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“PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS”^{1/2/}

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¹. Guatemala will present a footnote for the entire draft resolution.

². Ad referendum of Argentina.

DRAFT RESOLUTION
PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

REAFFIRMING the norms and general principles of international law and those contained in the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), international human rights law and international humanitarian law and binding inter-American instruments on the subject, as well as the rights enshrined in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, and the American Convention on Human Rights, as pertinent; and the important role played by the organs of the inter-American human rights system in promoting and protecting human rights in the Americas; **(Agreed – 05/23/24)**

RECALLING resolution AG/RES. 3003 (LIII-O/23) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights” and all previous declarations and resolutions adopted on this subject; **(Agreed – 05/23/24)**

HAVING SEEN the “Annual Report of the Permanent Council to the General Assembly (2023-2024)” (AG/doc.xxxx/24 add. 1), in particular the section on the activities of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP); **(Agreed – 05/23/24)**

CONSIDERING that the programs, activities, and tasks set out in the resolutions under the purview of the CAJP help to further the essential purposes of the Organization of American States as enshrined in its Charter; **(Agreed – 05/23/24)**

UNDERSTANDING intersectionality as the interconnection of multiple and compound forms of discrimination, exclusion, and inequality; and **(Agreed – 05/23/24)**

REAFFIRMING the member states’ commitment to eradicating all forms of violence, discrimination, and intolerance, and recognizing the importance of mainstreaming the principle of equality and nondiscrimination in order to ensure full, equal, meaningful, and effective participation

of all women and members of groups in situations of vulnerability and/or historically discriminated against in the formulation of public policies, **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

- i. “THE ROLE OF THE OFFICIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER IN ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE” **(TT will present footnote)**

TAKING NOTE OF the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Access to Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement), which provides for State Parties that “[e]ach Party shall ensure that guidance and assistance is provided to the public —particularly those persons or groups in vulnerable situations— in order to facilitate the exercise of their access rights” and “shall take adequate and effective measures to recognize, protect and promote all the rights of human rights defenders in environmental matters”; and **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RECALLING Advisory Opinion OC-23/17 of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights concerning “State Obligations in Relation to the Environment in the Context of the Protection and Guarantee of the Rights to Life and to Personal Integrity” and resolution 3/21 “Climate Emergency: Scope of Inter-American Human Rights Obligations” published by the IACHR together with its Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (SRESCER), **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To encourage States to guarantee the provision of timely, competent and free legal assistance, within the framework of their competencies, for the defense of rights related to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment in consideration of the corresponding substantive and procedural obligations, as well as particular contexts of vulnerability, reaffirming the fundamental importance of the autonomy and independence of official public defender offices in the Americas and their role as guarantors of access to justice. **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

2. To urge States to strengthen public defenders in the area of access to justice in environmental matters through training and specialization for public defenders in litigation in

environmental matters and defending the rights of access to justice and information regarding environmental issues and public participation in environmental decision-making processes, as well as in the protection and defense of environmental defenders. **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

3. To request the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) to hold a special meeting on “The role of the official public defender in environmental justice” in the first quarter of 2025, in order to promote the exchange of experience and good practices aimed at advancing efforts in defense of the right to a clean, healthy and sustainable environment, to be attended by member states and their respective official public defender institutions that provide legal aid, members of the AIDEF (whose attendance will be guaranteed by that organization), and experts from the academic community, civil society, and international organizations. **(Agreed – 05/23/24)**

- ii. “PERSONS WHO HAVE DISAPPEARED AND ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THEIR FAMILIES”

REAFFIRMING the responsibility of the member states to continue efforts to prevent the disappearance of people, discover the fate and whereabouts of those who are missing, and alleviate the suffering, anxiety, and uncertainty experienced by the families of persons missing to comprehensively address their various needs and their right to truth, justice, and, as appropriate, reparation for the harm caused, **(Agreed – 06/12/24) (US: will submit a footnote)**

RESOLVES:

1. To urge member states, in accordance with their applicable obligations in the area of international humanitarian law and international human rights law, and taking into account existing jurisprudence on the subject, to continue progressively to adopt measures, including laws, protocols, guidelines, and other national provisions of a legal and institutional nature, in order to: **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

- a. Respect the family unit,] preventing insofar as possible **[preventing whenever possible]**, the separation of family members and facilitating contact with them, as well as their reunification, including when persons in situations of vulnerability, including women and minors, are affected children; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

- b. prevent and investigate the disappearance of all persons, with particular attention to women, girls, and groups that have been historically marginalized, discriminated against, and/or in a situation of vulnerability; **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

- c. promote the creation of a national information office in peacetime and, pursuant to the Third and Fourth Geneva Conventions of 1949, activate their application at the start of an international armed conflict and/or in cases of occupation, gather information on protected persons, living or dead, in the power of one of the parties and transmit it to the other party and families through the International Committee of the Red Cross Central Tracing Agency; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

- d. take up the cases of missing migrants, with particular attention to children, girls and women that are missing, with a view to searching for them, ensuring that their families are included, as appropriate, in the search process; locate them, reestablish contact between family members; reunite them, if possible, with their families, or, in the event they are deceased, identify them and return their remains to their families with dignity; and promote national coordination and regional cooperation in technical, judicial, and consular assistance; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

- e. determine the whereabouts and fate of missing persons with the goal of providing a prompt response to their family members, including the possibility of setting up mechanisms or entities of a primarily humanitarian nature and purpose endowed with the necessary resources and capacity to gather, centralize, and transmit relevant data to facilitate a comprehensive, wide-scale search and, in the case of the death of the missing person, give priority to the humanitarian objectives of recovering, identifying, returning, and disposing of the human remains with dignity, while at the same time complying with other obligations or commitments, as applicable, to investigate, prosecute, and punish those responsible for forced disappearances and any other criminal conduct that has resulted in the disappearance of people; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

- f. demand that the search follow a differential approach and be conducted with a gender perspective and adequately trained personnel, taking into account specific contexts and respecting the cultural, social, economic, and other needs and preferences of victims and their families; **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR: will present a footnote)**

- g. urgently meet the multidimensional needs of family members, including their psychological, social, legal, and material needs, as regards access to information about the possible causes of the disappearance of their loved ones - in particular, the need to know the truth about what happened to them; conduct a search, recover their remains in the event of their death, and return them; and resolve legal and administrative problems through comprehensive and affordable domestic legal procedures that recognize the legal status of the missing persons; and provide psychological, legal, psychosocial, and economic support when necessary; **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

- h. adopt the necessary measures to preserve traceability and ensure that the remains of the deceased, whether identified, unidentified, or as yet unclaimed, are treated with dignity in accordance with applicable law and professional ethical guidelines, and retain post-mortem information about them to preserve the possibility of identifying them and restoring their remains to their respective families at a later date in order to issue the corresponding death certificates; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

- i. adopt the necessary measures to locate, respect, and protect places where the human remains of missing persons may be found, including places where unidentified or unclaimed remains have been buried, with a view to their recovery, identification, and return with dignity; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

- j. guarantee the active participation and representation of victims and their family members at the relevant proceedings, their access to justice and to mechanisms that ensure them full, fair, prompt, and effective reparations. Likewise, to ensure arrangements and take measures for the protection of victims, members of their families, witnesses, lawyers and human rights defenders, against any acts of

intimidation or acts against their safety and well-being as a consequence of their involvement in the search process or their reporting of the crime of forced disappearance and other offenses that result in the disappearance of persons in criminal courts and in other search and justice mechanisms; **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

- k. strengthen technical skills involved in the search, recovery, and analysis of human remains and associated evidence, as well as the use of various forensic sciences; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**
- l. strengthen the forensic system and mechanisms or entities that deal with missing persons by endowing them with the necessary resources (infrastructure, equipment, trained specialists) —and guaranteeing those resources by law—to implement standards and protocols for the recovery, custody, and identification of cadavers with dignity, and provide their families with answers; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**
- m. promote gender responsive training and capacity building for those in charge of providing psychosocial support, cultural support, and psychological care during the process of searching for persons who have disappeared and assisting members of their families; **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR: will present a footnote)**
- n. ensure proper management of information, including the personal data of missing persons, members of their families, missing persons found alive, and persons deprived of their liberty, as well as information on unidentified remains, by setting up information management systems to gather, protect, and manage data a manner that is consistent with national and international legal standards and provisions to support the search for and identification of persons who have disappeared; and **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**
- o. promote, as necessary, standardized procedures within forensic systems and mechanisms or entities that deal with missing persons to coordinate and manage the records of unidentified and unclaimed deceased persons, compare the information on

missing persons with that of deceased persons, and produce a scientific identification report for the authorities and family members. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

2. To urge member states to ensure the implementation of legislation and other applicable measures in this area, with a humanitarian and transitional-justice approach. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

3. To encourage member states to consider ratification or adhering to the Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons and the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance, and implement them through domestic laws, as appropriate; consider recognizing the competence of the Committee against Forced Disappearance; share experiences and best practices; strengthen international cooperation and exchanges of information; and support the participation and technical assistance of international and national institutions with recognized experience in the search for people who have disappeared and their identification. To invite member states to continue working with the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and cooperating with the International Committee of the Red Cross, facilitating their work and taking up their technical recommendations, with a view to consolidating the measures adopted by the member states to prevent and address the consequences of disappearances and family separation, search for disappeared persons, treat human remains with dignity, and assist family members. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

4. To encourage member states to promote the adoption at the domestic level of measures related to the provisions contained in resolution AG/RES. 2134 (XXXV-O/05), "Persons Who Have Disappeared and Assistance to Members of Their Families," and subsequent resolutions adopted by the General Assembly on the subject, and provide information in that regard; and to instruct the CAJP to take the necessary steps to disseminate that information prior to the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

iii. "SITUATION OF PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT IN THE HEMISPHERE AND THE FIGHT AGAINST RACISM"

WELCOMING the summary and conclusions of the meeting convened by the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs on October 26, 2023, in accordance with the mandate contained in resolution AG/RES. 2990 (LII-O/22), as reflected in the document “More effective regional cooperation to advance recognition, protection, and promotion of the rights of people of African descent, including all girls and women of African descent and, in particular, on the advisability of adopting a declaration on promotion, protection, and full respect for the human rights of people of African descent in the Americas,” ([CP/CAJP/SA.765/23 rev. 1](#)) of January 23, 2024; and **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

BEARING IN MIND declaration [CP/DEC. 83/24 rev. 1](#), “Toward a More Effective Regional Cooperation to Advance the Recognition, Protection, and Promotion of the Rights of People of African Descent in the Americas, Including Girls and Women of African Descent,” adopted by the Permanent Council on March 25, 2024, which expressed the willingness of the member states to consider a mandate at the fifty-fourth regular session of the OAS General Assembly that would allow efforts to begin to promote negotiations on a first draft of an American Declaration on the Rights of People of African Descent, while remaining within the budget constraints of the OAS; **(Agreed – 05/23/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To call on member states to form an informal group with the primary objective of presenting—with the assistance of the Department of Social Inclusion (DIS) of the OAS in consultation with civil society and social actors and within existing resources and other resources—recommendations on the formulation and preparation of a draft inter-American declaration that combines the visions and perspectives of States to advance the human rights of individuals and peoples of African descent in the Americas, based on an intersectional approach and taking into account the situations of vulnerability to address the related and systematic inequalities, as well as the structural causes of systemic racism in the region. **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (US will present a footnote)**

2. That its conclusions be presented at a special meeting of the Permanent Council prior to the fifty-fifth regular session of the OAS General Assembly, coinciding with the conclusion of the

Plan of Action for the Decade for People of African Descent in the Americas (2016-2025). **(Agreed – 05/23/24)**

iv. “HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ENVIRONMENT”

RECALLING THAT United Nations General Assembly resolution 76/300, which recognizes the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment as a human right and further calls upon states, international organizations, business enterprises, and other relevant stakeholders to adopt policies, enhance international cooperation, strengthen capacity-building, and continue to share good practices in order to scale up efforts to ensure a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment for all. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RECALLING LIKEWISE that on March 4, 2022 the IACHR together with the Office of its Special Rapporteur for Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (ESCER) published its resolution 3/21, “Climate Emergency: Scope of Inter-American Human Rights Obligations” which recognizes that climate change is a human rights emergency and is one of the greatest threats to the full enjoyment of human rights by individuals, to present and future generations, in particular women and girls, and to the health of ecosystems and of all species that inhabit the Hemisphere. **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR: will submit a footnote)**

CONSIDERING the presentation on the request for an advisory opinion on “Climate Emergency and Human Rights,” submitted to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights by the Republic of Chile and the Republic of Colombia, and the public hearings held on the “Climate Emergency and Human Rights,” convened by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as well as a strong participation of civil society, states, and academia therein”; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

WELCOMING the adoption of the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ); and **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

TAKING NOTE of the outcomes of the Permanent Council meeting that discussed the issue of access to information, public participation, and justice in environmental matters in Latin America

and the Caribbean, at which meeting an invitation was extended to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), its Special Rapporteurship on Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights (ESCER), and the Working Group to Examine the Periodic Reports of the States Parties to the Protocol of San Salvador, to give a status report on this issue in Latin America and the Caribbean, based on the provisions of section xvi of resolution AG/RES. 2991 (LII-O/22); **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To once again urge member states to promote the human right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, to implement public policies for disaster risk response and prevention that are inclusive of marginalized and vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities increase international cooperation in these matters, strengthen capacity-building, and continue to share good practices that would help ensure a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment, and disaster risk prevention and timely responses, encouraging the adoption of measures to meet the relevant goals and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. **(Agreed – 06/17/24) (US, AR: will submit a footnote)**

