

AG/RES. 2927 (XLVIII-O/18)

STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 5, 2018)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

REAFFIRMING the norms and general principles of international law and those contained in the Charter of the OAS;

MINDFUL that the Charter of the OAS provides in its preamble “that representative democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace and development of the region” and proclaims that one of the essential purposes of the Organization is to “promote and consolidate representative democracy, with due respect for the principle of nonintervention;”

RECALLING resolutions AG/RES. 2703 (XLII-O/12), AG/RES. 2768 (XLIII-O/13), AG/RES. 2853 (XLIV-O/14), AG/RES. 2891 (XLVI-O/16), AG/RES. 2894 (XLVI-O/16), AG/RES. 2905 (XLVII-O/17) and all previous resolutions adopted on this subject;

HAVING SEEN the annual report of the Permanent Council to the General Assembly, June 2017-June 2018 (AG/doc.xxx/18), and in particular the section on the activities of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP), and

CONSIDERING that the programs, activities, and tasks established in the resolutions falling under the mandate of the CAJP help meet the essential purposes of the Organization of American States (OAS) set out in its Charter,

I. ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Permanent Council, the General Secretariat, and the other organs identified in Article 53 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) to continue working on the implementation of the applicable current mandates set out in previous General Assembly resolutions assigned to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP), except as stated otherwise in any resolution.

2. To urge the member states of the Organization to continue contributing to the attainment of the objectives established in said resolutions through the development and execution of activities, the submission of reports, the exchange of information, the adoption of measures and policies, and cooperation, support, and mutual assistance; and to instruct the General Secretariat to provide the necessary support to those ends.

i. Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras (MACCIH)<sup>4/</sup>

STRESSING that corruption undermines the legitimacy of public institutions and threatens democracy, peace, the rule of law, justice, and the integral development of peoples;

MINDFUL of the conclusion on January 19, 2016, of the agreement between the Government of the Republic of Honduras and the OAS General Secretariat to establish the MACCIH; and

TAKING NOTE of the semiannual reports of the MACCIH submitted to the OAS Permanent Council (first semiannual report, CP/doc.5353/16, October 2016; second semiannual report, CP/doc.5310/17, May 2017),

RESOLVES:

1. To take into account that the Mission to Support the Fight against Corruption and Impunity in Honduras has provided support to Honduran institutions in fighting against corruption and the elimination of impunity from a holistic perspective, in the interest of Honduran democracy

2. To invite member states and observer states to continue their cooperation with the MACCIH, and their financial support thereto, so as to ensure the fulfillment of its objectives.

3. To instruct the General Secretariat to continue its support for the work of the MACCIH and to present to the Permanent Council a report on income and expenditures since the start of MACCIH's work.

ii. Strengthening the activities of the Inter-American Program of Judicial Facilitators

RECOGNIZING the importance of the positive results that national judicial facilitators services have had and the training of justice operators promoted by the Inter-American Program of Judicial Facilitators in the region; and

CONSIDERING that national judicial facilitator services strengthen judicial institutions and broaden access for vulnerable populations by promoting a culture of peaceful conflict resolution, and reducing the judicialization of conflicts in Argentina, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and Paraguay,

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize the work done by the Inter-American Program of Judicial Facilitators in strengthening and supplementing national policies that support the member states' actions and efforts on crime prevention and peaceful resolution of conflicts.

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1. Bolivia: The interinstitutional agreements signed by the General Secretariat should reflect the mandates of the member states and be strictly governed by the norms ...

2. To urge the General Secretariat to continue its support to member states that so request in establishing national judicial facilitators services and training their operators through the Inter-American Program of Judicial Facilitators.

3. To support efforts to secure voluntary contributions, to consolidate and expand the existing services of the Inter-American Program of Judicial Facilitators and to extend them to other member states that so request.

4. To strengthen the Inter-American Program of Judicial Facilitators with a view to finding mechanisms to ensure its sustainability.

5. To instruct the General Secretariat, through the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, to give priority to, and assist in, raising specific funds for that purpose.

6. To urge the General Secretariat, through the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, to continue with the evaluations that will lead to improved management of that Program.

iii. Strengthening cadastre and property registry in the Americas

EMPHASIZING the importance of cadastre and property registry as basic government activities and sources of information for more efficient and transparent rural and urban land management, and to safeguard social and economic rights, strengthen democratic governance and the rule of law; and promote the socioeconomic development of the region;

UNDERSCORING the commitment of member states that participate in the Inter-American Network on Cadastre and Property Registry (RICRP), which is the principal forum of hemispheric cooperation on the subject, to strengthen the regional ecosystem of cadastre and property registration; to share experiences and good practices among national cadastre and property registry agencies, and to dialogue and decision-making on the regional agenda on this subject, and

THANKING the Governments of Colombia, Panama, and Uruguay for their hospitality and leadership as hosts and chairs of the annual conferences in 2015, 2016, and 2017 respectively, and also expressing its satisfaction with the offer by Argentina to host the IV Conference and Assembly of the RICRP, which will be held in November 2018,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat, through the Department for Effective Public Management, to continue supporting efforts by member states to strengthen their cadastre and property registry management and to share experiences and good practices that will advance the regional agenda on this matter.

