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ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE
PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT, AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN,
“CONVENTION OF BELÉM DO PARÁ,”
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION AG/RES. 2692 (XLI-O/11)**

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The CIM, in compliance with the mandates contained in resolutions CIM/RES. 224 (XXXI-O/02), AG/RES. 1942 (XXXIII-O/03), and CIM/REMIM-II/RES. 6/04, took the necessary steps to prepare the proposed Follow-up Mechanism to the Convention of *Belém do Pará*. In June 2004, continuing the process initiated in 2002, a meeting of government experts was convened on July 20 and 21, 2004, to examine the mechanism and offer recommendations to the states parties. Pursuant to the General Assembly mandate, the Secretary General of the OAS convened the Conference of States Parties on October 26, 2004. The Conference approved 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, “Convention of Belém do Pará” (MESECVI).

The MESECVI was designed to follow-up on the commitments made by states parties to the Convention, to contribute to achieving the purposes established in it, and to facilitate technical cooperation between the states parties, as well as with other OAS member states and permanent observers. It is based on the principles of sovereignty, non-intervention, and legal equality of states and observes the rules of impartiality and objectivity in its operation, in order to guarantee fair application and egalitarian treatment between the states parties.

As of the date of this report, 30 of the 32 states parties have appointed a competent national authority (CNA); the appointments for Haiti and Honduras are still pending. In addition, 28 of the 32 states parties have named a specialist in this area to the Committee of Experts (CEVI) of the MESECVI, with the appointments of Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua still pending.

The First Multilateral Evaluation Round concluded with the presentation of the Hemispheric Report on the Recommendations of the Committee of Experts (CEVI) to the Third Conference of States Parties, that took place in Antigua Guatemala, on March 24 and 25, 2011.

The Second Multilateral Evaluation Round was launched in April 2010 with the distribution to the states parties to the Convention of the questionnaire adopted by the CEVI. Twenty-eight (28) states parties submitted their responses to the questionnaire. Based on the responses of the governments and the alternative reports, the CEVI adopted preliminary country reports at its sixth meeting, held in Santo Domingo de Heredia, Costa Rica, from August 23 to 25, 2010.

The Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts (CEVI) of the Mechanism to Follow-up on the Convention of Belém do Pará, was held on September 28 and 29, 2011, by At the meeting, held at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., 28 country reports and the hemispheric report, which contains a summary of the results of the country reports, were adopted.

In keeping with Article 23.e of the CEVI Rules of Procedure, these reports were forwarded by the Secretariat to the CNAs on December 16, 2011, with the request that they submit their observations and final comments on the reports by January 31, 2012. Once the Secretariat has received the states’ final observations on the country reports, those reports, together with the adopted hemispheric report, will be submitted for approval by the Conference of States Parties. They will then be published and distributed to the OAS General Assembly and the CIM Assembly of Delegates.

The Third Conference of States Parties was held in Antigua, Guatemala, on March 24 and 25, 2011 and adopted the follow-up report on the recommendations made by the CEVI to the states parties, thereby concluding the First Multilateral Evaluation Round. That report was based on the replies submitted by seventeen (17) states parties to the CEVI's observations on the indicators. The indicators were sent to the CNAs on September 19, 2008, with the request that they respond by November 30, 2008. However, owing to requests for an extension of the deadline reports were accepted up to June 29, 2009.

The Conference also examined the findings of the First Multilateral Evaluation Round of the MESECVI and adopted recommendations, conclusions, and agreements to strengthen the Mechanism.

REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE FOLLOW UP MECHANISM TO THE
INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT,
AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN,
CONVENTION OF BELÉM DO PARÁ,
PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION AG/RES. 2692 (XLI-O/11)

The Permanent Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), as the Technical Secretariat of the Mechanism to Follow up on Implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women (MESECVI), in compliance with operative paragraph 10 of resolution AG/RES. 2692 (XLI-O/11) and in accordance with Article 13.1 of the Statute of the MESECVI, presents to the Permanent Council the following report on the work carried out between February 2011 and February 2012.^{1/}

I. BACKGROUND

1.1. Establishment of the Mechanism to Follow up on Implementation of the Convention (MESECVI)

The CIM, in compliance with the mandates contained in resolutions CIM/RES. 224 (XXXI-O/02), AG/RES. 1942 (XXXIII-O/03), and CIM/REMIM-II/RES. 6/04, took the necessary steps to prepare the proposed Follow-up Mechanism to the Convention of *Belém do Pará*. The Permanent Secretariat of the CIM prepared a working document proposing a follow-up mechanism; and held prior consultations with the member states, specialized international agencies, and civil society organizations.

In June 2004, continuing the process initiated in 2002, a meeting of government experts was convened on July 20 and 21, 2004, to examine the mechanism and offer recommendations to the states parties. At the end of the meeting, the experts indicated that the mandate of the OAS General Assembly, contained in resolution AG/RES. 2021 (XXXIV-O/04) had been fulfilled and requested the rapporteur of the meeting to submit to the Conference of States Parties to the Convention of *Belém do Pará* the draft Statute of the Mechanism to Follow up on Implementation of the Convention with a view to its adoption.

Pursuant to the General Assembly mandate, the Secretary General of the OAS convened the Conference of States Parties on October 26, 2004. The Conference approved 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, “Convention of Belém do Pará” (MESECVI).

1. All the documents and background information referred to here, including reports submitted in previous years, are available on the CIM website, under MESECVI:
<http://www.oas.org/cim/Spanish/MESECVI-indice.htm>.

With its adoption, the states parties not only expressed their political will to have a consensus-based, independent mechanism, to which they would submit progress reports, in compliance with the Convention, but also undertook to implement its recommendations.

1.2. Characteristics of the MESECVI

The MESECVI was designed to follow-up on the commitments made by states parties to the Convention, to contribute to achieving the purposes established in it, and to facilitate technical cooperation between the states parties, as well as with other OAS member states and permanent observers. It is based on the principles of sovereignty, non-intervention, and legal equality of states and observes the rules of impartiality and objectivity in its operation, in order to guarantee fair application and egalitarian treatment between the states parties.

The Mechanism is made up of two bodies: The Conference of States Parties, which is the political body, is comprised of the representatives of the states parties; and the Committee of Experts, (hereinafter CEVI), which is the technical body, comprised of specialists in the field covered by the Convention. The experts are designated by governments; however, they carry out their duties in an individual capacity. The liaison between the states parties and the Secretariat of the MESECVI is the body of competent national authorities (hereinafter CNAs). The Secretariat of the Conference and the Committee is held by the Permanent Secretariat of the CIM, which is also where the headquarters of MESECVI is situated.

The Multilateral Evaluation Round consists of two phases: The first is for review purposes and the second, for follow-up. In the first phase, the CNA of each state party presents a response to the questionnaire adopted by the CEVI. On the basis of that response, the CEVI prepares a preliminary report which is forwarded to the CNA for comment. The Committee of Experts then considers those comments and adopts a final country report for each state party, as well as a hemispheric report. The country report contains specific recommendations for the state party concerned, while the hemispheric report offers general recommendations for the better implementation of the Convention. Finally, these reports are presented to the Conference of States Parties to the MESECVI for adoption and publication.

In the second phase, the CNAs provide information to the CEVI on implementation of the latter's recommendations, using the format adopted by the Committee of Experts for that purpose. On the basis of the responses received, the CEVI drafts and adopts a follow-up report with indicators, which must also be presented to the Conference of States Parties to the MESECVI for consideration and adoption.

II. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MESECVI (2011)

As of the date of this report, 30 of the 32 states parties have appointed a competent national authority (CNA); the appointments for Haiti and Honduras are still pending. In addition, 28 of the 32 states parties have named a specialist in this area to the Committee of Experts (CEVI) of the MESECVI, with the appointments of Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, and Nicaragua still pending.

2.1. First Multilateral Evaluation Round

The First Multilateral Evaluation Round consisted of a review stage (2005-2008) and a stage to follow up on the recommendations of the CEVI (2008-2010).