2. The states parties to the Regional Agreement on Access to Information, Public Participation and Justice in Environmental Matters in Latin America and the Caribbean (Escazú Agreement) renew the call for Latin American and Caribbean states that have not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to, as appropriate, the aforementioned Agreement. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

3. To urge the member states to carefully consider the advisory opinion on “Climate Emergency and Human Rights,” to be issued by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

4. To reiterate the invitation extended for member states to sign and ratify, in accordance with their legal systems and as soon as possible, the Agreement under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea concerning the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ), and noting with appreciation Chile’s offer to host the Secretariat to the Agreement; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

5. To instruct the Permanent Council to include at one of its regular meetings the issue of conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity beyond national jurisdiction and its relationship to the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment as a human right, and to invite, among others, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and its Special Rapporteur for Economic, Social, Cultural and Environmental Rights to give a status report on this issue in Latin America and the Caribbean. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

- v. “HUMAN RIGHTS AND PEOPLE LIVING WITH A RARE DISEASE AND THEIR FAMILIES”

CONSIDERING the need to raise awareness of the existence of rare or uncommon diseases that progressively affect the life, health, well-being, and development of the individuals who face them, many of whom are children, as well as their families; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RECOGNIZING that persons living with a rare disease may develop one or more disabilities and face various barriers that affect their development, the exercise and enjoyment of their rights, and their full and effective participation and inclusion in society; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RECALLING the “Declaration of the Group of Friends of Persons with Disabilities of the Organization of American States on the occasion of World Rare Disease Day” read at the regular session of the Permanent Council on March 2, 2022; the Commemoration of World Rare Disease Day in the Permanent Council on March 6, 2024; as well as resolutions A/RES/76/132 of December 16, 2021, and A/RES/78/173 of December 19, 2023, on how to “Address the challenges of people living with a rare disease and their families” approved by the United Nations General Assembly; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To renew the mandate contained in section xiii of resolution AG/RES. 3003 (LIII-O/23) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,” which instructs the Permanent Council to commemorate Rare Disease Day each year. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

2. To thank the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity for its invaluable support in the commemoration of Rare Disease Day at the regular meeting of the Permanent Council of March 6, 2024. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

3. To urge member states to organize activities to raise awareness of the needs and challenges of people living with rare diseases and their family members, in order to advance recognition of their rights and eliminate the discrimination that they continue to suffer in our societies. Likewise, promote, awareness through the human resources of the health systems about the needs and challenges faced by people living with a rare disease, their caregivers, and families. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

4. To encourage Member States, to design, adopt, apply, update, supervise, and policies, resource allocation, and the of plans and strategies that improve the quality of life of persons living with rare diseases, their caregivers, and family members. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

vi. “EXPANDING SOCIAL PROTECTION AND INCLUSIVE OPPORTUNITY IN THE AMERICAS”

RECALLING that the OAS Charter, the Inter-American Democratic Charter and the Social Charter of the Americas each emphasize the role of the OAS in promoting economic, social, and cultural development and eradicating extreme poverty in the region; **(Agreed – 05/23/24)**

AWARE that the Declaration of Asunción: “Development with Social Inclusion” and the Declaration of Lima: “Together against Inequality and Discrimination,” adopted by OAS member states in 2014 and 2022 respectively, express the imperative of promoting fair, equitable and inclusive societies; that inclusion is a consistent and cross-cutting theme in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through its pledge that “no one will be left behind;” and that the OAS Permanent Council also called for greater cooperation to advance these issues in its declaration “Advancing and Promoting Social Justice and Equity in the Americas” (CP/DEC. 79/23 rev. 2, of March 29, 2023); **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (ES, AR: will present a footnote)**

RECOGNIZING that the OAS has a fundamental role in promoting human rights and integral development, including strengthening the inter-American dialogue on social development, in particular by promoting dialogue and regional cooperation actions to combat poverty, inequality and the educational gaps and needs that exist in the Hemisphere; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

EMPHASIZING that the Inter-American Democratic Charter states that “economic growth and social development, based on justice and equity, and democracy are interdependent, and mutually reinforcing;” **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RECOGNIZING the importance of upholding inclusion as a foundational principle of democracy, comprising full and meaningful participation in civic and political life for all persons; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

UNDERSCORING the urgent need to address the correlation between inequality, trust in democratic institutions, and the viability of democracy; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

BEARING IN MIND that during recent decades, many OAS member states have made significant progress in reducing poverty and extreme poverty, largely attributed to the expansion and improvement of safety net programs, including the development of innovative social protection programs; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

ACKNOWLEDGING that despite these important advances, our region remains among the most unequal in the world, leading to growing inequality, serious challenges for the effective protection of human rights and perceived distrust in the democratic system; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

KEEPING IN MIND that to effectively address the critical issues for the development of the Americas requires strategic inter-institutional efforts; it is imperative to strengthen partnership cooperation and work synergies between international and regional organizations, civil society organizations including women’s rights organizations and the public and private sectors, which play a key role in the promotion of social welfare, **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

AWARE that even before the COVID-19 pandemic, social protection systems faced challenges, including gaps in coverage, fragmentation, stratification, and weak coordination among programs and institutions within many countries of the hemisphere; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

REAFFIRMING, as a result, the need to adapt and strengthen social protection systems to cope with crises, including the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on those persons in situation of vulnerability; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RECALLING that the Inter-American Social Protection Network (IASPN) was launched in 2009 by the OAS during the V Summit of the Americas as a mechanism to enable member states to develop strategies to fight poverty through technical assistance programs and by sharing best practices, goals which were further reaffirmed in the Inter-American Action Plan on Democratic Governance, adopted by heads of state and government at the IX Summit of the Americas; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To urge member states to continue engaging collectively on strategies to address the pressing social and governance challenges faced by the region, particularly the continued socio-economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and to prioritize the role of social protection in promoting social cohesion, gender equality, political stability, and democracy. **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**
(AR will submit a footnote)

2. To encourage member states to consider options for strengthening the capacity of the OAS to advance social protection and equity within the framework of the strategic pillars of the Organization bearing in mind the outcomes of the Second Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development, to include efforts related to enhancing and supporting the IASPN so as to respond to current regional needs and challenges. **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

3. To affirm its support for the reactivation of the IASPN as a relevant and timely mechanism for hemispheric technical cooperation, available to those member state institutions responsible for social development policies and programs. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

4. To instruct the OAS Secretariat, through the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity (SARE), to undertake efforts to revitalize, relaunch, and reinvigorate the IASPN, aware of budgetary limitations, in collaboration with OAS member states, the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), and relevant regional stakeholders including diaspora associations, the private sector, and other relevant organizations to support partnerships to obtain the necessary resources for its continued operation and maintenance. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

5. To request that the OAS Secretariat, through SARE, provide regular reports on the progress and outcomes of said revitalization efforts to member states, the Permanent Council, and the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI). **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

6. To request that the Permanent Council and CIDI organize, within existing resources and in coordination with SARE, SEDI, and the Subcommittee on Partnership for Development Policies, a special joint meeting where member states may engage in dialogue on social protection challenges and needs, lessons learned, and best practices to advance the goals of this resolution, with a special focus on aspects identified in operative paragraph 2, so that the results and recommendations of that meeting can be transmitted to the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

vii. “HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS”

UNDERSCORING the member states’ longstanding concern regarding situations that prevent or hamper the work of human rights defenders at the national and regional levels in the Americas; [AG/RES. 1671 (XXIX-O/99)], and the duty of states to respect, protect, promote and guarantee the human rights of all persons, including the right related to the defense and promotion of human rights; the important and legitimate work carried out by all those individuals, groups, and communities that peacefully engage in nonviolent protest, express their opinion, publicly denounce abuses and violations of human rights, provide rights education, seek justice, truth, reparation, and non-repetition in response to human rights violations or abuses, or undertake other activities to promote human rights; [AG/RES. 2908 (XLVII-O/17)]; and **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

HIGHLIGHTING that the Inter-American Juridical Committee approved, in March 2023, Resolution CJI/RES.282 (CII-O/23) “Declaration of Inter-American Principles on the Legal Regime for the Creation, Operation, Financing, and Dissolution of Nonprofit Civil Entities”, aims to facilitate the life cycle of such entities in accordance with international and national standards and best practices, including the relevant legislation of OAS member states; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

REAFFIRMING the importance of the respect, guarantee, promotion and protection of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all persons in the Americas, **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize the work done at the local, national, and regional levels by human rights defenders, and to recognize their invaluable contribution to the promotion and protection of, and respect for, human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Americas. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

2. To adopt both individual and collective protection mechanisms for human rights defenders, to address, in consultation with them, the structural causes of violence, including impunity. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

3. To strongly condemn any act intended to directly or indirectly prevent or arbitrarily hinder the work of human rights defenders in the Americas, including environmental defenders as well as Indigenous defenders of those rights, against any act of reprisal, violence, as well as the criminalization of their work, harassment, intimidation, attacks, torture, forced disappearance, arbitrary detention and imprisonment, murder, and all other forms of violation or abuse of human rights committed by state or non-state actors, among others. **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

4. Give special consideration to the situation of all women human rights defenders, who are at specific risk, including of sexual and gender-based violence, in order to adopt gender-responsive measures on the protection of human rights defenders, including communicators and environmentalists. **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR will present a footnote)**

5. To call on states to thoroughly and impartially investigate attacks on human rights defenders, including, killings, physical assaults, threats, arbitrary detentions, and the illicit use of surveillance and the use of spyware technologies. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

6. To highlight the legitimate and valuable role played by women human rights defenders in promoting Sustainable Development Goals 3 and 5 in the Americas as well as gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls, and in the fight against discrimination and gender-based violence, including discrimination and violence facilitated by the use of technologies or exacerbated by such use. **(PY, AR, ES: will present a footnote) (Agreed – 06/27/24)**

7. To encourage Member States to observe the Inter-American Principles on the Creation, Operation, Financing, and Dissolution of Non-Profit Civil Entities and incorporate them as a guide for the implementation of regulations governing civil society organizations as a useful instrument to ensure that human rights defenders, including women human rights defenders, can carry out their work collectively. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

8. To urge States to promote and encourage the adoption and implementation of effective law and order measures to protect and promote the work carried out by human rights defenders, that contribute to the strengthening of democracy, and the rule of law as fundamental elements for ensuring their protection, respecting the independence of their organizations and denouncing the stigmatization of their work. **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

viii. “ERADICATION OF STATELESSNESS IN THE AMERICAS” **(TT: ad referendum) (US will submit a footnote)**

1. To urge member states to capitalize on the celebrations marking the 40th anniversary of the 1984 Cartagena Declaration on Refugees (the Cartagena +40 Process) to renew commitments to eradicating statelessness in the Americas by including the necessary measures in the forthcoming Chile Plan of Action (2024-2034). **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

2. To reaffirm the commitment of the member states to preventing and eradicating statelessness in the Americas and to invite the states to continue pursuing strategies and initiatives in

this area to take into account the new resolution on the right to nationality, prohibition of arbitrary deprivation of nationality, and statelessness, issued by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (Resolution 2/23), including strict application of the principle of equality and nondiscrimination in all nondiscriminatory measures adopted to promote and guarantee the unrepealable right to nationality, prohibit arbitrary deprivation of nationality, prevent, curb, and eradicate statelessness, and protect stateless persons. Emphasizing, in this context, the noble tradition in the Americas of ensuring nationality acquisition or recognition by birth in a country, naturalization of foreign nationals, and the granting of facilities for refugees and stateless persons to acquire a nationality as a durable solution in accordance with national legislation. **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

3. To urge member states that have not yet done so to consider ratifying or acceding to international conventions on statelessness, as appropriate, bearing in mind that 2024 marks the 70th anniversary of the 1954 Convention relating to the Status of Stateless Persons; as well as adopt or adapt their domestic regulatory frameworks, as necessary, in order to establish fair and efficient procedures for determining statelessness and facilitate protection of stateless persons and refugees in accordance with each country's domestic laws and international law, as well as amend provisions or practices that make arbitrary distinctions based on gender, legal, marital, or immigration status in order to transfer nationality to children at birth. **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

ix. “FOLLOW-UP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AMERICAN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND ON THE PLAN OF ACTION OF THE AMERICAN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES (2022-2026)” **(US: will submit a footnote)**

BEARING IN MIND the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the extension of the Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021) for a further period (2022-2026) in order to ensure due follow-up and implementation; resolution CP/RES. 1094 (2144/18) “Inter-American Week For Indigenous Peoples”; resolution AG/RES. 2898 (XLVII-O/17), “2019, International Year of Indigenous Languages”; resolution AG/RES. 2934 (XLIX-O/19), “Effective Participation of Indigenous Peoples and People of African Descent in Organization of American States Activities”; and the resolution 74/135 adopted on December 18, 2019, by the United Nations General Assembly, proclaiming the period 2022-2032 as the International Decade of Indigenous Languages, to draw attention to the critical loss of Indigenous

languages, the urgent need to preserve, revitalize, and promote Indigenous languages, as well to take urgent steps at the national and international levels; and **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

APPLAUDING the election and appointment on April 17 and May 15, 2024, whereby the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States and the Chair of the Council elected and appointed the members of the Working Group to Follow up on the Implementation of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (GT-ADRIP/DADIN) for the purpose of analyzing and monitoring hemispheric progress in the implementation of the ADRIP/DADIN, as well as proposing cooperation opportunities for OAS member states to exchange experiences, **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To urge member states, the General Secretariat, and OAS institutions to take all necessary measures to implement the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and to invite those states that have not yet joined the ADRIP/DADIN to do so. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

