

**I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND COUNCILS**

## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the Organization of American States and is composed of the delegations of all the member states, which have the right to be represented and to vote. The mechanisms, policies, actions, and mandates of the Organization are determined by the General Assembly. Its functions are defined in Chapter IX of the Charter, which states, in Article 57, that the Assembly shall convene annually during the period determined by the Rules of Procedure and at a place selected in accordance with the principle of rotation. In special circumstances and with the approval of two thirds of the member states, the Permanent Council shall convoke a special session of the General Assembly. All member states have the right to be represented in the General Assembly. Each state has the right to one vote.

### **Thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly**

The thirty-sixth regular session of the General Assembly took place from June 4 to 7, 2006, in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The Assembly adopted six declarations and 101 resolutions. The outcome of the General Assembly session is published in the document Proceedings (OEA/Ser.P/XXXVI-O.2), which has two volumes. Volume I contains the certified texts of the declarations and resolutions adopted. Volume II contains the verbatim minutes of the plenary sessions, the summary minutes of the General Committee, and other documents pertaining to this session.

### **Declarations**

During its thirty-sixth regular session, the General Assembly adopted the following declarations:

- *AG/DEC. 46 (XXXVI-O/06), Declaration of Santo Domingo: Good Governance and Development in the Knowledge-Based Society:* The Assembly emphasized the importance of information and communication technologies (ICTs) as a crosscutting tool for achieving equitable and sustainable development and strengthening good governance and the promotion and protection of human rights. It expressed the need to work intensely to ensure that every person in the Americas, in particular those in situations of vulnerability and with special needs, may participate in the benefits generated by the knowledge-based society.

The member states expressed their commitment, consistent with the spirit of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, to guarantee the liberty of every person to enjoy freedom of expression, including access to uncensored political debate and the free exchange of ideas through all forms of mass media, including the Internet.

- *AG/DEC. 47 (XXXVI-O/06), Congratulations to the Peruvian People on the Electoral Process:* The Assembly expressed its appreciation for the work of the electoral observation mission of the Organization of American States and its congratulations to the

Peruvian people for the electoral process, which was conducted with full respect for the will of the people and in accordance with Peru's Constitution and laws.

- *AG/DEC. 48 (XXXVI-O/06), Declaration on the Question of the Malvinas Islands:* The Assembly welcomed the reaffirmation of the will of the Argentine Government to continue exploring all possible avenues towards a peaceful settlement of the dispute and its constructive approach towards the inhabitants of the Malvinas Islands. It reaffirmed the need to begin, as soon as possible, negotiations on the sovereignty dispute, in order to find a peaceful solution to this protracted controversy. It decided, consequently, to continue to examine the question at its subsequent sessions.
- *AG/DEC. 49 (XXXVI-O/06), Declaration on the Centennial of the Inter-American Juridical Committee (CJI):* The Assembly declared 2006 as the year for commemoration of the centennial of the Inter-American Juridical Committee and invited the CJI to present to the OAS Permanent Council its points of view on the general principles of law that form the legal basis of the inter-American system.
- *AG/DEC. 50 (XXXVI-O/06), Declaration of the Decade of the Americas for the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (2006-2016):* The Assembly expressed its concern over the persisting state of disadvantage, inequity, and discrimination in which most persons with disabilities are living. It pointed to the need to adopt urgent Hemisphere-wide and/or regional measures and strategies to promote the recognition and exercise of all basic human rights, including civil and political as well as economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as the fundamental freedoms of persons with disabilities.
- *AG/DEC. 51 (XXXVI-O/06) Declaration on Haiti:* The Assembly calls upon the international community, particularly the United Nations, member states of the OAS, and Haiti's international partners, to express their solidarity by working in cooperation with the new government in support of its efforts to achieve integral development in Haiti and to meet the immediate and longer-term reconstruction needs of the country. It reaffirms the continued engagement by the OAS and Haiti's international partners to strengthen the rule of law, respect for human rights, political stability, strengthening of democracy, and social and economic development in Haiti.

