



II Session of the Working Group to Examine the Periodic Reports of the States Parties to the Protocol of San Salvador (WGPSS)

On October 14-16 of 2015, the Second Session of WGPSS was held at OAS headquarters, a historic milestone since the entry into force of the Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights "Protocol of San Salvador" (PSS). In accordance with the mandates established by the Member States, the WGPSS held meetings with the States Parties of the PSS to discuss the national reports of the first group of rights: social security, health, and education.



Working Group

Currently, the WGPSS is composed by four government experts, two independent experts, and two representatives of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. The Department of Social Inclusion (DSI) of the OAS acts as Technical Secretariat of the WGPSS. The WGPSS participants of the II Session were: Laura Pautassi, Rosa María Ortiz, Paola Buendía-García, and Laura Elisa Pérez.

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National reports analysis: rights to social security, health, and education

During the sessions, the reports of Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay and Uruguay were discussed. The WGPSS guided the States Parties through dialogue, exchange of information and good practices, to move towards the full achievement of economic, social and cultural rights. In turn, on November 13, a virtual meeting was held with the Mission of the Plurinational State of Bolivia, completing the II Session.



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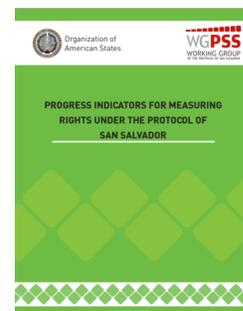
Meetings with OAS Officials

The WGPSS met with the Assistant Secretary General, Ambassador Néstor Méndez, and the Chief of Staff of the Secretary General, Ambassador Jacinth Lorna Henry-Martin. In both meetings, the ASG and the Chief Staff endorsed the OAS support to the WGPSS with the firm intention to move towards "more rights for more people". In addition, the WGPSS presented the advances of the PSS mechanism to the Permanent Council Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CJPA).

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- During the public meetings, all States Parties expressed the usefulness of the Indicators of progress in human Rights. The WGPSS offered to provide technical assistance to the States Parties during the elaboration of their national reports.
- The States Parties Final Reports, and the Final Conclusion Report by the WGPSS, will be published on the WGPSS website once the review process is completed.
- June 2016 is the deadline for submission of the reports for the second group of rights, including the right to work and unionize, right to adequate food, right to a healthy environment, and the right to the benefits of culture.



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