

I am writing to inform you that the Directorate of the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research (IAI) received a copy of a Presidential Memorandum from the United States dated 7 January 2026 entitled "Withdrawing the United States from International Organizations, Conventions, and Treaties that Are Contrary to the Interests of the United States." The IAI is among the 66 organizations listed in the document.

Article XV of the *Agreement Establishing the IAI* states:

Any Party may withdraw from this Agreement by providing written notification through diplomatic channels to the Depository, six months in advance of the effective date of withdrawal.

The Organization of American States is the Depository of this Agreement.

The National Science Foundation, on behalf of the United States, has played a foundational role in the IAI since its inception in 1992. Its scientific vision, leadership, and financial support have significantly strengthened the Institute's ability to advance collaborative research, build regional capacity, and promote the full and open exchange of scientific information on global change. We express our sincere appreciation for the numerous contributions made by U.S. institutions, researchers, and government partners over three decades of cooperation. We will continue to collaborate with our Associates and other partners based in the U.S. to the best of our ability.

As an intergovernmental organization established by our member states, the IAI remains fully committed to fulfilling its mission: to promote scientific excellence, foster international collaboration, and generate knowledge that supports informed decision-making across the Americas. The growing challenges presented by global environmental challenges require sustained financing and cooperation, the sharing of knowledge, and strong scientific networks. The IAI will continue to serve as a platform for these efforts, working closely with our Parties, scientific community, and partners throughout the region and worldwide.

We thank the IAI Parties for their timely financial and in-kind contributions and encourage Associates and other organizations in the region to consider supporting the IAI.

We will keep the community informed as more information becomes available.

Thank you for your continued dedication to the mission of the IAI and to advancing science for the benefit of the peoples of the Americas.

Please accept, Madam/Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,

Anna Stewart-Ibarra
Executive Director