## **Resolutions**

At its thirty-sixth regular session, the General Assembly made important decisions on matters such as democracy, human rights, legal development, social development, hemispheric security, terrorism, corruption, civil society, antipersonnel mine removal, natural disasters, trade, tourism, scholarships, women, children, and indigenous peoples. The Assembly also adopted resolutions on the topics entrusted to the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization, as well as resolutions on matters of General Secretariat administration.

The following resolutions were adopted:

AG/RES. 2158 (XXXI-O/06)	Place and Date of the Thirty-seventh Regular Session of the General Assembly
AG/RES. 2159 (XXXVI-O/06)	Amendments to the Statute and Regulations of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission
AG/RES. 2160 (XXXVI-O/06)	Strengthening of the Activities of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission to Promote Telecommunications Development in the Region
AG/RES. 2161 (XXXVI-O/06)	Strengthening of the Inter-American Commission of Women
AG/RES. 2162 (XXXVI-O/06)	Mechanism to Follow Up on Implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence Against Women, “Convention of Belém do Pará”
AG/RES. 2163 (XXXVI-O/06)	Tribute to His Excellency Alberto Lleras Camargo on the One Hundredth Anniversary of His Birth
AG/RES. 2164 (XXXVI-O/06)	Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices
AG/RES. 2165 (XXXVI-O/06)	Coordination of Volunteers in the Hemisphere in Response to Natural Disasters and the Fight against Hunger and Poverty – White Helmets Initiative
AG/RES. 2166 (XXXVI-O/06)	Public Presentation of Candidates for Membership on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
AG/RES. 2167 (XXXVI-O/06)	Establishment of the Committee Provided for in the Inter-American Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities
AG/RES. 2168 (XXXVI-O/06)	Combating Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance and Consideration of the Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance
AG/RES. 2169 (XXXVI-O/06)	Commemoration of the One Hundredth Anniversary of the Birth of Galo Plaza Lasso, Former Secretary General of the Organization of American States
AG/RES. 2170 (XXXVI-O/06)	Support for the Work of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism
AG/RES. 2171 (XXXVI-O/06)	Follow-up and Implementation of the Mandates of the Declaration of Mar del Plata and the Plan of Action of the Fourth Summit of the Americas
AG/RES. 2172 (XXXVI-O/06)	Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in the Activities of the Organization of American States and in the Summits of the Americas Process
AG/RES. 2173 (XXXVI-O/06)	The Declaration of Recife
AG/RES. 2174 (XXXVI-O/06)	Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law

AG/RES. 2175 (XXXVI-O/06)	Right to the Truth
AG/RES. 2176 (XXXVI-O/06)	Promotion of the International Criminal Court
AG/RES. 2177 (XXXVI-O/06)	Human Rights Defenders: Support for the Individuals, Groups, and Organizations of Civil Society Working to Promote and Protect Human Rights in the Americas
AG/RES. 2178 (XXXVI-O/06)	Standards for the Preparation of Periodic Reports Pursuant to the Protocol of San Salvador
AG/RES. 2179 (XXXVI-O/06)	Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials
AG/RES. 2180 (XXXVI-O/06)	The Americas as an Antipersonnel-Land-Mine-Free Zone
AG/RES. 2181 (XXXVI-O/06)	Support for Action against Antipersonnel Mines in Ecuador and Peru
AG/RES. 2182 (XXXVI-O/06)	Adoption of the Amended Statutes of the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction
AG/RES. 2183 (XXXVI-O/06)	Adoption of the Amended Statutes of the Inter-American Emergency Aid Fund
AG/RES. 2184 (XXXVI-O/06)	Natural Disaster Reduction, Risk Management, and Assistance in Natural and Other Disaster Situations
AG/RES. 2185 (XXXVI-O/06)	Follow-up to the Special Conference on Security
AG/RES. 2186 (XXXVI-O/06)	Inter-American Support for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
AG/RES. 2187 (XXXVI-O/06)	Special Security Concerns of the Small Island States of the Caribbean
AG/RES. 2188 (XXXVI-O/06)	Limitation of Military Spending and the Promotion of Greater Transparency in the Acquisition of Arms in the Americas
AG/RES. 2189 (XXXVI-O/06)	Fighting Transnational Organized Crime in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2190 (XXXVI-O/06)	Support for and Follow-up to the Summits of the Americas Process
AG/RES. 2191 (XXXVI-O/06)	Appointment of Women to Senior Management Positions at the Organization of American States
AG/RES. 2192 (XXXVI-O/06)	Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality
AG/RES. 2193 (XXXVI-O/06)	Creation of the Fund for Children of the Americas
AG/RES. 2194 (XXXVI-O/06)	Promotion of Corporate Social Responsibility in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2195 (XXXVI-O/06)	Strengthening Political Parties and Other Political Organizations for Democratic Governance
AG/RES. 2196 (XXXVI-O/06)	Cooperation between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the Secretariat of the United Nations System, the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System, the General Secretariat of the Caribbean Community, and the Secretariat of the Association of Caribbean States