2. To invite member states to continue their support for the RICRP, to maintain their active participation in its activities, and to step up efforts to reduce property under-registration and update their cadastres and registries.

iv. Access to Public Information and Protection of Personal Data

RECALLING that access to public information and protection of personal data are essential to democracy and to full enjoyment of human rights and work in a complementary fashion to benefit effective citizen participation, which contributes to the strengthening of public institutions, equality, and the full exercise of the rule of law.

TAKING NOTE of the conclusions of the CAJP on this topic at its meeting held on January 25, 2018 (document CP/CAJP/SA. 628/18),

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States to continue supporting, with the assistance of civil society and other social actors, the efforts of member states that so request to adopt legislative and other appropriate measures to ensure access to public information, in accordance with their domestic laws and consistent with their international obligations and commitments, in particular for the implementation of the Model Inter-American Law on Access to Public Information or for continuing to bring themselves into line with it.

2. To request member states, in the framework of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP), to report annually and voluntarily on their progress and exchange best practices in implementing the Inter-American Program on Access to Public Information; and to request that the Department of International Law, taking advantage of the presence of the Focal Points at these meetings, simultaneously organize a meeting with them to move forward together in implementation of the Program and explore opportunities for mutual cooperation.

3. To request the General Secretariat, through the Department of International Law, in consultation with the focal points for the Inter-American Program on Access to Public Information and taking into account contributions from civil society, to continue working on identifying thematic areas in which it considers it necessary to update or broaden the Model Inter-American Law on Access to Public Information, duly taking into consideration also the latest regional and global developments in the area of protection of personal data and to forward its findings to the Inter-American Juridical Committee.

v. Follow-up on the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and on the Inter-American Program for Cooperation in the Fight against Corruption

RECALLING resolution AG/RES. 1 (LI-E/16), “Comprehensive Strategic Plan of the Organization,” Annex I of which adopted the strategic line and objectives related to anticorruption efforts; the mandates of the Summits of the Americas with respect to the fight against corruption, in particular those of the Eighth Summit of the Americas, held in Lima, Peru, in April 2018, related to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and its follow-up mechanism (MESICIC); the Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Fight Corruption (MESICIC/CEP-II/doc.5/06 rev. 2); and the “Recommendations of the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of States Parties to the MESICIC” (MESICIC/CEP-IV/doc.2/15 rev. 1),

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs, in its capacity as the Technical Secretariat of the Follow-up Mechanism for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC), to continue implementing the mandates contained in the “Recommendations of the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of States Parties to the MESICIC” (MESICIC/CEP-IV/doc.2/15 rev. 1), in accordance with the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

2. To endorse the commitment of the member states to resolutely to prevent and combat corruption and to promote transparency in order to help improve efficiency in public and private management and promote accountability, and to continue to make progress with effective implementation of the recommendations of the MESICIC while working together to continue moving forward with the Fifth Round of Review of the MESICIC.

3. To instruct the MESICIC Technical Secretariat, to continue to provide legal advice and identify opportunities for technical assistance to the Conference of States Parties and the Committee of Experts of the MESICIC; continue collaborating on the organization of on-site visits and the preparation of draft reports with recommendations for each country; carry out programs and activities to facilitate the implementation of the Convention and their recommendations; offer states parties programs, projects, studies, mechanisms for exchanges of best practices, and legal and technical cooperation tools to help them prevent, detect, and punish acts of corruption in accordance with the Convention, and provide technical support, as necessary, to the Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Fight Corruption; maintain the Anticorruption Portal of the Americas; and pursue efforts to raise funds to finance regional cooperation activities, including legal cooperation, in the fight against corruption.

4. To urge the MESICIC Technical Secretariat to continue strengthening its coordination and collaboration with the secretariats of other international cooperation agencies, entities, and mechanisms active in that area; promoting synergies and an anti-corruption culture; and discharging its various other functions under the Document of Buenos Aires and the Rules of Procedure of the Conference of States Parties to the MESICIC and of its Committee of Experts.

