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## FINAL NEWSLETTER

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**T**his 15th Model of the Permanent Council of the OAS was very dynamic and despite the occasionally heated discussion, the delegations were able to reach consensus and adopt two resolutions. The topic selected for this version of the Model was “Migration in the Americas,” and the resolutions that emerged in both the General and the Special Committees are a clear example of the hard work carried out by the interns during these two days. As asserted by this MOAS/PC Secretary General, Brenda Codoñer: “They [the delegates] have resolved to promote the creation of a system for the effective registration of victims of human trafficking, forced labor, the reincorporation of victims and their families in their home country.” Also, in the resolutions they decided to create programs of Bilateral Cooperation, understanding the very different needs for the countries to address migration issues to benefit from migration flows. Finally, in words of the Secretary General “they have resolved to create a Research Observatory and an Inter-American Program on the Education for Migrant Children to provide research concerning the educational situation of migrant children and to train educators to address the specific education needs of migrant children.”

Please check the following link of a video that we have made showing relevant aspects during the 15th MOAS/PC: [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPeM9eXi7\\_c](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPeM9eXi7_c)

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**Maria Antonietta Gaxiola, OAS Director of Human Resources, speaks about the process of becoming Leaders**



Antonietta Gaxiola,  
Director of the OAS Department of Human Resources

**M**s. Maria Antonietta Gaxiola, Director of the OAS Department of Human Resources, welcomed the interns at the opening ceremony of the 15th MOAS/PC extending her appreciation for their dedication and hard work. Ms. Gaxiola stated that it was vital for the interns “to understand how the organization works and to be in the shoes of the Member States.” She encouraged the interns to become leaders and to keep in mind that leadership is not a title, but a role in which we can make a difference. She emphasized how important it is to respect cultural diversity, to learn from others, and to be able to adapt. The Director of Human Resources concluded her remarks by advising the interns that finding solutions to the challenges that the Americas face in human development and employment will take many steps that are “part of a process”, but solutions are achievable with the youth’s involvement.

**Carmen de la Pava, Chief of Staff of the Assistant Secretary General**



Carmen de la Pava, Chief of Staff of the Assistant Secretary

**M**s. Carmen de la Pava, Chief of Staff of the Assistant Secretary General, was the keynote speaker at the opening ceremony of the 15th MOAS/PC. In her speech she highlighted the invaluable experience of being Interns at the OAS and of participating in the MOAS, since it would be an unforgettable experience. She referred to the work done by the OAS on the issue of migration where the Organization wants to ensure that the migration programs in the countries involved promote legal migration and protect the human rights of those who relocate. Ms. De la Pava mentioned various organizations within the Inter-American system that protect the rights of migrants and their families. She concluded by illustrating with historical examples that everyone is a migrant and, quoting the Exodus she proclaimed “do not mistreat the foreign because you were also foreign”



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Ambassador Albert R. Ramdin, OAS Assistant Secretary General, leads a Dialogue on the Benefits of the OAS Interns participating in the 15th MOAS/PC and the Making of a Diplomat



Ambassador Albert R. Ramdin, Assistant Secretary General

**A**t the end of the 15th MOAS/PC, Ambassador Ramdin, OAS Assistant Secretary General, held a dialogue with the interns. He took this opportunity to point out that in an organization such as the OAS “there is a lot of talk and a lot of debate... but at the end we are all together...generating resolutions that will affect the people of the Americas.” Mr. Ramdin highlighted the experience of the MOAS as a representation of the reality of the Member States in

a daily basis, where a lot of dialogue and debate is conducted in a peaceful manner. Ambassador Ramdin stressed the importance of diplomacy as a means to reach consensus. He added that one of the most important components of diplomacy inside the OAS is that despite the diversity of the countries they are all seen as equals, and that diversity is what sometimes makes the processes inside the organization a little slow. But he asserted that in order to solve the various problems that the Member countries face, it is important to stay together and to have effective communication.

Some might argue that effective communication is an easy process, but according to Mr. Ramdin it develops over time and can be learned, not just from the MOAS or diplomacy, but also through our personal interactions. Effective communication requires to listen to each other and to understand that everyone’s needs are different. The Ambassador offered some good advice on how to reach consensus through a negotiation process; in Mr.

Ramdin’s words, “You are successful as a diplomat if you can convince someone to say something you want them to say.” He also underscored the importance of knowledge when someone engages on an issue during a dialogue; he is convinced that reading is a very important factor in both diplomacy and dialogue. Afterwards, he proceeded to take questions from the audience and a very interesting dialogue ensued.