AG/RES. 2197 (XXXVI-O/06)	Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Reports of the Organs, Agencies, and Entities of the Organization
AG/RES. 2198 (XXXVI-O/06)	Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission
AG/RES. 2199 (XXXVI-O/06)	Amendments to the Model Regulations of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission concerning Laundering Offenses Connected to Illicit Drug Trafficking and Other Serious Offenses
AG/RES. 2200 (XXXVI-O/06)	Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission
AG/RES. 2201 (XXXVI-O/06)	Strategic Plan for Partnership for Integral Development 2006-2009
AG/RES. 2202 (XXXVI-O/06)	Meetings of the Organization of American States Funding Criteria and Budgetary Guidelines
AG/RES. 2203 (XXXVI-O/06)	Reiteration and Renewal of Commitments and Mandates in the Framework of Inter-American Cooperation for Integral Development
AG/RES. 2204 (XXXVI-O/06)	Eradicating Illiteracy and Fighting Diseases That Affect Integral Development
AG/RES. 2205 (XXXVI-O/06)	Report of the XIV Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor
AG/RES. 2206 (XXXVI-O/06)	Report of the Fourth Meeting of Ministers of Education within the Framework of CIDI
AG/RES. 2207 (XXXVI-O/06)	Report of the Fourth Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports
AG/RES. 2208 (XXXVI-O/06)	Third Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Culture within the Framework of CIDI
AG/RES. 2209 (XXXVI-O/06)	First Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development within the Framework of CIDI
AG/RES. 2210 (XXXVI-O/06)	Activity Report of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development
AG/RES. 2211 (XXXVI-O/06)	First Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development within the Framework of CIDI
AG/RES. 2212 (XXXVI-O/06)	Fostering the Development of Tourism
AG/RES. 2213 (XXXVI-O/06)	Modification of the Statutes of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development and of the Statutes of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development
AG/RES. 2214 (XXXVI-O/06)	Continuing Participation in the Inter-American Council for Integral Development by Member States That Have Not Ratified the Protocol of Managua
AG/RES. 2215 (XXXVI-O/06)	Strengthening Democracy and Socioeconomic Development in Haiti
AG/RES. 2216 (XXXVI-O/06)	Meeting of Ministers of Justice or of Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas: Strengthening the Activities of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas

AG/RES. 2217 (XXXVI-O/06)	Seventh Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law
AG/RES. 2218 (XXXVI-O/06)	Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee
AG/RES. 2219 (XXXVI-O/06)	Follow-up on the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and Its Program for Cooperation
AG/RES. 2220 (XXXVI-O/06)	Strengthening of Human Rights Systems pursuant to the Mandates Arising from the Fourth Summit of the Americas
AG/RES. 2221 (XXXVI-O/06)	Strengthening of the National Human Rights Systems of the Member States and Support for the Work of Defenders of the People, Defenders of the Population, and Human Rights Attorneys or Commissioners (Ombudsmen)
AG/RES. 2222 (XXXVI-O/06)	Cooperation among the Member States in the Fight against Corruption and Impunity
AG/RES. 2223 (XXXVI-O/06)	Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
AG/RES. 2224 (XXXVI-O/06)	The Human Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families
AG/RES. 2225 (XXXVI-O/06)	Cooperation among the Member States of the Organization of American States to Ensure the Protection of Human Rights and Fight Impunity
AG/RES. 2226 (XXXVI-O/06)	Promotion of and Respect for International Humanitarian Law
AG/RES. 2227 (XXXVI-O/06)	Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
AG/RES. 2228 (XXXVI-O/06)	Meeting of Ministers of Justice or of Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas
AG/RES. 2229 (XXXVI-O/06)	Internally Displaced Persons
AG/RES. 2230 (XXXVI-O/06)	Program of Action for the Decade of the Americas for the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (2006-2016)
AG/RES. 2231 (XXXVI-O/06)	Persons Who Have Disappeared and Assistance to Members of Their Families
AG/RES. 2232 (XXXVI-O/06)	Protection of Asylum Seekers, Refugees, and Returnees in the Americas
AG/RES. 2233 (XXXVI-O/06)	Study of the Rights and the Care of Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment
AG/RES. 2234 (XXXVI-O/06)	American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
AG/RES. 2235 (XXXVI-O/06)	Place and Date of the Thirty-eighth Regular Session of the General Assembly
AG/RES. 2236 (XXXVI-O/06)	Place and Date of the Thirty-ninth Regular Session of the General Assembly
AG/RES. 2237 (XXXVI-O/06)	Right to Freedom of Thought and Expression and the Importance of the Media
AG/RES. 2238 (XXXVI-O/06)	Protecting Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms While Countering Terrorism
AG/RES. 2239 (XXXVI-O/06)	Free Trade and Investment in the Hemisphere

AG/RES. 2240 (XXXVI-O/06)	Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2241 (XXXVI-O/06)	Social Charter of the Americas: Renewal of the Hemispheric Commitment to Fight Extreme Poverty in the Region
AG/RES. 2242 (XXXVI-O/06)	Avian Influenza: Inter-American Cooperation to Meet a Global Threat
AG/RES. 2243 (XXXVI-O/06)	Support for the Implementation of the Declaration of Santo Domingo
AG/RES. 2244 (XXXVI-O/06)	Promotion of Private-Sector Participation in Activities of the Organization of American States
AG/RES. 2245 (XXXVI-O/06)	Consolidation of the Regime Established in the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco)
AG/RES. 2246 (XXXVI-O/06)	Cooperation on Some Matters of Security in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2247 (XXXVI-O/06)	Promotion of Hemispheric Cooperation in Dealing with Gangs Involved in Criminal Activities
AG/RES. 2248 (XXXVI-O/06)	Migrant Populations and Migration Flows in the Americas
AG/RES. 2249 (XXXVI-O/06)	Extradition of and Denial of Safe Haven to Terrorists: Mechanisms for Cooperation in the Fight against Terrorism
AG/RES. 2250 (XXXVI-O/06)	Obligation of Member States to Respect the Rules and Principles of International Law Contained in the Charter of the Organization of American States, in order to Preserve and Strengthen Peace in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2251 (XXXVI-O/06)	Promotion of Regional Cooperation for Implementation of the Inter-American Democratic Charter on the Occasion of Its Fifth Anniversary
AG/RES. 2252 (XXXVI-O/06)	Access to Public Information: Strengthening Democracy
AG/RES. 2253 (XXXVI-O/06)	Support for the Use of New and Renewable Energy Sources
AG/RES. 2254 (XXXVI-O/06)	Modernization and Use of Electoral Technologies in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2255 (XXXVI-O/06)	The Use of Information Technologies in Government Procurement in order to Promote Transparency and the Participation of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises, and Other Productive Organizations
AG/RES. 2256 (XXXVI-O/06)	Hemispheric Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons: Conclusions and Recommendations of the First Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons
AG/RES. 2257 (XXXVI-O/06)	Program-Budget of the Organization for 2007, Quotas and Contributions to FEMCIDI for 2007
AG/RES. 2258 (XXXVI-O/06)	Vote of Appreciation to the People and Government of the Dominican Republic



## **PERMANENT COUNCIL**

The Permanent Council is one of the organs by means of which the Organization accomplishes its purposes (Art. 53 of the Charter). It reports directly to the General Assembly and is composed of one representative of each member state, especially appointed by the respective government, with the rank of ambassador. Its functions and authority are defined in Chapter XII of the Charter. The Permanent Council takes cognizance of any matter referred to it by the General Assembly or the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs. It serves provisionally as the organ of consultation in conformity with the provisions of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (Rio Treaty). It keeps vigilance over the maintenance of friendly relations among the member states and assists them in the peaceful settlement of their disputes. It also acts as the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly, unless the General Assembly should decide otherwise.