2. To encourage member states to provide the necessary facilities for the Working Group to meet, in person or virtually, with the participation of the permanent and the alternate members, so that, in keeping with the Consensus Document on the Working Group to Follow up on the Implementation of the ADRIP/DADIN, to elect from among its members two co-chairs who are experts designated by the member states that are party to the ADRIP/DADIN, and two co-chairs representing indigenous peoples, taking into consideration geographic and cultural representation, gender parity and equality, intergenerational representation, and membership of indigenous peoples. **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR will present a footnote)**

3. To invite member states and permanent observers, as well as other donors, to contribute to the Voluntary Contributions Specific Fund for implementation of the ADRIP/DADIN and the Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2022-2026), particularly for the Working Group to be established and sustained. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

4. To urge the General Secretariat to maintain close coordination with the permanent and alternate members of the Working Group on the progressive development of the agenda, and to promote financial transparency and accountability on the part of the Working Group, by presenting the Permanent Council with an annual budget and a report on spending at the end of each period, specifying the amounts requested, the sources of funding secured by the Working Group, and the use of funds to cover technical support personnel, the costs of virtual and in-person meetings, document translation and interpretation, the Inter-American Platform on the Implementation of the ADRIP/DADIN, and any other relevant aspect. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

x. “HUMAN RIGHTS AND MENTAL HEALTH”

TAKING NOTE of the final report of the High-level Commission on Mental Health and COVID-19 of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and its Strategy for Improving Mental Health and Suicide Prevention in the Region of the Americas adopted by resolution CD60.R12, Articles 12, 15, 16 and 17 of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, which the countries of the region have signed and ratified; Articles II, III, IV and V of the Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities; Objective 2 and the concrete actions set out in paragraph 2 of the Programme of Action for the Decade of the Americas for the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities 2016-2026; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To encourage member states to endeavor to implement the recommendations contained in those documents, based on an approach that involves different areas of national governments integrating a human rights perspective into mental health, both individual, and community services and taking into account the dimensions and specific characteristics of equality, gender, ethnicity, and age and disability; race, migratory status, disability, geographic location, and other characteristics relevant to the national context and recognize territorial particularities and needs; **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR: will present a footnote)**

2. To reaffirm the obligation of States to respect, protect and fulfil all human rights and fundamental freedoms and to ensure that mental health-related policies and services are in conformity with international human rights law; **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

3. To suggest that States, to the extent possible and in accordance with their respective domestic law: **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

a. increase understanding of mental health as a responsibility of government at the highest levels based on an intersectoral perspective that respects human rights; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

b. reaffirm the importance of national ownership and the primary role and responsibility of Governments in determining their own path to achieving universal health coverage, according to national contexts and priorities, and recognize that mental health services are an essential element of universal health coverage. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

c. allocate greater financial and human resources to expand mental health services both at the individual and community levels and, when necessary, use evidence-based remote care approaches to enhance access; **(Agreed – 06/17/24)**

d. promote a paradigm shift in mental health, among other areas, in clinical practice, policies, research, medical training, and health investments by promoting individual and community-based, evidence-based, and people-centered services that respect, protect, and promote human rights and the autonomy of individuals who use or seek mental health services; **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

e. support a transition from long-term institutionalization to community-based services in order to foster dignity and respect for people with mental health challenges and prevent abuses and violations of their rights; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

- f. integrate mental health into primary care and provide individual and community-based services tailored to the diverse needs of individuals with a life-course and person-centered, intercultural and gender-responsive approach. **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR, PY will present a footnote)**
- g. promote the participation of people who are recipients of mental health in the process of planning regulatory initiatives, training opportunities, establishing services, and launching awareness campaigns; **(Agreed – 06/17/24)**
- h. take urgent action to prevent suicide by means of a multisectoral approach that includes all relevant stakeholders, implements evidence-based interventions, and strengthens data collection activities, including gender and sex-disaggregated data, to inform public policy, plans, and suicide prevention services throughout the life course; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**
- i. work in a coordinated and intersectoral manner, in conjunction with civil society, including with organizations for the benefit of people with psychosocial disabilities or users of mental health services, professional guilds, associations, and other key actors, to promote regulatory and policy initiatives that foster positive human rights and mental health practices, as well as capacity building in human rights and mental health for key actors involved in health and social services; and **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**
- j. encourage prevention, promotion, and awareness-raising activities for mental health throughout the life cycle taking into account the approaches mentioned above. **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR: will present a footnote)**
- k. adopt, implement, update, strengthen or monitor, as appropriate, all existing laws, policies and practices in accordance with international human rights obligations, in order to eradicate all forms of unlawful or arbitrary discrimination, stigma, stereotyping, prejudice, violence, abuse, social exclusion, segregation, unlawful or arbitrary deprivation of liberty or internment and over-medicalization of persons with

psychosocial disabilities, and those who use mental health services or may do so in the future; **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

- l. promote, whenever possible, the ability of persons with psychosocial disabilities and those who use mental health services or may do so in the future to live independently, in accordance with their needs in conditions of equality and non-discrimination, and to have access to comprehensive mental health services and supports that are non-coercive and respect informed consent; and **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**
- m. promote their prerogative to full and effective inclusion and participation in society, to decide on matters that affect them, and to have their dignity respected on an equal basis with others. **(Agreed – 06/17/24)**

4. To request the General Secretariat, through the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, in coordination with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Pan American Health Organization, and in consultation with civil society, to prepare, within existing resources, a report on human rights and mental health in the Americas, with an emphasis on the status of legal protection for persons with mental health challenges, stigma, discrimination, access to community services, suicide prevention, and deinstitutionalization, whenever possible, as well as integration of disaggregated data on core mental health indicators in national health information systems and non-health data collection efforts in accordance with international human rights law; and to request the General Secretariat to present that report to the General Assembly of the Organization of American States at its fifty-fifth regular session. **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

xi. “HUMAN RIGHTS OF INDIGENOUS WOMEN

BEARING IN MIND the American Convention on Human Rights and its Additional Protocol, the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women, the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the Declaration on the Rights of all Women, Adolescents, and Girls in Rural Settings in the Americas establishing the Inter-American Decade of the Rights of Women, Adolescents, and Girls in Rural Areas of the Americas (2024-2034); **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

CONSIDERING that Indigenous women, adolescents, and girls have the right to recognition, protection, and enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms provided for in international law, free from discrimination of any kind, as established in the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (DADIN); **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (US: will submit a footnote)**

RECOGNIZING that Indigenous women represent a wide variety of cultures and traditions with different needs and concerns and the perspectives, and traditional knowledge, and the full, equal, effective and meaningful participation and leadership of Indigenous women contribute significantly to sustainable development;. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RECOGNIZING WITH CONCERN that violence against Indigenous Peoples and individuals, particularly women, adolescent women and girls, hinders or nullifies the enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the recommendations put forward in the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights report entitled “Indigenous Women and their Human Rights in the Americas” approved by this Commission on April 17, 2017 **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt all appropriate measures to promote and protect economic, social, and cultural rights of Indigenous women, adolescents, and girls with the goal of ensuring them full access to basic health and education services, food, and water, among other things. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

2. To adopt appropriate measures to ensure the civil and political rights associated with indigenous women’s exercise of full citizenship; and create spaces for the full and active participation of indigenous women in the design and implementation of initiatives, programs, and policies at all levels of government; those related to Indigenous women, as well as those related generally to indigenous peoples as a whole; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

3. To encourage states to incorporate in all laws and policies that affect Indigenous women, adolescents, and girls a holistic approach to address the multiple and interconnected forms of discrimination encountered by them in different contexts, with a view to protecting both their individual and the collective rights of Indigenous Peoples. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

4. To promote a gender-based, ethno-racial, and intercultural and intersectional perspective, understood as the interconnection of multiple forms of discrimination, discrimination, exclusion, and inequality, with the objective of preventing, investigating, prosecuting, and punishing all forms of violence against Indigenous women, adolescents, and girls. **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR will submit a footnote)**

5. To generate spaces of coordination between the state justice systems and traditional indigenous justice systems to incorporate a gender and intercultural perspective to improve the judicial protection of Indigenous women, adolescents, and girls when they suffer human rights violations and abuses. **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR will submit a footnote)**

6. To produce comprehensive and disaggregated statistics on the socio-economic situation of indigenous women and girls, and on violence and discrimination against indigenous women, adolescents, and girls, their access to justice, and their enjoyment of economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights, as well as other quantitative and qualitative information that may be relevant to enjoyment of their human rights **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

7. To request that the Inter-American Commission of Women report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth regular session on the implementation of this resolution. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

xii. “OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE 2024 ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS **(TT: will submit a footnote)**

RECOGNIZING the work of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights to support the observance, protection, and promotion of

human rights, as part of their functions in addressing human rights violations, in accordance with the principles of subsidiarity and complementarity, **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

TAKING NOTE of Resolution 4/23 of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), by which it adopted its Policy on the Prioritization of Cases, and the invitation to States and Civil Society to participate in the identification of cases that may contribute to the development of inter-American law and order or strengthen human rights, without prejudice to the continuous chronological review of cases as stipulated in Resolution 4/23. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the commitment of the member states to the inter-American system for protection of human rights. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

2. To encourage those member states that have not yet done so to consider signing, ratifying, or acceding to all the inter-American human rights instruments, particularly the American Convention on Human Rights **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

3. To call on the Member states to consider complying in good faith with the recommendations of the IACHR and to submit timely information on the situation of human rights to the Commission for the preparation of its annual reports, as well as when requested by the Commission, in accordance with its treaty prerogatives. **(Agreed – 06/27/24)**

4. To urge Member states to comply in good faith with the measures ordered by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, which are pending implementation. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

5. To reaffirm the importance for the Organization of maintaining a sustainable financial budget allocation that allows the IACHR and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights to fulfill all their mandates and continue their work. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

- xiii. “UNIVERSAL CIVIL REGISTRY AND THE RIGHT TO IDENTITY **(US: will present a footnote)**

CONSIDERING that the recognition of people’s identity facilitates the exercise of the right to a name, nationality, civil and birth registration, family relations, and legal personality, as well as of other rights enshrined in such international instruments as the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and the American Convention on Human Rights, and taking into account that the member states have pledged to redouble their efforts to provide everyone with access to a legal identity, especially through birth registration, in order to meet target 16.9 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and to ensure that everyone has a legal identity; **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR, ES will submit a footnote)**

RECALLING the International Recommendations on Statelessness Statistics, as well as the need to measure statelessness in population and housing censuses, household surveys, and national administrative records; to include displaced stateless populations in national data collection and statistical systems, while respecting the principles of data protection and privacy; and to improve national, regional, and international statistics coordination as a vehicle for strengthening data on statelessness, **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat, through its Universal Civil Identity Program in the Americas (PUICA) and the Latin American and Caribbean Council for Civil Registration, Identity, and Vital Statistics (CLARCIEV), to continue providing support to those member states that so request for the strengthening of their civil registration systems in order to ensure the protection and upholding of the right to identity, the universal registering of births, deaths, and other changes and deeds related to civil status, and interoperability between registration systems and national identity systems, all in order to ensure legal identity for everyone and, in that way, strengthen the protection of all human rights, particularly those of all members of populations that are vulnerable, displaced, and/or historically subject to discrimination, as well as prevent and eradicate statelessness and allow universal and equitable access to essential public services. **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR: will submit a footnote)**

2. To urge all member states to promote access for all persons, including fellow nationals residing abroad, regardless of their migration status, to identity documents by implementing effective and interoperable civil registration, identification, and vital statistics systems, including simplified and nondiscriminatory procedures that are accessible to everyone, while respecting diversity, in keeping with the national laws of each member state taking particular care with the protection of personal information and adopting a holistic and differentiating approach that takes account of gender, age, and rights. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

3. To urge member states to consider actively participating in CLARCIEV given that Council's continued interest in improving integration in the region and to promote the adoption of agreements to streamline data sharing among themselves, eliminating or simplifying in accordance with the provisions of their domestic law, the need to legalize or authenticate identification documents when they can be verified directly by the issuing agency special attention to persons in human mobility situations and of forced displacement, fully ensuring their right to identity in the region. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

4. To instruct the Permanent Council to include as an agenda item at a regular meeting in the fourth quarter of 2024 the presentation of the results achieved with the Inter-American Program for a Universal Civil Registry and "the Right to Identity" in order to mark fifteen years of activities and highlight the importance of the promotion of civil and/or legal identity in the Americas, including the participation of the CLARCIEV officers. **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR: will submit a footnote)**

xiv. "PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF CHILDREN: HUMAN MOBILITY" **(TT: will submit a footnote)**

CONSIDERING the growing increase in human mobility by children in the region, the risks associated with that situation and the particular impact on girls; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the importance for the OAS of protecting the rights of children in situations of human mobility, as reflected in the establishment and mandate of the Committee on Migration Issues, as well as various resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, particularly

declaration AG/DEC. 111 (LIII-O/23), “Declaration for the Protection and Integration of Migrant and Refugee Children in the Americas,” **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the IIN, within existing resources, and in coordination with the Department of Social Inclusion of the OAS to implement opportunities for training for state operators through the Inter-American Training Program, in order to strengthen the technical capacities of the States, fostering a gender-responsive, rights-based approach in attending to children in situations of human mobility and promoting the establishment of the necessary agreements and cooperation arrangements to facilitate those processes. **(Agreed – 06/27/24) (AR will present a footnote)**

2. To instruct the IIN in coordination with the Department of Social Inclusion of the OAS, to provide technical assistance to member states that so request in strengthening their comprehensive systems for promotion and protection of their rights. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

xv. “PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS RELATED TO CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS: VIOLENCE