5. To request that the MESICIC, within the sphere of its competence and in accordance with the resources assigned in the Organization’s program-budget and other resources, implement the mandates assigned to it by the Lima Commitment on Democratic Governance against Corruption,<sup>2/ 3/</sup> adopted at the Eighth Summit of the Americas held in April 2018 in Lima, Peru, and, through the Chair of the Committee of Experts, present a report on the progress made with that implementation to the Permanent Council before the forty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly.

6. To request that the General Secretariat submit a proposal to the CAAP, subject to availability of resources, to increase the budgetary allocation from the OAS regular budget assigned to the Technical Secretariat of the MESICIC, bearing in mind the commitment to “continuing to

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2. The Government of the Republic of Nicaragua does not approve the Lima Commitment: ‘Democratic Governance against Corruption,’ nor other documents, declarations, communiqués, ...
  3. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela does not recognize the “Lima Commitment” adopted by the “participating States” at the Eighth Summit of the Americas. In addition, it reiterates its denunciation...

strengthen the Follow-up Mechanism for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC), by identifying resources to bolster its operations with a view to more efficiently addressing the new challenges that corruption poses in the Hemisphere,” assumed by the Heads of State and Government in paragraph 45 in the Lima Commitment,<sup>4/5/</sup> adopted at the Eighth Summit of the Americas. The methods and the amount to be used for the above purposes, without implying an increase in quotas, will be included in the resolution on the funding of the Organization and in the OAS program-budget for 2019.

7. To encourage the member states and observer states to cooperate and support the funding of the MESICIC in order to ensure that it meets its objectives.

8. To urge member states to take effective measures to combat tax avoidance, money laundering, and illicit financial flows deriving from corruption, and to identify beneficial owners

vi. Public Management Strengthening and Innovation in the Americas

CONSIDERING that democracy is essential for the social, political, and economic development of the peoples of the Americas and that effective public management, fighting corruption, and the promotion of transparency are vital components of the full exercise of democracy;

EMPHASIZING the importance of public institutions being transparent and effective and having mechanisms for public participation and accountability, and also recognizing the importance of creating synergies between the different international instruments and forums that exist for the topic;

REAFFIRMING the commitments made in the Lima Commitment<sup>6/7</sup> adopted by our Heads of State and Government at the VIII Summit of the Americas, held in Lima, Peru, on April 13 and 14, 2018, especially those relating to strengthening democratic institutions, promotion of policies on integrity and transparency, open government, e-government, open data, and public procurement (paragraphs 1, 14, 17, 20, 27, 33, and 50 of the Lima Commitment CA-VIII.doc.1/18),

ALSO REAFFIRMING the importance of transparency in government and of a culture of lawfulness as essential requirements in the fight against corruption, as well as the commitment of member states to continue to promote strengthening them by means of measures and actions to prevent, detect, punish, and eradicate acts of corruption,

RESOLVES:

1 To urge the member states to promote codes of conduct with high standards of ethics, probity, transparency, and integrity, taking as reference the recommendations contained in the “Guidelines for the Management of Policies for Probity in the Public Administrations of the Americas,” and to urge the Hemisphere’s private sector, to develop similar codes of conduct.

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4. See footnote 1.

5. See footnote 3.

6. See footnote 1.

7. See footnote 3.

2. To instruct the OAS General Secretariat to continue to support the member states' efforts to strengthen government institutions at the national and local levels, by means of educational and training programs on these issues, through the Inter-American Cooperation Mechanism for Effective Public Management (MECIGEP) and other initiatives.

3. To instruct the OAS General Secretariat, through the Department for Effective Public Management, to continue supporting the member states that so request in the implementation of policies for open government, e-government, open data, fiscal transparency, administrative streamlining, open budget, electronic public procurement and contracting systems, and public registry of state suppliers, taking into account the participation of civil society and other stakeholders.

4. To invite the Inter-American Network on Government Procurement (INGP) to craft a proposal for a hemispheric initiative for open contracting, in coordination with the competent national authorities, civil society, and the private sector.

vii. Technical Cooperation and Electoral Observation Missions

HIGHLIGHTING the substantive contribution made by the Organization of American States (OAS) to the strengthening and development of electoral processes and systems in member states through OAS electoral observation missions, electoral advice, and electoral technical cooperation, when so requested by a member state and consistent with the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and the Code of Conduct for International Election Observers; and

RECOGNIZING that the Inter-American Meetings of Electoral Authorities, organized by the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation of the Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy, are the institutional fora that since 2003 have promoted the exchange of information, experiences, and successful practices, by bringing together agencies responsible for elections management in the region;

CONSIDERING that financial support from the host country is needed to ensure the sustainability of the Inter-American Meetings of Electoral Authorities, and that the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation must have the human and financial resources, and

TAKING NOTE OF resolution AG/RES. 2905 (XLVII-O/17), "Strengthening Democracy," lifting the restrictions that prevent the Regular Fund of the Organization from being used to cover costs associated with electoral observation missions.

