



### 3rd Period of Sessions of the Working Group to Examine the National reports of States Parties envisioned in the Protocol of San Salvador (WGPSS)

On May 3rd-6th, 2016, the Third Session of WGPSS was held at the OAS headquarters at a historic moment since the Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Rights human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights "Protocol of San Salvador" (PSS) entered into force. The session marked the beginning of the operational process of the monitoring mechanism upon the completion of the review of the final reports of six States Parties to the PSS for the first group of rights (rights to social security, health and education) and the final observations for each of these countries.



#### Ceremony

The WGPSS presented its Final Comments on the Final Reports of six States Parties to the PSS during the official submission ceremony and gave special recognition for their crucial role in making the PSS monitoring mechanism operational. The representatives of the Permanent Missions of Mexico, Ecuador, Bolivia, Uruguay, Paraguay and Colombia, and Honduras

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#### Meeting with Civil Society Organizations

The WGPSS invited civil society organizations to the presentation on the advances of the PSS monitoring mechanism, the first round of reports for the first group of rights and its role in assisting States to form public policies within the agenda of economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR).



#### Meeting with the OAS Secretary General

The WGPSS officially submitted the final reports for the six national reports to the OAS Secretary General, with which the revision round ended. Ideli Salvatti, Secretary for Access to Rights and Equity, stated that the Protocol of San Salvador (PSS) is the most important binding instrument in OAS for public policies on social inclusion and equity.

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#### Roundtable

In the framework of the OAS Roundtable: "From exclusion to equality in Latin America?", the president of WGPSS, Laura Pautassi, presented the achievements of the monitoring mechanism of the OAS in the area of ESCRs enshrined in the PSS, along with some general approaches to the ESCR agenda in the region. The OAS Secretary General stated that "a strong monitoring mechanism to measure the realization of human rights in the field of social policy is required in order to ensure more rights for more people" and that the OAS "has an innovative methodology of regional indicators that measure the fulfillment of economic, social and cultural rights (ESCR) that allows the reporting of progress in public policies, recognizing the principle of progressivity and non-regression of ESCR."