BEARING IN MIND the importance of eradicating all forms of violence and exploitation children and adolescents in all spheres, including sexual and gender-based violence for their holistic development and for the protection of all their rights; and **(Agreed – 06/12/24) (Ad referendum AR)**

BEARING IN MIND ALSO the need to strengthen cooperation among member states in order to address violence against children and adolescents including sexual and gender-based violence; **(Agreed – 06/12/24) (Ad referendum AR)**

RECALLING its resolutions AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20); AG/RES. 2976 (LI-O/21), and AG/RES. 2991 (LII-O/22), as well as the Hemispheric Analysis on Violence against Children and Adolescents presented by the IIN, **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

EMPHASIZING the importance of states ensuring protection against domestic violence, including exposure to violence between parents or legal guardians of children, based on the understanding that this exposure is a form of psychological violence resulting in or leading to psychological harm and mental health consequences and a violation of the best interests of the child; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the IIN to advance, within existing resources, implementation of the recommendations – in the areas of policy and training – from the hemispheric study on prevention, eradication, and punishment of abuse and all forms of violence against children and adolescents, presented by the IIN in 2022, in coordination with member states. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

2. To request the IIN to report to the General Assembly on implementation of this mandate. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

xvi. “PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS OF CHILDREN: COMPREHENSIVE SYSTEMS FOR PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN

RECALLING the principles in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC); **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

REAFFIRMING the comprehensive and multidimensional nature of children’s rights and the resulting intersectoral and interagency coordination needed to promote and protect them **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

HIGHLIGHTING the importance of having comprehensive systems for the promotion and protection of the rights of minors, while bearing in mind the structural, programmatic, and regulatory differences that such systems may have; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

HIGHLIGHTING the need to continue working on national systems, including also through regional efforts, that contribute to the formulation, implementation, monitoring and evaluation of

universal and inclusive, participatory, and diversity-respecting public policies to enable rights to be exercised fully through access to quality services that promote integral development, with special attention to groups historically excluded and and/or in vulnerable situations; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the IIN to provide technical assistance to member states, when so requested and within existing resources, in order to strengthen their comprehensive systems for promotion and protection of the rights of children, and to establish interagency partnerships to facilitate those processes. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

xvii. “THE POWER OF INCLUSION AND THE BENEFITS OF DIVERSITY”

RECALLING that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent, and inter-related and that everyone is entitled to enjoy these rights without any distinction; consistent with the principle of equality and non-discrimination. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RECALLING ALSO that all the states of the Americas, through the 2014 Declaration of Asunción: “Development with Social Inclusion,” have articulated the imperative to promote fair, equitable and inclusive societies; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RECOGNIZING the contribution of sectoral and ministerial meetings of the OAS to achieve greater inclusion in the region; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

NOTING that inclusion is a pervasive and cross-cutting theme in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its pledge that “no one will be left behind,” and in particular, the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies, including SDGs 5, 10 and 16 in which gender equality, social inclusion, economic and political inclusion, access to justice for all persons and building of effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions are promoted; **(Agreed – 06/12/24) (ad referendum AR)**

NOTING WITH ALARM that there continues to be reports from across the region regarding acts and expressions of hate and exclusion, including, but not limited to, antisemitism; hate against

Muslims, Christians and those who profess religions of African or Indigenous origin; xenophobia, homophobia, transphobia, violence, racism and discrimination. **(Agreed – 06/12/24) (PE, AR: ad referendum)**

RECOGNIZING the efforts of bodies, organizations, and entities of the OAS to counter discrimination, intolerance, regressive [**CO // CR: cannot support: initiatives in the area of movements in human rights and gender equality matters**], violent extremism, [**CA: regressive movements in the area of human rights and gender equality // PY, CR, ES, AR, PE: does not support this change // Chair, CA, ME: regressive political narratives in terms of nondiscrimination**] and other forms of hate in the region, which are rapidly increasing, and that States have a responsibility to combat; **(ES, PY, CA: in consultations)**

REAFFIRMING that the inherent dignity and the equal and inalienable rights of all persons are the foundation of freedom, justice, security and peace, and that social inclusion is an essential element in the full realization of human dignity, respect for human rights, sustainable development and lasting peace in our democratic societies; and **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

REITERATING that promoting collaboration between non-profit civil entities and government entities is essential to address the challenges faced by the region in terms of social inclusion and diversity, citizen security, economic development, and environmental protection; and **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

HIGHLIGHTING WITH SATISFACTION that on March 21, 2024, the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs held a special meeting at which member states heard from experts, shared lessons learned, and exchanged good practices to advance the goals of this resolution concerning inclusion and democracy, diversity, **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize inclusion as the full equal and meaningful participation of all persons, without – discrimination of any kind, nor arbitrary differentiation in economic, social, cultural, civic,

and political life and to take measures to ensure all persons can fully exercise and enjoy their human rights. **(Agreed – 06/17/24)**

2. To urge Member States to fully respect and protect the right of all individuals to freedom of association, and to adopt all necessary measures to ensure that any restriction on the free exercise of the right to freedom of association complies with their obligations under international human rights norms and conventions. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

3. To reaffirm that inclusion is an essential element to the full realization of every person's unique potential and that inclusive democratic societies value and respect diversity as a source of strength and recognize such diversity as beneficial for the advancement, sustainable development and welfare of their populations. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

4. To urge member states to continue their efforts to build more inclusive societies by:
(Agreed – 06/06/24)

- a. adopting, implementing, maintaining, and improving inclusive gender-responsive legislation, public policies, programs, services, and institutions, and **(Agreed – 06/06/24) (Ad referendum AR)**
- b. sustaining a culture of inclusion by supporting civil society initiatives that bridge differences, foster mutual understanding, and promote greater respect for diversity of backgrounds, perspectives, and identities. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

5. To uphold the link of inclusion and equality with the intrinsic values of democracy which are freedom, equality and social justice, comprising the full and meaningful participation in civic and political life, for all persons which involves such elements as: free and fair elections conducted in a transparent manner, respect for the self-determination of peoples and non-intervention in internal affairs; inclusive and accountable public institutions and policy development; equitable representation and participation of a population's diversity in politics and all public institutions at the, local national and international levels, including adopting measures to achieve gender and racial/ethnic parity in decision-making processes; safe and accessible civic spaces that respect the fundamental freedoms of expression, assembly, and association of individuals including an environment that promotes the integrity of information; free and uncensored media balanced with respect and dignity, both offline and online; and digital inclusion, from internet connectivity to digital literacy, required for informed and engaged democratic citizens. **(Agreed – 06/12/24) (Ad referendum AR)**

6. To strive towards greater inclusion of cultural diversity, comprising the full, equitable and meaningful participation of all persons, integrating all women, minorities, and groups in situation of vulnerability in cultural life which involves such elements as: continuing public awareness campaigns; protecting and safeguarding cultural practices, sites, and expressions; enabling access to and equal participation in cultural life; promoting policies that ensure and enhance the expression and interpretation of cultural diversity; highlighting the connection between cultures and innovative

solutions in urban and rural, national and local contexts; and, recognizing and respecting the distinctive contributions of people according to their cultures. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

7. To recommend to Member States collaboration with OAS bodies in the development of training programs for public officials responsible for supervising the operations of Non-Profit Civil Entities regarding best practices, international and regional standards that promote the exercise of the right of association. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

8. To request the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs to organize, within available resources and in coordination with the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, CIDI, and the Subcommittee on Partnership for Development Policies a special meeting where member states may engage in dialogue with experts, share lessons learned and exchange good practices to advance the goals of this resolution, with a special focus on aspects identified in paragraph 5, and that the Committee present the results of that meeting to the Permanent Council prior to the fifty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

xviii. “PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ONLINE”

RECOGNIZING the differentiated impact that the deliberate dissemination of misinformation and disinformation can have on groups in marginalized or vulnerable situations; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

APPRAISING the role of quality journalism and the labor of human rights defenders in combating misinformation and disinformation; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

FULLY AWARE of the chilling effect against the exercise of the right to freedom of expression produced by intimidation, harassment, violence and vigilance, both online and offline, against journalists, media workers, and human rights defenders particularly women journalists, women media workers and women human rights defenders; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

EMPHASIZING that discrimination against members of marginalized groups and in situation of vulnerability impedes their ability to vigorously participate in public debate and exercise their right

to freedom of expression in addition to restricting the enjoyment of other civil and political rights;
(Agreed – 06/06/24)

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the mandate to the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the IACHR as outlined in resolution AG/RES. 2991 (LII-O/22); **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

HAVING HEARD of the “Report on Inclusion, Digital Appropriation, and Content Governance” produced by the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To Affirm the necessity of continuously developing policies that promote universal and significant access to the internet for all, thereby broadening access to information for marginalized individuals or in situation vulnerability with the aim of overcoming digital gaps, urging equal urgency in advancing policies of digital media literacy focused on civic abilities and critical consumption of online information; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

2. To urge especially public authorities, to refrain from contributing to the deliberate dissemination of misinformation and disinformation; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

3. To Highlight the importance of States, companies and other interested parties adopting an inclusive and comprehensive approach to address the impacts of the spread of misinformation and disinformation, including through accountability and transparency; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

4. To remind public authorities, companies and other interested parties, of their role in providing the public with timely, accurate, clear, objective and complete information about their policies, programs, services and initiatives, consistent with national and international legal obligations and commitments, where appropriate, with the objective of creating an appropriate environment for information integrity; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

5. To encourage Member States to uphold the legal and de facto conditions for the free labor of the press and human rights defenders, potentially necessitating the strengthening of domestic legal frameworks on the effective investigation of threats, both online and offline, data protection, and access to information, including information collected through intelligence activities; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

6. To call upon the private sector and all relevant stakeholders to ensure that respect for human rights online is incorporated into the conception, design, development, deployment, operation, use, evaluation and regulation of all new and emerging digital technologies related to the propagation of information, and to provide effective remedy for abuses or could lead to violations of those rights; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

7. Continue to develop or maintain preventive measures to avoid violations and infringements of human rights online, including privacy rights, that may affect all individuals, particularly women, children, persons in vulnerable situations or marginalized groups; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

8. To call upon Member States to encourage the inclusiveness of innovation, to guarantee the accessibility, affordability and availability of information and communication technologies, in order to close digital divides, and to mainstream a disability, gender and racial equality perspective in political decisions and the frameworks that guide them. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**
(Ad referendum AR)

9. To affirm that the same human rights that people enjoy offline must also be protected online, including the right to not be subjected to arbitrary or unlawful interference with privacy; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

10. To welcome the "Report on Inclusion, Digital Appropriation, and Content Governance," prepared by the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in response to AG/RES. 2991 (LII-O/22); **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

11. To call for the continuous implementation of recommendations outlined in the “Report on Inclusion, Digital Appropriation, and Content Governance” by member states, while providing conditions for broad engagement of multi-stakeholders in this endeavor; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

12. To also call for continuous recognition of the importance of the mandate and work of the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression of the IACHR, which, with its permanent nature and functional independence, contributes to adequately addressing current challenges in securing the right to freedom of expression for all within the OAS; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

13. To recommend, resources permitting, that the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression advance, in coordination with the Inter-American Juridical Committee and other relevant organs of the Organization studies on the impact of advancements in generative artificial intelligence on human rights, as well as parameters for the legal, necessary, and proportional use of cyber vigilance in the Americas; and, **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

14. To request the Office of the Special Rapporteur for Freedom of Expression dialogue with the Chair of the Summit Process to explore the possibility of holding a meeting with Member States to share experiences and good practices on State’s efforts in policies of digital media literacy and in combating disinformation in line with human rights standards, in coordination with other relevant areas of the OAS General Secretariat such as the Secretariat of the inter-American Committee to combat Terrorism, and the Department for Effective Public Management, among others. **(Agreed – 06/17/24)**

xix. GENDER PARITY AND BALANCED GEOGRAPHIC AND LEGAL-SYSTEM REPRESENTATION ON THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS **(Agreed – 06/06/24) (Ad referendum AR) (TT will submit footnote)**

CONSIDERING the importance of working towards gender parity, women’s full, equal, meaningful and effective participation, equitable geographic distribution, and representation of the

different legal systems on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, ensuring full and equitable access for all, including women and people in vulnerable situations, in keeping with the principles of independence, impartiality, moral authority and competence with regard to human rights and non-discrimination so that the Court and Commission can continue to carry out their mandates effectively; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

UNDERSCORING that a balanced composition of gender and an equitable geographic distribution, as well as a balanced representation of different legal systems on the IACHR and the Court, will strengthen the work and impact of these organs and result in a more comprehensive treatment of the topics and problems in the region in the areas of prevention, promotion, protection, and guarantee of human rights, with special attention to issues of gender equality, non-discrimination, and social inclusion; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

NOTING WITH CONCERN intersectional discrimination, understanding intersectionality as the multiple and compounded forms of discrimination, exclusion and inequality, and that violence against women, adolescents and girls in the Hemisphere continues to exist, in particular the lack of access for women to full, equal, meaningful and effective participation in the public sphere, in both representation and decision-making positions, as well as their lack of access to justice particularly for gender-related crimes; **(Agreed – 06/12/24) (Ad referendum GR)**

TAKING NOTE of the ongoing discussions in the Human Rights Council of the United Nations that led to the adoption of resolution 41/6 of July 2019 and the adoption of the report of the Human Rights Council Advisory Committee on gender balance in human rights bodies, which includes useful recommendations for overcoming gender and representation imbalance in international bodies, as well as the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) Committee process to develop a General Recommendation (#40) on “The equal and inclusive representation of women in decision-making systems;” **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