That round concluded with the presentation of the Hemispheric Report on the Recommendations of the Committee of Experts (CEVI) to the Third Conference of States Parties, that took place in Antigua Guatemala, on March 24 and 25, 2011.

The tables attached as Appendices I, II, III and IV show the participation of the states parties, during this Round, in the meetings of the Conference of States Parties, as well as the participation of the experts in the meetings of the CEVI.

2.2. Second Multilateral Evaluation Round

The Second Multilateral Evaluation Round was launched in April 2010 with the distribution to the states parties to the Convention of the questionnaire adopted by the CEVI. Twenty-eight (28) states parties submitted their responses to the questionnaire. The questionnaire was also sent to civil society organizations accredited with the OAS together with an invitation to submit alternative reports. To date, eight (8) such reports have been received from those organizations.

Based on the responses of the governments and the alternative reports, the CEVI adopted preliminary country reports at its sixth meeting, held in Santo Domingo de Heredia, Costa Rica, from August 23 to 25, 2010.

The preliminary reports adopted there were forwarded to the CNAs on November 2, 2010, with a request that they submit observations and clarifications by November 30, 2010. It have been received twenty one (21) responses to this request from: Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, St. Kitts and Nevis, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

These observations and clarifications were taken into account by the CEVI in the preparation of the final country reports, which were adopted at its seventh meeting, held at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., on September 28 and 29, 2011.

2.3. Committee of Experts (CEVI) - Seventh Meeting of the CEVI

A seminar on *Human Rights, Violence against Women, and Access to Justice* was held on September 27, ahead of the CEVI meeting. The seminar, held with the collaboration of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), the OAS Secretariat for Legal Affairs, and the OAS Department of Social Development and Employment, was attended by those who took part in the CEVI meeting. Eminent scholars and representatives of the justice sector from different countries also participated.

The Seventh Meeting of the Committee of Experts (CEVI) of the Mechanism to Follow-up on the Convention of Belém do Pará, was held on September 28 and 29, 2011, by At the meeting, held at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., 28 country reports and the hemispheric report, which contains a summary of the results of the country reports, were adopted.

In keeping with Article 23.e of the CEVI Rules of Procedure, these reports were forwarded by the Secretariat to the CNAs on December 16, 2011, with the request that they submit their observations and final comments on the reports by January 31, 2012. Once the Secretariat has received the states' final observations on the country reports, those reports, together with the adopted hemispheric report, will be submitted for approval by the Conference of States Parties. They will then be published and distributed to the OAS General Assembly and the CIM Assembly of Delegates.

In addition, since the two-year term for officers had expired, the CEVI elected Patricia Olamendi, Expert from Mexico, as its Coordinator; and Diane C. Haylock, Expert from Belize, as Alternate Coordinator. This was the first time that an expert from the Caribbean had been elected as an officer of the CEVI.

2.4. Conference of States Parties

The Third Conference of States Parties was held in Antigua, Guatemala, on March 24 and 25, 2011 and adopted the follow-up report on the recommendations made by the CEVI to the states parties, thereby concluding the First Multilateral Evaluation Round. That report was based on the replies submitted by seventeen (17) states parties to the CEVI's observations on the indicators. The indicators were sent to the CNAs on September 19, 2008, with the request that they respond by November 30, 2008. However, owing to requests for an extension of the deadline reports were accepted up to June 29, 2009.

The Conference also examined the findings of the First Multilateral Evaluation Round of the MESECVI and adopted recommendations, conclusions, and agreements to strengthen the Mechanism. On April 13, 2011, the experts received a copy of the Summary Minutes of the Conference, published as MESECVI-III/doc.62/11, for their information. All the Conference documents can be found at <http://scm.oas.org/III-MESECVI/Indexenglish.htm>.