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### Delegates talk about their experience in the 15MOAS/PC

"The preparation was fortunately productive; it was a great experience and I learned a lot."  
Jin-Yeong Shin (Gaby) <http://youtu.be/LQlz5oFHWI>  
Special Committee on Migration - Delegation of the Dominican Republic 15<sup>th</sup> MOAS/PC  
**Protecting the education of Migrant Children and Youth in the Hemisphere**

"Being a delegate in the MOAS in very, very exciting; it is great go to through the modus operandi and to really dig deep into all the topics."  
Matthew Lonergan <http://youtu.be/1kDrwbUUfyg>  
Special Committee on Migration- Delegation of Venezuela 15<sup>th</sup> MOAS/PC  
**Protecting the education of Migrant Children and Youth in the Hemisphere**

"I congratulate the OAS for having this activity for us. We have learned a lot and hope that we can apply this knowledge and experience in our countries to provoke changes "  
Erika Montero <http://youtu.be/1VVa5tC4CLA>  
General Committee - Delegation of Paraguay 15MOAS/PC  
**Strategic partnerships to address migration issues in the Americas**

"I have really enjoyed this experience because I have learned how the Permanent Council really works, and we can have the opportunity to see what things they are working on. So I think it is a very good experience. I recommend these kind of activities because when you are doing it, it's like when you're really learning and your experience is about what it really is, so I think is a very very opportunity to everyone to have this type of experience"  
Gabriela Martinez <http://youtu.be/RIIdkKoDBW5M>  
Special Committee on Migration - Delegation of Bahamas 15MOAS/PC  
**Protecting the education of Migrant Children and Youth in the Hemisphere**

"The MOAS experience is very rewarding. You share the interests and policies of different states and learn a lot. I like very much the subject of migration and, indeed, I am doing my internship at the development and migration area of the OAS. I think this activity is very fruitful and will serve us very much for our future careers."  
Fabiana Hermoso <http://youtu.be/zjr1VhVaD-4>  
General Committee - Delegation of Canada 15MOAS/PC  
**Strategic partnerships to address migration issues in the Americas**

"The experience was great. All the delegates have their own positions and are in a joint working group together to reach a common ground in a resolution. The topic of immigration was a good experience."  
Juan Siguencia <http://youtu.be/yUuVxGoqv3s>  
General Committee Delegation of Mexico 15MOAS/PC  
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"I think that the MOAS is definitely a good stage for dialogue. It is inspiring to know what other countries are doing, what their position is, and how you can come to a table of 34 different states... It is a good learning experience not only for oneself but for the rest of the members that can contribute and learn from one another"  
Fernando Perez [http://youtu.be/bUf1\\_UJfdGE](http://youtu.be/bUf1_UJfdGE)  
General Committee - Delegation of Venezuela 15MOAS/PC  
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"The experience so far I think it's very interesting. Some of the countries had waited to see what other countries wanted to present and they added, or tried to accommodate their position on what has already been said. They are listening and making recommendations. I saw a lot of collaboration between one another"  
Felipe Alvarez <http://youtu.be/9pdccLfzYxk>  
Special Committee on Migration - Delegation of Argentina 15MOAS/PC  
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Message from the MOAS Program Coordination, Office of the Assistant Secretary General

“Dear OAS Interns,

We are very pleased with the results of the 15th Model of the Permanent Council for OAS Interns (15th MOAS/PC), where you carried out in-depth discussions about the issue of Migration in the Americas. The debate was very intense --to the extend that the MOAS/PC finished one and a half hour beyond schedule-- and with one of the committees taking only a 30 minutes lunch break! We are also very proud that one of the resolutions was approved by consensus.

As you all will come to realize, the lessons from the MOAS/PC always surface after the conference: sometimes after a few moments and, mostly, over the days. We invite you to think about how to use this experience to enrich your communications and leadership skills, as well as your knowledge of this relevant topic of the inter-American agenda.

Thank you very much for your hard work and efforts during the MOAS/PC and good luck through the end of your internships.”

**Nelly Robinson, MOAS Program Coordinator**  
**Luis Consuegra, MOAS Program Consultant**



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Session in the Simon Bolívar Room

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### Resolutions at a *Glance*

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**FINAL RESOLUTIONS**

[http://www.oas.org/en/asg/moas/interns/15th\\_MOAS.PC/Documentos/15th\\_MOAS\\_PC-Final\\_resolutions.pdf](http://www.oas.org/en/asg/moas/interns/15th_MOAS.PC/Documentos/15th_MOAS_PC-Final_resolutions.pdf)



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