



FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM  
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**AGREEMENTS FROM THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS 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*” (CEVI)**

The Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism of the “Convention of Belém do Pará,” gathered during the Thirteenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the MESECVI on October 11, 12, and 13, 2015, in Mexico City, Mexico,

**AGREES TO:**

1. Approve the “Report of the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI to the Thirteenth Meeting of the Committee Of Experts,” document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.232/16;
2. Approve the “CEVI Annual Plan 2017,” document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.233/16;
3. Approve the “Hemispheric Report on Child Pregnancy in the States Party to the Convention of Belém do Pará,” document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.234/16, according to the comments outlined for its publication and distribution to the States Parties and other interested institutions;
4. Approve the document “Draft Inter-American Model Law on Political Violence against Women,” document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.235/15, and request the Technical Secretariat to incorporate the comments according to the scheduled agenda and to circulate it to the CEVI for final revision;
5. Approve the “Draft Guidelines for Regulating Virtual Participation of the Committee of Experts,” document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.236/16.rev1;
6. Ask the Technical Secretariat to urge the States Party that have not yet done so to supply the relevant information on the “Progress indicators for measuring the implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women – Convention of Belém do Pará,” no later than 45 days after the notification;

7. Make pronouncements that may be required such as Reports; Declarations or other statements even in States that have not provided information to the Committee;
8. Request the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI to prepare a draft for a “Comprehensive Model Law to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate the Gender-related Killings of Women (Femicide/Feminicide),” and to reiterate to the States Parties the necessity to approve comprehensive laws that guarantee women’s rights in accordance with the standards established in the Belém do Pará Convention;
9. Reaffirm the importance of the exchange of good practices, encouraging, in particular, synergies for the exchange of experiences between Latin America and the Caribbean;
10. Take note of the dialogue held between the Committee and the civil society and promote, in connection with the Third Multilateral Evaluation Round, the implementation of the Convention of Belém do Pará with regard to the following issues: Women and Girls Trafficking from a Human Rights perspective; Violence against Women Human Rights Defenders; Prevention of Violence against Women; fundamentalisms and Secular State;
11. Hold a dialogue with the national authorities of their States Party to support the use of the progress indicators for measuring the implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women – Convention of Belém do Pará;
12. Applaud the States Party that have appointed Experts in 2016 and remind the States Parties that have not yet done so to appoint their Principal and Alternate Experts;
13. Urge the States Party to afford the conditions and economic resources for the activities of the MESECVI, and to guarantee the effective participation of the Experts for the exercise of their functions, in accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of the Statute of the MESECVI and Article 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the CEVI;
14. Express its concern about the theft of the Berta Cáceres case investigation file and urge the State of Honduras to act with due diligence to guarantee a transparent and impartial investigation and to prevent, investigate, and sanction such acts of violence;
15. Express its support for the legislative reform processes initiated in Chile and the Dominican Republic aimed to harmonize its legislation with the recommendations of the Committee on the legal termination of pregnancy on at least three cases;
16. Express its support to the reform proposal of the Penal Code in El Salvador related to legal termination of pregnancy in the three cases recommended by the Committee;
17. Express its concern to the Congress of the Republic of Guatemala related to a legislative proposal that alleges the falsity of the accusation of women victims of violence, which would contravene the Convention of Belém do Pará;
18. Commend the efforts of the State of Colombia to guarantee the Peace Process and urge all parties in the conflict to maintain the gender perspective in the Peace Agreements;
19. Reiterate the State of Uruguay the necessity of prompt review of its Criminal Law specially taking into account the gender perspective;

20. Express its concern for the situation of particular vulnerability and the risk of suffering violence and discrimination for women and girls in Haiti after the natural disaster caused by Hurricane Mathew and urge the authorities and the international cooperation to ensure that humanitarian support measures have a gender perspective taking into account this circumstances;
21. Note with concern the results of the past referendum in the Commonwealth of the Bahamas and support the initiatives of the State aimed at promoting gender equality among citizens and eliminate any form of discrimination;
22. Send a communication to the Government of Paraguay to ensure the protection of indigenous women according to human rights standards;
23. Express its gratitude to the Experts that are no longer part of the Committee in 2016 for its enormous contribution to the efforts of recent years: Sheila Roseau, Expert of Antigua and Barbuda; Diane Haylock, Expert of Belize; Maria Elisa Sandoval Argueta, Expert of Guatemala; Silvia Loli Espinoza, Expert of Peru; Teresa Hernández Cajo, Alternate Expert of Peru;
24. Express its appreciation to the Government of Mexico, as well as to the Government of Trinidad and Tobago, for their financial contributions towards MESECVI operations;
25. Express its appreciation to the people and Government of Mexico for their generous hospitality and valuable contributions to the success of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the MESECVI.