2.5. Technical Secretariat

The Secretariat fulfilled the activities assigned to it in accordance with the rules of procedure of the CEVI and of the Conference, which include:

- Preparation of the Third Conference of States Parties, in coordination with the Government of Guatemala, the host country
- Drafting of the minutes and final documents of the Conference of States Parties;
- Follow-up on agreements and decisions adopted;

- Receipt of observations and comments from competent national authorities regarding the preliminary country reports and forwarding of same to the Committee of Experts (CEVI);
- Preparation of the seventh meeting of the CEVI (September 28-29, 2011);
- Compilation of the final country reports adopted by the CEVI, at its seventh meeting, and forwarding of same to the competent national authorities for final comments and observations;
- Preparation of the draft hemispheric report on the Second Multilateral Evaluation Round, which was considered and approved by the CEVI, at its Seventh Meeting;
- Preparation of the draft 2011-2012 biennial work program for the CEVI, which was approved by the CEVI at its seventh meeting;
- Organization of the Fourth Conference of States Parties to the MESECVI, scheduled to be held in April 2012;
- Updating of the directory of experts and competent national authorities.

III. PROMOTION OF THE MESECVI/

3.1. “Compliance with International Commitments for the Eradication of Gender-based Violence against Women” El Salvador, December 1 to 3, 2010.

The CIM was invited to take part in the panel discussion on “The Action of Regional International Organizations Regarding the Eradication of Violence against Women,” along with representatives of other international organizations. In addition, participants celebrated the adoption of the Comprehensive Special Law for a Violence-Free Life for Women in that country.

3.2. Regional Roundtable - Femicide in Central and South America – Rosario, Argentina, May 19 and 20, 2011

The CLADEM Monitoring Program prompted a discussion on the necessity or appropriateness of passing criminal legislation on femicide/feminicide. The first step was to organize a working group composed of experts from Bolivia, Chile, Mexico, Panama, and Peru, which produced a briefing document for discussion.

The second step in this process was the Roundtable of up to 30 participants, lecturers, judges, criminal lawyers, criminologists, feminists specializing in the subject, and members of the CEVI and of the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), who met to debate these issues in Rosario. The outcomes of this meeting will be published by CLADEM.

IV. DISSEMINATION

The MESECVI has a web page (<http://www.oas.org/en/mesecvi>) that provides access to information on the Mechanism and its Evaluation Rounds; the documents and outcomes of the meetings of the Conference of States Parties and of the Committee of Experts (CEVI); and the directories of the competent national authorities and the members of the Committee.

V. FINANCING FOR THE MESECVI

To date, the fund established for the MESECVI has received contributions from Argentina, Brazil, Mexico, and Trinidad and Tobago. In addition, Argentina and Costa Rica contributed by hosting the third (2007) and sixth meetings of the CEVI (2010), respectively. Venezuela hosted the Second Conference of States Parties (2008), while Guatemala hosted the Third Conference of States Parties (2011).

All the assemblies of the OAS and the CIM have repeatedly called on governments to contribute human or financial resources to the MESECVI.

VI. RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND CIM ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES (2010-2011)

6.1. Report of the MESECVI to the OAS General Assembly at its Forty-first Regular Session - Resolution adopted

In 2011 the Secretariat submitted to the OAS General Assembly the report on the activities of the 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" (MESECVI) (CP/CG-1812/11).

The General Assembly adopted resolution AG/RES. 2692 (XLI-O/11), which took note of the same, endorsed the agreements of the Third Conference of States Parties of the MESECVI and the follow-up report on the recommendations made by the CEVI to governments and reiterated its commitment to strengthening the MESECVI. The resolution renewed the invitation to the states parties to the Convention to facilitate the participation of experts in meetings of the Committee of Experts (CEVI); to disseminate the recommendations of the CEVI to public agencies and to civil society as a whole; and to make voluntary contributions to the specific fund set up to finance the operation of the MESECVI or to make other types of contributions, such as providing the Mechanism with human resources to enable it to meet its work schedule and ensure its optimal functioning, hosting international meetings as necessary, holding workshops, and sharing experiences and best practices.

6.2 Report to the XXXV Assembly of Delegates of the CIM, held in Mexico, from November 3 to 5, 2010. Resolution adopted

Pursuant to the MESECVI Regulations, the report on activities in 2008-2010 was submitted to the Assembly of Delegates of the CIM as document CIM/doc.8/10.