### **Chairs and vice chairs**

The office of chair of the Permanent Council is held by each of the principal representatives in turn, following the Spanish alphabetical order of the names in Spanish of their respective states. The office of vice chair is filled in the same way, in reverse alphabetical order. The chair and vice-chair hold office for a term of three months. The terms begin automatically on the first day of each calendar quarter.

During the reporting period, the following ambassadors served as chairs of the Permanent Council:

- July-September 2006. Chair: Henry Illes, Permanent Representative of Suriname. Vice Chair: Ambassador Ellsworth I.A. John, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
- October-December 2006. Chair: Ambassador Marina Annette Valère, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago. Vice Chair: Ambassador Sonia Johnny, Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia.
- January-March 2007. Chair: Ambassador María del Luján Flores, Permanent Representative of Uruguay. Vice Chair: Ambassador Izben C. Williams, Permanent Representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis.
- April-June 2007. Chair: Ambassador Jorge Valero Briceño, Permanent Representative of Venezuela. Vice Chair: Ambassador Roberto Álvarez Gil, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic.

### **Presentations**

During this reporting period, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General spoke to the Permanent Council on various occasions to report on facilitation efforts carried out in countries of the region. They also reported on the electoral observation missions carried out by the General Secretariat in OAS member states.

## **Visits to the Permanent Council**

The Council was visited by the following figures: Her Excellency Michelle Bachelet Jeria, President of the Republic of Chile; His Excellency Gonzalo Gutiérrez Reinol, Vice Minister and Secretary General of Foreign Affairs of Peru; His Excellency Álvaro García Linera, Vice President of the Republic of Bolivia; His Excellency Patrick Manning, Primer Minister of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago; His Excellency Dr. Denzil L. Douglas, Primer Minister of Saint Kitts and Nevis; His Excellency Enrique Bolaños Geyer, President of the Republic of Nicaragua; His Excellency Dr. Oscar Arias Sánchez, President of Costa Rica; and others.

## **Resolutions and declarations**

To date the Permanent Council has adopted the following declarations and resolutions, the complete texts of which can be found on the Council's web page:

### Declarations

CP/DEC. 31 (1567/06)	Declaration on the Referendum in Panama
CP/DEC. 32 (1568/06)	Congratulations to Brazil on Its Electoral Process
CP/DEC. 33 (1571/06)	Congratulations to Nicaragua on Its Electoral Process
CP/DEC. 34 (1573/06)	Congratulations to Ecuador on Its Electoral Process
CP/DEC. 35 (1573/06)	Congratulations to Venezuela on Its Electoral Process Held on December 3, 2006

### Resolutions

CP/RES. 908 (1567/06)	Hemispheric Plan of Action against Transnational Organized Crime.
CP/RES. 909 (1567/06)	Promotion of Agriculture and Rural Development in the Hemisphere
CP/RES. 910 (1568/06)	Amendment to Article 23 of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat
CP/RES. 911 (1573/06)	Adjustment to the 2007 Program-Budget
CP/RES. 912 (1574/06)	Temporary Lifting of the Pause in the Awarding of New Scholarships
CP/RES. 913 (1577/07)	Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities
CP/RES. 914 (1577/07)	Place and Date of the Special Meeting of the OAS/REMJA Working Group on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition

## **THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) is an organ of the Organization that is directly answerable to the General Assembly. It has decision-making authority in matters related to partnership for development and was established when the Protocol of Managua entered into force on January 29, 1996 (Chapter XIII). It has the following subsidiary bodies: Permanent Executive Committee (CEPCIDI), Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD), nonpermanent specialized committees (CENPES), and the inter-American committees.

### **Inter-American Council for Integral Development**

The Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) was held at OAS headquarters on May 22, 2006. The Permanent Representative of Jamaica, Ambassador Gordon V. Shirley, and Mrs. Margarita Riva-Geoghegan, Alternate Representative of the United States, were elected Chair and Vice Chair of the meeting, respectively. Furthermore, the delegations of Argentina, Canada, Brazil, and United States were elected as the members of the Style Committee for the meeting.