REAFFIRMING resolutions AG/RES. 2991 (LII-O/22) and AG/RES. 3003 (LIII-O/23), which recognize the importance of consolidating gender parity and equitable geographic distribution, as well as balanced representation of different legal systems on the IACHR and the Court, in accordance with the provisions of Articles 77, 101, and 120 of the OAS Charter on the principles of

rotation and equitable geographic representation in the composition of the Councils of the General Assembly, the Inter-American Juridical Committee, and the General Secretariat, respectively; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

REAFFIRMING CP/RES. 1149 (2278/20), “Women’s Representation and Participation in the OAS” (2020) and EO No.22-05, the “Plan for Gender Parity in Decision-Making Positions at the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States” (2022); **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

TAKING NOTE of the report on “Recommendations to consolidate gender parity, geographical balance and representation of legal systems in the Inter-American Commission and Court of Human Rights” of June 2023, prepared by the Inter American Commission of Women (CIM) in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 2991 (LII-O/22) adopted by the OAS General Assembly, which analyzes the state of past and present representation in the IACHR and Inter-American Court, summarizes the main reasons for implementing said criteria, presents comparative best practices at the national, regional and international levels, and includes a series of recommendations to the OAS, its bodies, and its Member State; and **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

RECOGNIZING the importance of sustaining gains achieved in recent election cycles which resulted in gender parity for the first time in the history of both the IACHR and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

RECOGNIZING that challenges persist in achieving equitable geographic and legal-system distribution on the IACHR and the Court, **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To encourage member states, when nominating and selecting judges of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and commissioners of the IACHR, to aim to achieve balanced gender representation and equitable geographic and hemispheric legal-system representation, as well as an appropriate balance of population groups, particularly those in situations of vulnerability and historically marginalized, , while guaranteeing the requirements of independence, impartiality, moral authority and competence with regard to human rights. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

2. To reiterate that it is the responsibility of member states to create conditions and promote opportunities for the nomination and/or appointment of women candidates to the IACHR and Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as well as to widely publicize available positions, with the purpose of maintaining gender parity while always ensuring compliance with the requirements of independence, impartiality, moral authority and competence with regard to human rights. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

3. To encourage member states to take measures for the establishment of national procedures and guidelines to progressively advance in achieving gender equality and population-group representation in nomination and selection processes for candidates to the organs of the inter-American human rights system in keeping with the principles of independence, impartiality, moral authority and competence with regard to human rights and non-discrimination. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

4. To urge member states likewise to continue adopting measures that follow the recommendations of the OAS General Assembly aimed at bringing candidate national nomination processes and the selection processes in the OAS in line with international and regional standards and successful experiences in other similar bodies. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

5. To invite Member States to reflect on their national nomination procedures and to promote and exchange good practices in those procedures. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

6. To urge Member States, when presenting candidates for the Court and the IACHR, to include a description of their procedures, where appropriate. **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

7. To instruct the CAJP to continue to deepen its work on this topic, including in its 2024-2025 work program, by holding with the collaboration of the Inter-American Commission on Women a follow-up meeting for member states, experts, and civil society – including women's rights organizations – to review ongoing best practices, new measures implemented, and ongoing strategies regarding the nomination and selection of candidates to the organs of the inter-American human rights system, including information on existing national procedures and policies, measures taken by

Members States and by the OAS, as well as best practices of other human rights bodies. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

8. To request the Inter American Commission of Women to prepare, in line with the available resources, through consultations with Member States, experts, and civil society, a follow up study to its 2023 report, identifying areas of progress, new good practices at the national, regional and international levels, as well as remaining challenges and recommendations, to be presented at the 55th OAS General Assembly. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

9. To instruct the Permanent Council to invite the candidates nominated by member states for the position of judge on the Court or commissioner on the IACHR to deliver a public presentation to the Permanent Council prior to their election and to describe in greater depth what their vision, proposals, and initiatives would be if elected, including gender equality and justice, geographic and different legal system representation would be integrated into their mandate. Such presentations, where possible, should be made at the same meeting of the Permanent Council and be disseminated as widely as possible. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

xx. “HUMAN RIGHTS AND PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION AND VIOLENCE AGAINST LGBTI+ PERSONS”^{3/4/} **(GU, AR, GR: in consultations on the entire section)**

RECOGNIZING the efforts made by member states through their national policies and legislations in the fight against violence and discrimination against all members of groups in vulnerable situations, in accordance with their international human rights obligations, and commitments, and within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the development plans of each state; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that despite such efforts, lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, intersex (LGBTI+) and gender diverse persons continue to be subjected to violence and degrading medical

^{3.} “The Government of Barbados states that this section of the resolution contains a number of issues and terms which are neither reflected in its national laws nor the subject of national consensus. As such, Barbados would not be in a position to meet these requirements. Notwithstanding this, the Government of Barbados remains steadfastly committed to protecting the rights of all from harm and violence, in keeping with the rule of law and the provisions of its Constitution”

^{4.} Announced the submission of a footnote: PE, SL, SV, PY, TT, ES.

practices, including so called “conversion therapies” in some countries of the region and discrimination based on their sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, and sexual characteristics; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

RECOGNIZING that trans persons, and in particular trans women, are in a situation of particular vulnerability as a result of the combination of various factors such as prejudice, exclusion, discrimination, and violence in the public and private spheres, and also recognizing the situation of vulnerability of human rights defenders of LGBTI+ persons; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

CONSIDERING with special concern that violence against children including adolescents manifests itself both in the public and private arenas, for various reasons, as a consequence of discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity and/or expression and sexual characteristics, and considering the importance of reducing the stigma and discrimination against young people, children, and adolescents; including in schools and other educational environments; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

CONSIDERING ALSO that although emerging economic, public health and other global challenges including the aftereffects of the COVID19 pandemic affect many people, these factors affect members of specific groups such as LGBTI+ persons differently, who may require the adoption of specific measures, as appropriate; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

NOTING that the specific human rights violations and abuses commonly suffered by intersex persons may involve medically unnecessary or deferrable interventions, which may be irreversible, with respect to sex characteristics, performed without full, free and informed consent of the person; non-consensual sterilization; excessive and/or coercive submission to medical examinations, photographs, and exposure of the genitals; lack of access to medical information and medical history; delays in birth registration; denial of services or health insurance, among others; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

TAKING NOTE of the work and contributions of the IACHR, in particular the reports by the Office of the Rapporteur for the Rights of LGBTI Persons and the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Economic Rights (OSRESCER) on “Violence against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans, and Intersex Persons in the Americas,” of November 2015, and “Progress and

challenges towards the recognition of the rights of LGBTI persons in the Americas,” of December 2018, and the “Report on Trans and Gender Diverse Persons and Their Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights,” of November 2020; as well as the work of the Working Group of the Protocol of San Salvador (GTPSS) and of the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat of Access to Rights and Equity; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

REAFFIRMING the importance of States complying with their obligations regarding international human rights law and recognizing that human rights are universal, inalienable, indivisible, and interdependent; and **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

BEARING IN MIND the authority of member states to implement national policies that are in accordance with their respective national constitutions and also underscoring the importance of adherence to obligations under international human rights law; **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To condemn, in accordance with international law, including the American Convention on Human Rights when applicable, violations and abuses of human rights, discrimination, speeches and manifestations of hatred, incitement to and acts of violence motivated by prejudice against persons because of their sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, and their sex characteristics in the Hemisphere, as well as medical discrimination and degrading medical practices. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

2. To urge member states to continue strengthening their legislation, institutions, and public policies to eliminate the barriers faced by lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, and intersex (LGBTI+) persons in the enjoyment of their human rights and fundamental freedoms, as well as to adopt measures focused on preventing, investigating, providing accountability for, punishing, and eradicating violence and discrimination against persons based on their sexual orientation, their gender identity and/or expression, and their sex characteristics; and to take steps to ensure that victims of violence and discrimination have access to justice and health services under conditions of equality. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

3. To encourage member states to recognize that LGBTI+ persons also face multiple and differentiated forms of violence and discrimination based on their sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, and sex characteristics, as well as their race, ethnicity, disability, age, and social class which leads to aggravated forms of discrimination, exclusion, and violence in the public and private spheres and further undermines the full observance of their rights. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

4. To urge member states to adopt measures to include LGBTI+ persons in economic development and guarantee their equal access to the labor market, as a priority task in the context of emerging economic challenges. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

5. Urge Member States to continue to take the necessary measures to facilitate the free exercise of the civil and political rights of LGBTI+ persons, including practices such as ensuring that all polling stations and premises are universally accessible, in accordance to the national legislation of each country and consistent with international human rights obligations and commitments, among others. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

6. To urge member states: (i) to use appropriate institutional mechanisms, strengthen the system of rights on an equal basis for all, and develop public policies on violence against LGBTI+ persons, including trans persons and particularly trans women, with an emphasis on crimes motivated by prejudice and discrimination, in order to guarantee and respect equality before the law and to promote access for trans persons to the full enjoyment of all their human rights; (ii) to acknowledge the multiple and interrelated forms of discrimination against LGBTI+ women, enact laws and policies to prevent gender-based violence and promote gender equality, disaggregate data on LGBTI+ violence, and implement public policies to prevent, punish, and eradicate discrimination and violence against LGBTI+ women; (iii) to foster respect for sexual diversity in rural and coastal areas, among others, and promote policies or activities to generate a favorable social environment with safe and free spaces so that LGBTI+ persons living there can lead their lives and have families without fear of discrimination, exclusion, or vulnerability; (iv) to recognize and address the vulnerabilities of human rights defenders who work to protect the rights of LGBTI+ persons and **promote the participation of civil society in the process of public policy consultations**; and (v) to take into account that the needs and vulnerabilities of LGBTI+ persons may change over the life course in advancing the steps

described in this resolution with recognition that the needs and vulnerabilities of LGBTI+ persons may change over the life course. **(CA, US: *maintain Q – ad referendum*)**

7. To encourage member states to take the appropriate legislative, administrative, and judicial measures to ban so-called “conversion therapies” and any practice or intervention aimed at changing or suppressing a person’s sexual orientation, gender identity and/or expression, -or sexual characteristics. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

8. To urge those states that have adopted said measures in the previous paragraph, to enforce them effectively and maintain and review enforcement-related data to the extent possible. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

9. To urge member states to adopt measures that ensure effective protection for intersex persons and to implement policies and procedures, as appropriate, that guarantee that medical practices with respect to intersex persons respect human rights. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

10. To encourage member states to consider discussing, in accordance with their respective national legal system, the possible adoption and implementation of legislation and/or public policies to legally recognize the self-perceived and freely manifested gender identity of persons, through administrative or other procedures that ensure confidentiality. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

11. To urge member states to advance the capacity of law-enforcement officials in their interactions with LGBTI+ persons; including the investigation of crimes against LGBTI+ persons, particularly domestic violence through training, coordination with civil society as appropriate, and other efforts. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

12. To recognize and take steps toward meeting the need for disaggregated data and actions to better understand and address gender-based and prejudice-based violence and promote gender equality for all LGBTI+ persons in the region. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

13. To urge member states to take measures to eliminate laws, regulations and practices that discriminate, directly or indirectly, against citizens in their right to participate in public affairs,

including elections, based on sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, and sex characteristics. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

14. To instruct the Permanent Council to organize, with existing resources and in coordination with the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity and civil society, a special meeting on “Progress achieved and challenges remaining in the prevention of discrimination and violence against LGBTI+ persons in the Americas” mindful that 2024 marks the tenth anniversary of the establishment of the IACHR Rapporteurship on the Rights of LGBTI Persons. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

15. To renew its request that the IACHR, subject to the availability of resources, prepare a follow-up report on the 2015 “Violence against LGBTI persons” report, and in collaboration with other bodies and agencies, such as the Pan American Health Organization, to also report about medical discrimination and degrading medical practices, especially in relation to intersex persons, as well as a report on the practice of so-called “conversion therapies” in the region. **(Agreed – 06/06/24)**

xxi. **“HUMAN RIGHTS APPROACH IN THE FIGHT AGAINST ORGANIZED CRIME” (title agreed – 06/17/24)**

REAFFIRMING the obligation of states to respect, promote, and protect all human rights and fundamental freedoms and the essential importance of respecting the rule of law, taking into special consideration Article 2(a) of the Charter of the Organization of American States, which establishes the strengthening of peace and security in the region as an essential purpose of the Organization; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RECALLING that states should ensure that measures adopted to counter organized crime in all its forms and manifestations are in accordance with international law, particularly international human rights law, international refugee law, and international humanitarian law; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

CONSIDERING that, in keeping with Article 27 of the American Convention on Human Rights, certain obligations under that Convention may be suspended only in cases of war, public danger, or other emergency threatening the independence or security of the state party, and only to the extent and for such time as may be strictly required by the exigencies of the situation; and REITERATING that even in such scenarios exceptions must not be incompatible with their other

obligations under international law, must not involve discrimination on the grounds of race, color, sex, language, religion, or social origin; and further stipulating that certain rights cannot be suspended under any scenario; and **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

WELCOMING the study conducted by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on the impact of organized crime on women, girls, and adolescents (OEA/Ser.L/V/II, doc.9/23) and on children, adolescents, and young people (OEA/Ser.L/V/II, doc.51/23), **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To condemn organized crime in all its forms and manifestations and to express concern about their detrimental effects on the enjoyment of all human rights. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

2. To reaffirm that states have a duty to protect people within their territory from violence, including organized crime in all its forms and manifestations, especially those populations in situations of special vulnerability, **[PY, ES: delete listing and add “whose lives and development are affected]** including children, adolescents, young people, older persons, persons with disabilities, migrants **[ME, CA, CO, US, BO, CH, UY, BO, DR: and women in all their diversity // ES, PY, SL, SV, , AR: all women]**, whose lives and development are affected by the phenomenon of organized crime in all of its forms and manifestations. **(GU, GR, US: in consultations)**