The activities to be carried out by the MESECVI over the next two years were included in the biennial work plan of the CIM. In addition, resolution CIM/RES. 259 (XXXV-O/10) was adopted, taking note of the conclusions of the sixth meeting of the CEVI and recognizing the advances achieved by the countries of the Hemisphere in implementing the recommendations formulated by the MESECVI. The resolution also encouraged joint work by the national mechanisms of women, competent national authorities, national experts and civil society in the diffusion of the objectives, advances, and results obtained by the MESECVI. Finally, it asked the Secretary General, in accordance with available financial resources and with the agreement of the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs, to assign the human, technical, and financial resources needed for the CIM to continue supporting the implementation of the MESECVI.

APPENDIX I

FIRST MULTILATERAL EVALUATION ROUND (2005-2010)

**RESPONSES TO THE QUESTIONNAIRE, PRELIMINARY REPORTS I AND II,
FINAL REPORT, CNA COMMENTS, AND FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

País / Country		EVALUATION					FOLLOW-UP	
		Respuesta/ Responses	Informe Preliminar I/ Prel. Report I	Informe. Preliminar II/ Prel. Report II	Comentarios ANC/ CNAComments	Informe Preliminar III/ Prel. Report III	Comentarios ANC/ CNAComments	Respuesta a los indicadores/ Response to the indicators
1	Antigua and Barbuda	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO
2	Argentina	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3	Bahamas	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
4	Barbados	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
5	Belize	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
6	Bolivia	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
7	Brazil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
8	Chile	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
9	Colombia	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
10	Costa Rica	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
11	Dominica	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
12	Ecuador	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
13	El Salvador	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
14	Grenada	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
15	Guatemala	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
16	Guyana	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
17	Haiti	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
18	Honduras	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
19	Jamaica	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES
20	Mexico	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
21	Nicaragua	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
22	Panama	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO

País / <i>Country</i>		EVALUATION						FOLLOW-UP
		Respuesta/ <i>Responses</i>	Informe Preliminar I/ <i>Prel. Report I</i>	Informe. Preliminar II/ <i>Prel. Report II</i>	Comentarios ANC/ <i>CNAComments</i>	Informe Preliminar III/ <i>Prel. Report III</i>	Comentarios ANC/ <i>CNAComments</i>	Respuesta a los indicadores/ Response to the indicators
23	Paraguay	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
24	Peru	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
25	Dominican Republic	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
26	Saint Kitts and Nevis	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
27	Saint Lucia	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
28	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
29	Suriname	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES
30	Trinidad and Tobago	YES		YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
31	Uruguay	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
32	Venezuela	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
	TOTAL	28	22	28	20	20	15	17

APPENDIX II

**STATUS OF APPOINTMENT OF EXPERTS AND
COMPETENT NATIONAL AUTHORITIES (CNAs)
DURING THE FIRST AND SECOND MULTILATERAL EVALUATION ROUNDS**

COUNTRY		EXPERTS		CNA	
		1 MER	2 MER (2011)	1 MER	2 MER (2011)
1	Antigua and Barbuda	YES	YES	YES	YES
2	Argentina	YES	YES	YES	YES
3	Bahamas	YES	YES	YES	YES
4	Barbados	YES	YES	YES	YES
5	Belize	YES	YES	YES	YES
6	Bolivia	YES	YES	YES	YES
7	Brazil	YES	YES	YES	YES
8	Chile	YES	YES	YES	YES
9	Colombia	YES	YES	YES	YES
10	Costa Rica	YES	YES	YES	YES
11	Dominica	YES	YES	YES	YES
12	Ecuador	YES	YES	YES	YES
13	El Salvador	YES	YES	YES	YES
14	Grenada	NO	YES	NO	YES
15	Guatemala	YES	YES	YES	YES
16	Guyana	YES	NO	YES	YES
17	Haiti	YES	NO	YES	NO
18	Honduras	YES	NO	YES	NO
19	Jamaica	YES	YES	YES	YES
20	México	YES	YES	YES	YES
21	Nicaragua	YES	NO	YES	YES
22	Panamá	YES	YES	YES	YES
23	Paraguay	YES	YES	YES	YES
24	Peru	YES	YES	YES	YES
25	Dominican Republic	YES	YES	YES	YES
26	Saint Kitts and Nevis	NO	YES	NO	YES
27	Saint Lucia	NO	YES	YES	YES
28	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	YES	YES	NO	YES
29	Suriname	YES	YES	NO	YES
30	Trinidad and Tobago	YES	YES	YES	YES
31	Uruguay	YES	YES	YES	YES
32	Venezuela	YES	YES	YES	YES
	TOTAL	29	28	28	30