Pursuant to Article 117 of the OAS Charter, CIDI unanimously approved the Secretary General's nominee for the post of Executive Secretary for Integral Development. Ambassador Alfonso Quiñónez was elected Executive Secretary of SEDI and, at the recommendation of the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD), Director General of that body.

CIDI also considered and approved the Strategic Plan for Cooperation for Integral Development 2006-2009, CIDI/RES. 178 (XI-O/06), which serves as a guideline for OAS cooperation activities. This Strategic Plan seeks to strengthen the institutional and human capacity of states and to support their efforts to respond to the challenges posed by poverty, inequity, and social exclusion. CIDI underscored the important part played by Mr. Mario Aguzzi, Alternate Representative of Venezuela and Chair of CEPCIDI's Working Group on Partnership for Development Policies, in the building the consensus needed for this important document.

For the election of five new members of the Management Board of the IACD, CIDI chose El Salvador as one of them and instructed CEPCIDI to fill the other four vacancies. Likewise, and in view of the fact that the delegations were still conducting consultations, CEPCIDI was instructed to choose its own Chair and Vice Chair.

CIDI received offers of voluntary contributions to FEMCIDI from several member states and decided to extend its deadline for receiving offers to June 30, 2006.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of CIDI went on to consider and approve in the framework of the Council and forwarded other for consideration by the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth regular session. The latter were considered and adopted by the General Assembly in June 2006. The resolutions covered the following topics, among others: Strategic Plan for Partnership for

Integral Development 2006-2009; reiteration and renewal of commitments and mandates in the framework of inter-American cooperation for integral development; eradicating illiteracy and fighting diseases that affect integral development; the Report of the XIV Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor; the Report on the Fourth Meeting of Ministers of Education within the Framework of CIDI; the report of the Fourth Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports; the Third Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Culture within the Framework of CIDI; the First Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development within the Framework of CIDI; the Activity Report of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development; the preparatory work for the First Inter-American Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities on Sustainable Development; the status of work on the draft Inter-American Program for Sustainable Development 2006-2009; modification of the statutes of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development and of the statutes of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development; the nonpermanent specialized committees; and continuing participation in the Inter-American Council for Integral Development by member states that have not ratified the Protocol of Managua.

### **Nonpermanent Specialized Committees (CENPES)**

The nonpermanent specialized committees are technical bodies that lend support to CIDI in dealing with specialized matters or in developing specific aspects of inter-American cooperation in the priority cooperation areas of the Strategic Plan. There are eight committees, one for each priority area of the Strategic Plan: Education, Economic Diversification, Trade Liberalization and Market Access, Social Development and Creation of Productive Employment, Scientific Development and Exchange and Transfer of Technology, Strengthening of Democratic Institutions, Sustainable Development and Environment, and Sustainable Tourism Development.

The meeting of the CENPES did not take place in 2006, due to the decision by CEPCIDI, exceptionally, to suspend the FEMCIDI 2005 programming cycle. CEPCIDI's decision was partly prompted by considerable delays in executing projects financed with FEMCIDI 2004 funds.

However, for the FEMCIDI 2006 programming cycle, CEPCIDI did convene the annual meeting of the CENPES corresponding to the FEMCIDI 2006 programming cycle for February 7 to 9, 2007. The members of the eight committees evaluated the projects and submitted to the Management Board of the IACD their recommendations as to which projects should be financed and the amount of financing for each project.

Following is a Table indicating by sectors the number of projects recommended by the CENPES:

<b>Account</b>	<b>Number of projects recommended</b>	<b>Amounts recommended(US\$)</b>
Education	25	2.238.403
Social Development	15	942.469
Sustainable Development	13	743.250
Science and Technology	13	1.237.370
Trade	10	1.042.758
Culture	2	33.319
Democracy	6	351.602
Tourism	9	992.406
Integral Development	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>7.581.577</b>

On March 2, 2007, the Management Board of the IACD held its Twentieth Meeting and approved the 93 projects recommended by the CENPES, through document AICD/JD/doc.104/07 rev .1, “FEMCIDI 2006 Partnership for Development Activities Programming.” The total amount approved for execution was US\$7.581.577.