3. To reiterate that states have a duty to ensure that all measures adopted to combat organized crime in all its forms and manifestations are adopted while fully abiding by international human rights obligations, including the principles of legality, necessity, proportionality, and non-discrimination, and at all times observing minimum procedural safeguards. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

4. To instruct the Permanent Council to include in one of its regular meetings a dialogue of member states, specialists, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security to address relevant public policies and regulations to ensure an approach to the issue of organized crime in all its forms and manifestations, that observes human rights and honors international obligations in this area. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

5. To request the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to strengthen the collaboration with the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security to continue including a cross-cutting human rights approach in all its areas of activity, and its entities and dependencies, such as the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism, the Secretariat of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission, the Department against Transnational Organized Crime, and the Department of Public Security. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

xxii. HUMAN RIGHTS OF OLDER PERSONS **(GU: in consultations)**

MINDFUL of the urgent need to identify and include the needs and meaningful participation of older persons particularly older women, in all areas of society, and of eradicating all forms of age-based discrimination; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RECOGNIZING that older persons enjoy all human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the rights to life , and should enjoy the very highest level of physical, mental, material, and social well-being without discrimination of any kind, consistent with the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons; **(Agreed – 06/12/24)**

CONSIDERING that the Follow-up Mechanism to the Inter-American Convention on the Protection of the Human Rights of Older Persons was established after receiving the tenth instrument of ratification or accession, as established in Article 33 of the same treaty; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RECOGNIZING that older persons face a number of specific barriers to the enjoyment of their human rights, including all forms of discrimination violence, abuse, abandonment, lack of spaces for social participation, access to justice, quality health care, long-term care and support, palliative care, accessibility and unpaid care work, and highlighting the importance of promoting inclusive and age-friendly communities and environments and providing older persons with a range of support services that promote their dignity, autonomy, and independence so that they can remain at home as they age, while respecting their personal preferences, **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To encourage all member states to make the necessary effort to promote and protect the human rights of older persons without age discrimination, so that they can enjoy all their human rights and fundamental freedoms, participate in the various spheres of society, as appropriate receive good treatment and preferential attention, as well as comprehensive care and support that is targeted and differentiated based on their needs, including gender-responsive care and support, thereby protecting their wellbeing and promoting their autonomy and independence and universal, equitable, and timely access to primary care-based quality comprehensive health services, especially those serving older persons in vulnerable situations, as well as to urge States to account for the needs of older persons when designing public programs and policies aimed at sustainable development.

(Agreed – 06/13/24) (ad referendum AR)

2. To urge member states that have not yet done so to consider signing, acceding to, or ratifying, as applicable, the Inter-American Convention on Protecting the Human Rights of Older Persons. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

3. To invite the States Parties to the Convention to provide all the support and facilities necessary to hold the first Conference of States Parties and the first meeting of the Committee of Experts of its Follow-up Mechanism to the Convention. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

4. To urge all States to respect and protect the human rights of older people receiving and/or providing care and support, and of paid and unpaid caregivers. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

5. To encourage States to increase investment in care and support policies and programs and infrastructure to ensure universal access to affordable, quality services for all, including older persons. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

xxiii. “PROTECTION OF ASYLUM SEEKERS AND REFUGEES IN THE AMERICAS”
(Agreed 06/17/24)

HIGHLIGHTING the importance of the Global Compact on Refugees, the work of the Asylum Capacity Support Group, and follow-up on the commitments adopted by a number of member states of the Organization at the Second Global Refugee Forum, held in Geneva in December 2023, particularly as regards strengthening asylum and protection capacities, shared responsibilities, and lasting solutions; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

HIGHLIGHTING the achievements attained through the adoption of the 1984 Cartagena Declaration on Refugees, the 1994 San José Declaration on Refugees and Displaced Persons, the 2004 Mexico Declaration and Action Plan to Strengthen the International Protection of Refugees in Latin America, and the 2014 Brasilia Action Plan on a Regional Cooperation and Solidarity Framework to Strengthen the International Protection of Refugees, Displaced and Stateless Persons in Latin America and the Caribbean , as well as the important inclusive and constructive dialogue of the Cartagena +40 process; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RECOGNIZING the need to maintain spaces for regional dialogue that will make it possible to address, in a concerted manner, in a spirit of solidarity and shared responsibility, the due protection of applicants for recognition of refugee status in the Americas; and the desirability of assessing conditions for strengthening information-sharing systems in accordance with national laws; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RECOGNIZING that the unprecedented displacement and human mobility crises unfolding in the region demand the adoption of a collaborative and coordinated approach among all countries of origin, transit, destination and return, which is essential in order to take concrete steps to ensure respect, protection, and promotion of the human rights of all persons including asylum seekers and refugees, regardless of their immigration or legal status, **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RECALLING its resolutions AG/RES. 2928 (XLVIII-O/18), AG/RES. 2941 (XLIX-O/19), AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20), AG/RES. 2976 (LI-O/21), and AG/RES. 2991 (LII-O/22) and the Declaration of Panama City and the Sixth Annual Meeting of the MIRPS, regarding the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS), a mechanism that contributes to multilateral initiatives for dialogue and cooperation in relation to asylum seekers,

refugees, returnees in need of protection, and displaced persons, comprising Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, and Panama; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

EMPHASIZING the importance of the “Los Angeles Declaration on Migration and Protection,” in which the seven states parties to the MIRPS reiterated their willingness to strengthen regional and hemispheric efforts to create the conditions for safe, orderly, humane, and regular migration, and to strengthen the necessary frameworks for international protection and cooperation; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

EMPHASIZING the Declaration for the Protection and Integration of Migrant and Refugee Children in the Americas, adopted in declaration AG/DEC. 111 (LIII-O/23), which recognizes the progress made by the MIRPS as a regional mechanism to address displacement in Central America and Mexico; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

HIGHLIGHTING the Cartagena+40 Process commemorating the fortieth anniversary of the 1984 Cartagena Declaration on Refugees as an opportunity to renew, update, and adapt the commitments to address new challenges and actions needed to strengthen the protection and search for solutions for forcibly displaced persons in the Americas, through the inclusion of priority actions and goals in the future Chile Plan of Action (2024-2034). **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To urge states to move forward with the implementation of the commitments presented at the Second Global Forum on Refugees, held in December 2023, in line with the objectives of the Global Compact on Refugees, in particular, efforts to strengthen national capacities to deal with the arrival of people in need of international protection, as well as initiatives to promote inclusion and integration, and the importance of establishing agreements to strengthen a collaborative response to displacement. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

2. To encourage states commit to the forthcoming Santiago Declaration and Plan of Action, within the framework of the 40th anniversary of the Cartagena Declaration– to actively participate in the Process commemorating the fortieth anniversary of the Cartagena Declaration on

Refugees, known as the Cartagena +40 Process, in order to make progress in addressing contemporary displacement challenges and to promote innovative solutions in a spirit of solidarity, cooperation, and shared responsibility, through the inclusion of necessary actions and goals in the future Chile Plan of Action (2024-2034). **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

3. To recommend that interested member states continue developing best practices for determining refugee status, based on optimization of the mechanisms for identifying international protection needs in keeping with each person's profile, risks, and vulnerabilities; strengthening of systems for identification and referral of cases to national committees for refugees (CONAREs) or equivalent bodies; development of tools for biometric registration and digital application management; establishment of issuance systems and expedited, simplified, merged, and special procedures for determining refugee status, or procedures based on the presumption of inclusion or group determination, as appropriate, in accordance with domestic law and enabling in all instances a review of refugee status on a case-by-case basis; promotion of digital identity; and interoperability between systems for the determination of refugee status and national identification and protection systems. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

4. To thank the UNHCR and the international community for their technical and financial assistance and call on them to continue supporting the design, financing, and implementation of national projects to strengthen national systems for the determination of refugee status in the countries concerned, as well as their regional training and exchange initiatives for public officials of national committees for refugees, or equivalent bodies, the identification of at-risk person profiles through country of origin information, exchange of countries' best practices via a regional digital platform, and dissemination of a regional model for the determination of refugee status, all of which are initiatives that should take into account the different realities and particular circumstances of each country. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

5. To urge all member states to continue to respect international refugee law, in particular the principles of equality, non-discrimination, and of non-refoulement, and to continue to respect their respective international obligations and commitments in their operations at the border; to reaffirm the fundamental importance of the Convention relating to the Status of Refugees (1951) and its Protocol (1967) and the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant

Workers and Members of Their Families; and to recommend, where appropriate, the application of the regional definition of refugee contained in the Cartagena Declaration on Refugees (1984) and the other international instruments that form part of the inter-American *corpus iuris* on the matter, in order to respond to international protection needs identified in various countries of the region, and to take note of Advisory Opinions OC-21/14 and OC-25/18 of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, in accordance with domestic legislation and international human rights obligations, as applicable. Also, to underscore the complementarity of refugee status with other protection statuses adopted in the region, such as complementary protection or temporary protection, as well as with migration statuses or regularization processes that involve legal stay arrangements with appropriate protection safeguards for migrants. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

6. To reiterate to member states the need to treat refugees, asylum seekers, migrants, and stateless persons with dignity and provide humanitarian assistance, including long-term with the support, inter alia, of international actors, the private sector, and financial entities; to support the adoption of gender-responsive protection measures; and to promote inclusion in national systems and the search for lasting solutions for persons in need of international protection. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

7. To reiterate to member states the importance of placing priority on addressing the issue of migrant and refugee children and adolescents, granting them special treatment and proper safeguarding, while protecting their rights and best interest, as they experience disproportionate vulnerability in migration processes. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

8. To recognize the constant efforts made by the states that make up the Quito Process, and to urge member states and donors to contribute to the United Nations' Regional Refugee and Migrant Response Plan to help support the response to needs arising from the situation of asylum seekers and migrants in the region prioritizing cases of unaccompanied or separated children and adolescents based on the criteria of solidarity and shared responsibility. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

9. To urge member states of the MIRPS to continue implementing the pillars of the MIRPS national action plans, where applicable, and, with the support of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Asylum Capacity Support Group, as applicable, continue increasing their national capacities in that regard, so as to enhance their response

to the large-scale influx of persons needing international protection, within available resources. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

10. To recognize the constant efforts made by the states that belong to the MIRPS to respond and attend to the needs of asylum seekers, refugees, returnees with protection needs, and displaced persons, supported by its joint Technical Secretariat, comprised of the OAS General Secretariat through the Department of Social Inclusion of the SARE and UNHCR. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

11. To encourage member states of the MIRPS to continue promoting cooperation mechanisms and to share the good practices they have been pursuing to find lasting solutions for people needing international protection, in the Regional Technical Teams, as established in the MIRPS Charter: Reception, Admission, and Case Processing; Internal Displacement; Local Governance; and Jobs and Livelihoods. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

12. To highlight also the contributions provided by the MIRPS Support Platform in mobilizing possible financial and technical assistance. In this sense, to recognize the training events held in El Salvador, Costa Rica, and Colombia and the Solidarity segment organized as part of the Sixth Annual Meeting of the MIRPS, held on January 24, 2024, and organized by the United States, was a very positive effort that should be replicated. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

13. To also encourage member states of the MIRPS to continue with efforts to increase public investment made by each of the countries in caring for displaced persons. In this way, to raise the visibility of national efforts to provide protection and seek regional solutions with support from other stakeholders – international or national, public or private – in these efforts. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

14. To encourage member states, permanent observers, and other donors to make voluntary contributions to the MIRPS Fund, or other financial, technical, or in-kind assistance in order to support the objectives of increasing and strengthening its activities and regional cooperation mechanisms for implementation of the Global Compact on Refugees. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

15. To intensify efforts to address the structural causes that drive the movements of people with international protection needs and those forcibly displaced taking into account current scenarios that include economic impacts and the effects of natural disasters and climate change and health emergencies and to promote solutions that can work together as useful, practical, and realistic tools that positively impact the lives of these people. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

xxiv. “STRENGTHENING THE MECHANISM TO FOLLOW UP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT, AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN (MESECVI)” **(PA, GU, AR: in consultations on entire section)**

RECALLING Section xxi. of resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20), the obligations emanating from the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women (Convention of Belém do Pará), the Statute of the Mechanism to Follow up on Implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women (MESECVI), its 2024-2029 Strategic Plan, and the agreements resulting from the Ninth Conference of States Parties to the Convention of Belém do Pará and the Twentieth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the MESECVI ; and **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

EMPHASIZING its concern at the exacerbated increase in physical, psychological, sexual, and gender-based violence against women, adolescents, and girls, **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the commitment of the states parties to the work of the Mechanism to Follow Up on Implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women (MESECVI) and its purposes, and to urge the Mechanism to generate, within available resources and pursuant to the competencies of the bodies comprising it, relevant data and information disaggregated by race, ethnicity, gender, sex, age, and other important categories on the extent and impact of the multiple forms of sexual and gender-based violence and discrimination from an intersectional perspective, in order to achieve gender equality and full access and enjoyment of human rights for all women , adolescents, and girls in all their diversity **(CA, ME, US, CH, UY, BR, CO, BO, EC: request maintaining original paragraph). (SL, TT, SV, ES, GY,**

DR, PY: delete “in all their diversity” - will present a footnote) (PY: “all women”) (DR: will present a footnote)

2. To urge the MESECVI to analyze implementation of the recommendations of the –Fourth Multilateral Evaluation Round and to continue encouraging the participation of the states parties in the Fifth Multilateral Evaluation Round of the MESECVI, with a view to providing data and information pertaining to the indicators transmitted by the Committee of Experts. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

