

MEXICO: Ambassador Tarcisio Navarrete

Kalimera sas, Buenos días,

I would also like to thank the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Hellenic Republic for hosting this event today, and specially the Secretary General of International Economic Relations, Mr. Giorgos Tsipras and the General Director, Ambassador Katerina Dimaki.

The Pacific Alliance is a mechanism of regional integration and a trade bloc that contributes to economic growth with social inclusion.

The Pacific Alliance does not compete with other initiatives in Latin America as it complements integration efforts in the region with a projection towards Asia-Pacific.

The Pacific Alliance is not an ideological bloc. The main prerequisite to join the Alliance is the implementation of the Rule of Law, the Democracy and the Constitutional Order, as well as having free trade agreements with, at least, 2 of the country members.

The broad agenda of the Pacific Alliance creates the basis for a sustainable development through cooperation, improving the quality of education and providing an adequate training of human resources.

Regarding the macroeconomic data, I would like to highlight the following:

The Pacific Alliance has a market of around 214 (two hundred fourteen) million people -which represents 3% of the world population-.

The GDP's growth in 2014 was 3.6% and the average GDP per capita was sixteen thousand five hundred dollars in terms of purchasing power parity.

If the production of Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru were added, and the Pacific Alliance considered as a whole as a single country, it would be the 8th (eighth) global economy and the 8th (eighth) export power at worldwide level.

Furthermore, it is worth to notice that the Pacific Alliance comprises 37% of Latin America's GDP and half of its exports.

Regarding tourism, in 2014, the Pacific Alliance hosted 33 million travellers from abroad.

Given the above, we are honoured to welcome Greece as an observer state of the Pacific Alliance and we are sure we will develop a very fruitful cooperation that will render in the benefit of our peoples.