APPENDIX III

PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES DURING THE FIRST AND SECOND MULTILATERAL EVALUATION ROUNDS

COUNTRY		1 MER		2 MER
		I CONFERENCE (2004)	II CONFERENCE (2008)	III CONFERENCE (2011)
1	Antigua and Barbuda	NO	NO	YES
2	Argentina	YES	YES	YES
3	Bahamas	YES	NO	NO
4	Barbados	YES	YES	NO
5	Belize	YES	NO	NO
6	Bolivia	YES	YES	YES
7	Brazil	YES	YES	YES
8	Canada ^{2/}	YES	NO	NO
9	Chile	YES	YES	YES
10	Colombia	YES	YES	YES
11	Costa Rica	YES	YES	YES
12	Dominica	NO	NO	YES
13	Ecuador	YES	YES	YES
14	El Salvador	YES	YES	YES
15	Grenada	NO	NO	YES
16	Guatemala	YES	YES	YES
17	Guyana	NO	NO	NO
18	Haiti	NO	YES	NO
19	Honduras	YES	YES	NO
20	Jamaica	NO	YES	NO
21	Mexico	YES	YES	YES
22	Nicaragua	YES	YES	NO
23	Panama	YES	YES	YES
24	Paraguay	YES	YES	NO
25	Peru	YES	YES	YES
26	Dominican Republic	YES	YES	YES
27	Saint Kitts and Nevis	YES	NO	YES
28	Saint Lucia	YES	NO	YES
29	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	NO	NO	YES
30	Suriname	NO	NO	NO
31	Trinidad and Tobago	YES	YES	YES
32	United States ^{3/}	YES	NO	YES
33	Uruguay	YES	NO	YES
34	Venezuela	YES	YES	YES
TOTAL		26	21	23

2. Participated as observer (Article 4 of the Statute of the MESECVI).

3. *Idem.*

APPENDIX IV

PARTICIPATION BY EXPERTS IN THE SIX MEETINGS OF THE CEVI

	(2005-2011) Country	First Meeting (2005)	Second Meeting (2006)	Third Meeting (2007)	Fourth Meeting (2008)	Fifth Meeting (2009)	Sixth Meeting (2010)	Seventh Meeting (2011)
1	Antigua and Barbuda	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
2	Argentina	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
3	Bahamas	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	NO
4	Barbados	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
5	Belize	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES
6	Bolivia	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
7	Brazil	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
8	Chile	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
9	Colombia	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO
10	Costa Rica	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
11	Dominica	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
12	Ecuador	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
13	El Salvador	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO	YES	YES
14	Grenada	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
15	Guatemala	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
16	Guyana	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
17	Haiti	YES	NO	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO
18	Honduras	YES	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO
19	Jamaica	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO
20	México	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
21	Nicaragua	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
22	Panamá	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
23	Paraguay	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES
24	Peru	YES	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES	NO
25	Dominican Republic	YES	NO	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES
26	Saint Kitts and Nevis	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES
27	Saint Lucia	YES	YES	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
28	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
29	Suriname	NO	YES	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO
30	Trinidad and Tobago	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	YES
31	Uruguay	YES	NO	YES	YES	NO	NO	YES
32	Venezuela	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	YES	NO
TOTAL		20	17	18	15	13	21	19