3. To recommend that the MESECVI conduct, within available resources, a review of up-to-date data and develop a strategy to **prevent, eradicate and punish** gender-based violence, including but not limited to physical, psychological, sexual, economic, **property-related** and cyber violence, trafficking of women and girls, symbolic violence, and child and adolescent pregnancy, **as well to prevent as child, early and forced marriages and unions**; and obstacles to universal access to ~~[PY, ES: sexual and reproductive integral health services and reproductive rights (ME, BO, BR, US, CA, UY, EC, CO: including sexual and reproductive)]~~, and access to justice for women and girls. **(TT: will present footnote) (PE: in consultations)**

4. To recommend that the MESECVI continue pursuing actions to address the agreement adopted at the Ninth Conference of States Parties to the Convention of Belém do Pará (MESECVI-VIII/doc.134/20 rev. 2), whereby the Technical Secretariat was requested to foster measures and mechanisms for the elimination of legal, cultural, social, **political, social and institutional** violence, in order to ensure the right **[PY: their right throughout their life cycle – end here]** to a life free from all forms of violence and discrimination for **[ES, TT, SV, PY, GY, SL: all]** women **[ES, TT, SV, PY, GY, SL: in all their diversity // ME, BO, BR, US, CA, EC, UY, DR, CO: keep original language]** and throughout their life cycle. **(DR: will submit a footnote) (PE: in consultations)**

5. To request from the Executive Secretariat of the CIM, in its capacity as Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI, subject to available resources, a report to be presented in the month of November that details the status of the MESECVI, and that explains the tasks carried out during the

year to promote the fight against gender-based violence, as well as the allocation of resources to comply with the annual planning of said Technical Secretariat. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

6. Urge States Parties, Member States that have not yet ratified the Convention, permanent observer States and other donors to make voluntary contributions to the specific fund dedicated to financing the activities of the MESECVI, including offering to organize and host the meetings of its bodies. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

xxv. STRENGTHENING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN FOR THE PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY AND EQUITY AND THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN” **(PY, GU, AR: in consultations on entire section) (TT: will present a footnote)**

RECALLING resolution AG/RES. 2991 (LII-O/22) and taking note of the Declaration of Panama “Building Bridges for a New Social and Economic Pact Led by Women,” the Declaration of Santo Domingo on Equality and Autonomy in the Exercise of Women’s Political Rights for the Strengthening of Democracy, the Declaration of Lima on Equality and Autonomy in the Exercise of Women’s Economic Rights, resolution CP/RES. 1149 (2278/20), the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women’s Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality (IAP), and the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM); **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

RECOGNIZING that, the region faces multiple and interrelated crises such as economic, political, social and environmental crises, which have exacerbated pre-existing gaps, revealing differentiated impacts that are based on gender inequalities and socioeconomic situations and which need to be addressed using a comprehensive, gender-responsive, life-course, intercultural and intersectional approach that addresses the interconnection of multiple forms of discrimination, exclusion, and inequality; **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

RECOGNIZING ALSO that the realization of the rights of **[SV, ES, GY, PY, STL: all]** women and girls **[SV, ES, GY, PY, STL: in all their diversity (BO, ME, CA, US, UY, EC, BR, CO, CH: keep original text)]** and gender equality, both in law and in practice, demands the removal of all obstacles to improve access to **[ES, PY: comprehensive sexual and reproductive services and reproductive rights (BO, ME, CA, US, UY, BR, CO, CH: maintain original text)]** and quality, safe, and inclusive education for women and girls **the reduction, redistribution and**

valuation of unpaid care work and domestic work, the promotion of prevention, care, and the eradication of violence against all women, adolescents, and girls, as well as the allocation of human and financial resources at the regional, national, and local levels in order for policies, plans, and standards to be effectively implemented;

RECOGNIZING FURTHER the persistent and increasing resistance and structural difficulties observed in the Hemisphere in advancing gender equality and full recognition and respect for the autonomy and human rights of all women [**ES, TT, SV, GY, PY, SL: in all their diversity (BO, ME, CA, US, UY, BR, CO, CH, EC: keep original text)**]; and

REITERATING the commitments made in the resolution titled “Promotion and Strengthening of Good Practices in the matter of fighting sexual harassment”, approved by acclamation during the ordinary session of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States held on November 8, 2023. (**Agreed – 06/13/24**)

TAKING NOTE of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM/doc.149/24 rev.1), (**Agreed – 06/13/24**)

RESOLVES:

To recognize the need to work to eliminate all forms of sexual and gender-based violence, as well as to recognize intersectionality and ensure the full, equal, meaningful participation and opportunity of leadership for [**DR, SL, TT, SV, ES, GY, DR, PY: women and girls in all their diversity all women, adolescents and girls CA, ME, US, CH, UY, BR, CO, BO, EC, PA: keep original language**], promoting the equal redistribution of care labor, mental health, access to sexual and [**ES, PY: reproductive comprehensive women’s health services and reproductive rights, (BO, ME, CA, US, UY, BR, CO, CH, EC: keep original text)**] and to **reduce, redistribute and value** the unpaid domestic work historically assigned to women. (**DR: will present a footnote**)

1. To support the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in its efforts to build regional tools for states to identify and close the existing gaps that hinder the full exercise of human rights of [**SL, TT, SV, ES, GY, DR, PY: women and girls in all their diversity all women, adolescents and girls CA, ME, US, CH, UY, BR, CO, BO, EC: maintain original**

language], recognizing historical systemic inequalities and multiple and intersectional forms of discrimination, in order to enhance the contribution and human talent of women and girls all spheres of society on an equal footing and without discrimination. **(DR: will present a footnote)**

2. To urge the CIM, consistent with the new pillars of work mandated by the Assembly of Delegates on strengthening a gender-responsive approach and the full, equal and meaningful participation and leadership of ~~[SL, TT, SV, ES, GY, DR, PY: women and girls in all their diversity~~ **all women, adolescents and girls CA, ME, US, CH, UY, BR, CO, BO, EC: maintain original language]** in decision making around climate change, and their contributions to crisis management and conflict prevention and resolution, to strengthen its work on: (i) eradication of gender-based violence; (ii) universal access to ~~[ES, PY: sexual and reproductive~~ **comprehensive health services and reproductive rights (BO, ME, CA, US, UY, BR, CO, CH, EC: maintain original text)**]; (iii) women's economic rights; (iv) recognition, reduction and redistribution of domestic and care work among co-responsible actors, as well as remuneration and recognition of care workers; (v) leadership of women and young people especially those belonging to traditionally excluded groups and those who live under threat as a result of their defense of the environment; and (vi) gender mainstreaming in all OAS organizations and bodies, through the generation of knowledge, dialogue and training, as essential elements for advancing gender equality. **(DR: will present a footnote)**

3. To mandate the CIM to harmonize the work plans of the MESECVI with the Strategic Plan of the CIM, to strengthen coordination between them in order to develop a hemispheric agenda focused on the eradication of all forms of violence against women and to implement the role of the Executive Secretariat of the CIM as MESECVI Technical Secretariat. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

4. To urge the CIM to collaborate with the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, with available resources, in conducting campaigns that encourage women, adolescents, and girls to enter fields where they are underrepresented, with the aim of helping to reduce gender gaps in sectors related to science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, and to create the appropriate spaces and means to facilitate this objective. **(Agreed 06/17/24)**

5. To request the Executive Secretariat to develop a work plan on the protection and promotion of ~~[ES, PY: sexual and reproductive~~ **comprehensive health services and**

~~reproductive rights~~ (BO, ME, CA, US, UY, BR, CO, CH, EC: **maintain original text**), **including systematized and disseminated information on specific standards and good practices, public policy proposals, and including family planning, information and education at the hemispheric level**].

6. To request the CIM to strengthen the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality (IAP) in all activities of the Organization of American States (OAS), including the full, equal and meaningful participation of women and girls from diverse ethnic backgrounds and geographic locations at all levels of decision-making equitable ethnic and geographic representation of women in decision-making positions in the Organization and to report on its efforts in its annual report to the General Assembly. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

7. To urge the CIM to deepen intersectoral mainstreaming of a gender perspective through strategic partnerships with key actors, such as government institutions, academia, youth-led organizations, the private sector, and civil society organizations, including women's and girl's rights organizations, in order to create synergies that favor gender equality and the shared responsibility of the various sectors in the protection, promotion, and respect for the human rights of [SL, TT, SV, ES, GY, PY: ~~women in all their diversity~~ **all women**, CA, ME, US, CH, UY, BR, CO, BO, EC, DR: **maintain original language**].

8. To urge the CIM to make every effort to ensure that programs and courses offered are simultaneously available in at least two official languages of the OAS, including English, and that all documents and publications of the CIM equitably reflect content that is inclusive of all regions of the Americas. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

9. To request that the Executive Secretariat of the CIM, subject to available resources, coordinate periodic meetings with the permanent missions to the OAS, including subregional meetings aimed at establishing a space for dialogue to exchange information with the Commission on activities to achieve and promote gender equality and the human rights of women and girls in the countries of the region. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

xxvi. “STRENGTHENING PROTECTION AND PROMOTION OF THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION OR BELIEF”

RECALLING Section xxv of resolution AG/RES. 2991 (LII-O/22) adopted during the fifty-second session of the General Assembly in October 2022, as well as all predecessor resolutions on this topic; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RECALLING that States have the primary responsibility to respect, guarantee, and protect all human rights, including the right to freedom of conscience and religion or belief for all, including persons belonging to marginalized, discriminated against and minority religious groups or persons holding no faith, and that States should respect the plurality of religions, beliefs, faiths, and spiritualities and the diversity of perspectives within those communities, considering the principle of equality and non-discrimination for all; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

TAKING NOTE of the appointment by the OAS Secretary General of OAS Commissioner to Monitor and Combat Antisemitism on October 5, 2021; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

TAKING NOTE ALSO OF the special dialogue of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity in September 2023 in support of freedom of conscience, religion or belief, and pluralism in the Americas; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

EXPRESSING CONCERN that there continue to be acts of discrimination, intolerance, hate speech and expressions of hate, and violence based on religion or belief, or perceived religious affiliation, against individuals and communities, including against persons belonging to marginalized, discriminated against and minority religious, belief, or non-belief groups in different regions of the world. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

FURTHER EXPRESSING CONCERN that the rise in hatred based on religion or belief, particularly antisemitism, anti-Muslim and anti-Christian hatred, and hatred against religions of African or Indigenous origin, inhibits exercise of the right to freedom of conscience and religion or belief; **(Agreed – 06/13/24) (Ad referendum PE)**

RECALLING Article 20 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights that: “any advocacy of national, racial or religious hatred that constitutes incitement to discrimination, hostility or violence shall be prohibited by law”; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

CONDEMNING all violence and intolerance on the basis of, or in the name of, religion or belief; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

NOTING Article 12 of the American Convention on Human Rights that: “Everyone has the right to freedom of conscience and of religion. This right includes freedom to maintain or to change one’s religion or beliefs, and freedom to profess or disseminate one’s religion or beliefs, either individually or together with others, in public or in private”; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RECALLING Article 12 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples that: “the right to maintain, protect, and have access in privacy to their religious and cultural sites”; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RECOGNIZING that deliberate destruction of, or otherwise harmful actions against, places of worship and religious and cultural sites impede individuals’ abilities to worship and undermine the right to freedom of conscience and religion or belief; and **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

REAFFIRMING that all human rights, including freedom of conscience, religion or belief, and freedom of expression are universal, indivisible, interdependent and interrelated and mutually reinforcing. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate its request that the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights present before the Permanent Council its study on the right to freedom of conscience and religion or belief in the Americas], through a Special Session, to initiate a dialogue among member states to advance in protecting and promoting freedom of conscience and religion or belief with the participation of relevant actors of civil society, academia, and the Organization **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

2. To encourage member states to strengthen or to develop inclusive mechanisms to protect and promote freedom of conscience and religion or belief through public policies aimed at promoting and protecting religious pluralism, respect, and tolerance. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

3. To urge member states to end discrimination based on religion or belief, or non-belief, especially against persons belonging to marginalized or minority religious groups. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

4. To call upon member states to protect the ability to worship and other expressions of religion or belief, as well as all places of worship and sites of religious, cultural, and spiritual significance, so as to allow individuals to peacefully and safely practice and live out their religions or belief and observe religious, belief, faith, and spiritual traditions individually or in community with others. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

5. To encourage member states to develop and present reports on best practices to ensure the protection of places of worship and other sacred spaces, to include the religious and cultural sites of Indigenous peoples. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

6. To encourage member states, as well as the General Secretariat, to organize and participate in global, regional, and subregional conferences, where appropriate, and events that commemorate or promote respect for the right to freedom of conscience and religion or belief and to share any conclusions and best practices, discussed during these events. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

xxvii. PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR THE DECADE OF THE AMERICAS FOR THE RIGHTS AND DIGNITY OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES 2016-2026 (PAD) AND SUPPORT FOR THE COMMITTEE FOR THE ELIMINATION OF ALL FORMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

RECALLING the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Optional Protocol thereto, **agreed – 06/10/24)**

RECALLING the commitments made by States parties in the Inter-American Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CIADDIS) and the Program of Action for the Decade of the Americas for the Rights and Dignity of Persons with

Disabilities (PAD) and the importance of commemorating International Day of Persons with Disabilities and all those other dates that highlight the duty to protect and respect the rights of persons with disabilities, including members of groups in vulnerable situations, as well as women who face situations of gender-based violence; **(Agreed – 06/10/24) (ad referendum AR)**

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize the historical legacy of the Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CIADDIS), which for the past 25 years has guided efforts by States parties to progressively eliminate discrimination against persons with disabilities and bring about their full inclusion throughout their life cycle in all aspects of society, through legislative, judicial, and administrative measures required to eliminate attitudinal and accessibility barriers for the recognition and full exercise of their rights on an equal-opportunity basis with others. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

2. To celebrate the work of the States Parties to the CIADDIS and those committed to the implementation of the PAD, given their participation in the fourth monitoring cycle of the CIADDIS through the presentation of the fourth national report on the implementation of the Convention, and in the framework of the PAD for those member states that are not party to it. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

3. To invite States to include, as appropriate, persons with disabilities—including children, youth and women with disabilities—in the consultation and validation processes required in policy management, and including People of African descent, and members of Indigenous Peoples, and other members of underrepresented groups, families and their family members, and members of organizations of and for persons with disabilities, in order to draw attention to their realities and perspectives. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

4. To encourage States to adopt measures to strengthen respect and safeguard the dignity and the rights of persons with disabilities, as well as promote awareness on the need to eliminate stereotypes, prejudices, and harmful practices that affect them, including gender-based

violence, as well as any other form of discrimination in all areas of life, so that their valuable contribution to of our societies and communities is recognized. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

5. To urge States to promote actions with a gender perspective in order to strengthen the autonomy, independence, and community life of persons with disabilities, incorporating support systems in such forms as personal assistance, support groups, self-advocacy groups, and peer counseling, among others, in a context of equality, equity, and non-discrimination. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

6. To urge States to promote actions to strengthen the full and equal enjoyment of human rights, fundamental freedoms, and the integral development of persons with disabilities, through raising awareness of their leadership, participation and contributions to society, with an intersectional and gender perspective in all areas of life. Likewise, to promote their full and meaningful inclusion in all areas of life, including the world of work and political life. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

7. To invite member states to organize activities in the month of October to recognize and raise awareness of non-visible and underrepresented disabilities. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

8. To instruct the OAS General Secretariat to take all appropriate steps to adapt the Organization's facilities, so that persons with disabilities can access the services, facilities, programs, and activities offered with dignity and without restrictions. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

9. To instruct the Secretariat for Administration and Finance, through the Department of General Services, to conduct a thorough assessment of existing infrastructure and required modifications as regards the accessibility and universal design needs of persons with disabilities, in order to address the pressing need to prioritize the physical, communicational, and informational accessibility of OAS buildings, both at headquarters and at other locations. This effort should be carried out in a coherent manner with the CIADDIS and the PAD to determine follow-up actions appropriate to the needs identified, with the active participation of persons with disabilities and members of organizations in each country, taking into account a representative array of different types of disability at each stage. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

10. To request the Secretariat for Administration and Finance, through the Department of General Services, to present, through the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs (CAAP), to the Permanent Council for its approval, a project to implement the required modifications, to be financed through the Indirect Cost Recovery Reserve Subfund (ICRRS). **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

11. To reiterate the importance of making-voluntary contributions to the Specific Fund for the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities (CEDDIS) [CP/RES. 947 (1683/09)] and the specific fund for voluntary contributions to support the implementation of the PAD of the Joint Working Group to Follow up on the Implementation of the PAD, created to ensure the sustainability of both bodies, or of in-kind contributions, such as offers to host meetings of those bodies. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

xxviii. INTERNALLY DISPLACED PERSONS

EMPHASIZING that states have the primary obligation to respect, promote, and protect the human rights of all persons, including internally-displaced persons, and hence should provide them with protection and assistance and to find a lasting solution to their displacement, as well as to address, as appropriate, the causes of the internal displacement within their territory and to do so, when appropriate, in cooperation with the international community, **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

CONSIDERING that states have a duty to protect the integrity of human rights in the face of the risks posed by the climate change which causes changes in our natural environment, and that can be added to the political, economic, humanitarian and violent factors that generate human mobility; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

EMPHASIZING the international framework for reducing internal displacement and recognizing other relevant parts of international law, including international human rights law, international refugee law, and international humanitarian law, as appropriate, as an essential legal framework for reducing displacement, as well as for protecting civilians in armed conflict, including internally-displaced persons, **(Agreed – 06/10/24) (PE: ad referendum)**

WELCOMING the fact that within the Comprehensive Regional Protection & Solutions Framework (MIRPS), there is a Regional Technical Team on Internal Displacement to strengthen a common regional approach to the protection of internally displaced persons, **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To urge member states to include, as appropriate, in their sectoral plans, policies, and programs, the special human rights assistance and protection needs of internally-displaced persons including needs related to the loss of physical protection, the loss of livelihoods, the loss of personal documents and/or access to social services and exposure to new risks—and of members of communities affected by internal displacement, especially members of groups in situations of vulnerability. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

2. To instruct the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity and the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights to prepare a report proposing solutions and concrete actions for member states in the prevention and attention to internal displacement caused by environmental factors and by events associated with climate change, with a differential approach to human rights. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

3. To entrust the Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, along with other actors and subject to the availability of financial resources, studies to understand internal displacement and address needs and programs on preventing their diverse causes and consequences directly related to that displacement, including social and security policies and programs to foster development, fight poverty, and reduce the risk of natural disasters, bearing in mind a gender-responsive approach and the unique and distinct needs of vulnerable groups, in which the needs of receiving communities and account for state's obligations under international law. **(Ad referendum: AR) (Agreed 06/17/24)**

4. To urge member states to abide by the Guiding Principles on Internal Displacement prepared by the Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons, incorporating them into their domestic laws when appropriate, as well as apply them in

designing and implementing plans, policies, and programs of support and protection for internally-displaced persons. In that regard, national and local authorities and institutions are recognized as having a central role to play in meeting the specific needs of internally-displaced persons and in seeking solutions to displacement through, inter alia, continued and enhanced international support for state capacity-building, where so requested by states. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

5. To continue strengthening the recommendations developed by the member states of the MIRPS through the Regional Technical Team on Internal Displacement, which has enabled the exchange of knowledge, experiences, lessons learned, and best practices through the implementation of its roadmap, in accordance with their domestic legislation, and considering their different realities, policies, capacities, and priorities. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

xxix. PROMOTION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND RELATED FORMS OF INTOLERANCE AND THE FIGHT AGAINST DISCRIMINATION OF ALL KINDS **(Ad referendum AR)**

RECOGNIZING the importance of ratifying or acceding to the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance and the Inter-American Convention against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance, **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Permanent Council, within existing resources, to consider, as an agenda item at a regular meeting, follow-up on contributions from member states for countering intolerance and discrimination in the region. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

2. To invite member states to consider signing, ratifying, or acceding to the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance and the Inter-American Convention against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance, bearing in mind that the two instruments promote coexistence in diversity, which is understood as one of the bulwarks of democratic societies in the Hemisphere. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

xxx. PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE CONTEXT OF [CR: HEALTH EMERGENCIES, INCLUDING FUTURE] EPIDEMICS OR PANDEMICS (AR, CA, PE, US, COL: in consultations on the entire section) (PY ad referendum)

HIGHLIGHTING that health is a public good that must be protected by all states under conditions of equality and non-discrimination; **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

RECALLING IACHR Resolutions No. 1/2020 “Pandemic and Human Rights in the Americas,” 4/2020 “Human Rights of Persons with COVID-19,” and No. 1/2021 “COVID-19 Vaccines and Inter-American Human Rights Obligations,” concerning standards and recommendations to guide states on measures for handling and containing the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as the guidelines on the human rights of persons with COVID-19, and resolutions CP/RES. 1151 (2280/20) and CP/RES. 1165 (2312/21); **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

CONSIDERING that the COVID-19 pandemic evidenced the differentiated and intersectional adverse effects caused by international health emergencies, during which preexisting inequalities and gaps are exacerbated in the enjoyment of human rights by all sectors of the population, in particular people and members of populations in situations of special vulnerability and/or historically subjected to discrimination, including women, adolescents and girls. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

REAFFIRMING the importance of a One Health approach for pandemic prevention, preparedness and response to pandemics and other health emergencies, recognizing the interconnection between people, animals and the environment, that is coherent, integrated, coordinated and collaborative among all relevant organizations, sectors and actors, taking into account national circumstances; **(Agreed – 06/13/24) (Ad referendum AR)**

REITERATING that timely, and equitable, and unhindered access to affordable, safe, effective, and quality medicines, vaccines, diagnostics, and treatments, as well as other health technologies and products, is one of the fundamental elements for the full realization of the right of every person to enjoy the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health, as well as the corresponding goals of universal health coverage and health for all, without any discrimination, paying special attention to reaching the most marginalized first; **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

RECALLING decision SSA2(5), adopted by the World Health Assembly at its second special session on December 1, 2021, regarding the establishment of an intergovernmental negotiating body tasked with drafting and negotiating a new international instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness, and response, prioritizing the need for equity, and emphasizing that the efforts of States to develop this instrument should be guided by the principle of solidarity with all people and countries; **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

RECOGNIZING the central role of the Pan American Health Organization in providing cooperation and technical advice on prevention, preparedness, and response to future health emergencies in the Americas, and HIGHLIGHTING in particular the importance of its Regional Revolving Funds in enabling countries in the Americas to access vaccines, medicines, and public health supplies at affordable prices in a timely and transparent manner. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

NOTING the pernicious impact of misinformation, disinformation and stigmatization on preparedness for and response to health emergencies, as well as on people's physical and mental health, and the need to counter misinformation, disinformation and stigmatization in the context of health emergencies, and recognizing that, in order to be able to participate in the response, all stakeholders must have access to timely and accurate information and be involved in decisions that affect them, **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To promote, protect, safeguard and respect the enjoyment and exercise of human rights, particularly the right to the highest attainable standard of physical and mental health for the entire population. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

2. To ensure, on an equal and affordable basis, the accessibility and provision of quality goods, services, and information, in accordance with the principles of equality and non-discrimination. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

3. To include the human-rights, gender-perspective, and intersectionality approaches, understanding as intersectionality the interconnection of multiple and compounded forms of discrimination, exclusion and inequality, in accordance with international human rights obligations and respecting the principle of inequality and non-discrimination, in measures of prevention, treatment and response. These measures should promote the effective enjoyment of rights and the preservation of health, including access to effective and quality preventive measures, vaccines, treatments, and affordable and innocuous diagnostic means. In addition, they should be based on the principle of free, prior, full and informed consent and pay special attention to vulnerable groups such as adults and other historically discriminated groups. . **(US, CA: in consultations)**

4. To promote, in coordination with the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), regional technical and cooperation exchanges that encourage good practices by States as part of measures adopted in the context of epidemics, pandemics and other regional or global health emergencies that include a human-rights, gender-perspective, and intersectionality approach, in order to effectively improve epidemiological responses, seeking and promoting equality, accessibility and affordability in a participatory, transparent, non-discriminatory way and with the widest possible geographical coverage of affordable, safe, effective and quality medicines, treatments, vaccines and diagnostic measures, other health technologies, quality goods, services, information, and knowledge developed for preventive, curative, palliative, or rehabilitative care of people affected during health emergencies, including epidemic or pandemic. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

5. In accordance with Resolution CD60.R6, *Strategic Communications in Public Health for Behavior Change*, of the Directing Council of the Pan American Health Organization, to provide and disseminate evidence-based, adequate and sufficient information on safe and effective vaccines and treatments, as well as guarantee access to timely, complete, understandable, accessible clear, non-technical, reliable, and culturally appropriate information that takes into account the particularities and specific needs of the individual, with respect both to the various forms of transmission of the pathogen and to the prevention of contagion and the availability of prophylactic methods, be they vaccines or medical treatments; the aforementioned, while protecting the right to enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications. **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

6. To encourage Member States to strengthen health literacy and address the harmful effects of misinformation, disinformation and stigmatization on public health measures and people's physical and mental health, including on social media platforms, and to build trust in health systems and vaccines, in particular by promoting access to timely and accurate information; **(Agreed – 06/13/24)**

xxxii. STRENGTHENING THE FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTOCOL OF SAN SALVADOR

RECALLING the close relationship between economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights and civil and political rights, under the principles of universality, indivisibility, progressiveness, and interdependence of all human rights; **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

WELCOMING the renewal of the membership of the Working Group to Examine the National Reports Envisioned in the Protocol of San Salvador (WGPSS), including the selection of the expert from the Office of the Special Rapporteur on Economic, Social, Cultural, and Environmental Rights (SRESCER) **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

VALUING the importance of the work, reports, and recommendations of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, through the SRESCER, as well as the various publications and reports produced by the Working Group for the benefit of States Parties to the Protocol of San Salvador as a contribution for the strengthening of human rights by all the member states, **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

RESOLVES:

1. To invite member states that are not yet parties to consider signing, ratifying, or acceding to, as applicable, the Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Protocol of San Salvador). **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

2. To commend the Working Group to Examine the National Reports Envisioned in the Protocol of San Salvador (WGPSS) on holding its seventeenth meeting—the first not to be held in a capital city, further to the invitation of two subnational governments—and to thank the governments of the states of Jalisco and Guanajuato, Mexico, for facilitating the meeting and incorporating

exchanges with other local governments in the country and civil society organizations. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

3. To invite member states, permanent observers, and other interested parties to contribute to the Specific Fund for the WGPSS, and to call on States Parties to consider hosting meetings of this working group in their countries as a means of supporting and disseminating its work. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**

4. To recognize the work of the Department of Social Inclusion, in its capacity as Technical Secretariat of the Working Group of the Protocol of San Salvador, and to instruct the General Secretariat to continue strengthening the capacities of that office for the purpose of promoting and mainstreaming economic, social, cultural, and environmental rights in the various agendas of the OAS. **(Agreed – 06/10/24)**