RESOLVES:

1. To request the General Secretariat to provide assistance to member states that so request in deploying OAS electoral observation missions and in the implementation of recommendations contained in the reports of those missions, and to invite donors to continue to support these missions in order to facilitate the planning of such missions.

2. To support the institutional strengthening of the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation (DECO), ensuring the conditions for the development of methodological tools, the

dissemination of good electoral practices in the member states, training services and applications for the efficient management of electoral observation missions, and for the implementation of their recommendations.

3. Likewise, to instruct the General Secretariat, through the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation, to serve as Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Meetings of Electoral Authorities, so as to continue to offer an institutional venue for sharing experiences, lessons learned and dissemination of information on elections issues in the region, as well as the recommendations made by the Electoral Observation Missions.<sup>8/</sup>

4. To request the General Secretariat to present a proposal to the CAAP, subject to the availability of resources from the OAS Regular Fund, for increasing the budget allocation for the Department of Electoral Cooperation and Observation. The modalities and the amount that will be allocated for the aforementioned purposes, without involving any quota increase, will be included in the resolution on the financing of the Organization and in the program-budget of the OAS for 2019.

5. To instruct the General Secretariat to submit, for consideration by the General Assembly at its forty-ninth regular session, proposals to ensure the financial sustainability of electoral observation missions.

6. To request the General Secretariat to present an annual report to the Permanent Council on the sources of funding of electoral observation missions and on the amounts spent on each individual mission.

viii. Inclusive Dialogue for Effectively Dealing with Social Conflicts in Investments for Integral Development

REAFFIRMING, as Article 11 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter acknowledges, that democracy and social and economic development are interdependent and mutually reinforcing; and its conviction that a peaceful and constructive approach to social conflicts associated with investment projects, from a rights-based perspective and through dialogue and other peaceful means for the prevention and alternative resolution of disputes, contributes to democratic governance and integral development; and

REAFFIRMING ALSO the commitment to promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, to facilitating access to justice for all, and to building effective, responsible, and inclusive institutions at all levels,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat to continue supporting member states, upon request, in developing institutional capacities for dealing with social conflicts associated with investment projects for advancing integral development; eradicating poverty in all of its forms and dimensions, including extreme poverty; and promoting equality, equity, and social inclusion.

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8. The Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela reiterates that in instances where the General Secretariat serves as Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Meeting of Electoral Authorities, ...

2. To request the General Secretariat to continue strengthening coordination of the projects and programs implemented by the various areas of the Organization, as well as their ties to other entities in the inter-American system and international organizations, with a view to promoting peaceful and inclusive societies, taking into account the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its Sustainable Development Goals.

3. To request the Permanent Council to promote, subject to the availability of resources, the holding of a meeting of the CAJP to share experiences and information in this area.

ix. Follow-up to the Inter-American Democratic Charter

SHARING the conviction that democracy is one of our region's most valued accomplishments and that the peaceful transfer of power through constitutional means and in strict compliance with the constitutional rules of each of our states is the product of a continuous and irreversible process in which the region admits no interruptions or stepping backward.

HIGHLIGHTING that the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes in its preamble "that representative democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace and development of the region" and that one of the essential purposes of the Organization is "[t]o promote and consolidate representative democracy, with due respect for the principle of nonintervention";

RECALLING that the Inter-American Democratic Charter states that "the peoples of the Americas have a right to democracy and their governments have an obligation to promote and defend it" and that "democracy is essential for the social, political, and economic development of the peoples of the Americas";

REAFFIRMING that "essential elements of representative democracy include, inter alia, respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms; access to and the exercise of power in accordance with the rule of law; the holding of periodic, free, and fair elections based on secret balloting and universal suffrage as an expression of the sovereignty of the people, the pluralistic system of political parties and organizations, and the separation of powers and independence of the branches of government";

REAFFIRMING ALSO that "transparency in government activities, probity, responsible public administration on the part of governments, respect for social rights, and freedom of expression and of the press are essential components of the exercise of democracy";

RECALLING that the Inter-American Democratic Charter establishes that "[t]he promotion and observance of economic, social, and cultural rights are inherently linked to integral development, equitable economic growth, and to the consolidation of democracy in the states of the Hemisphere"; and

REAFFIRMING all the mandates issued in resolution AG/RES. 2835 (XLIV-O/14), "Promotion and Strengthening of Democracy: Follow-up to the Inter-American Democratic Charter,"

RESOLVES:

1. To continue promoting democratic cooperation in order to support member states, at their request, in their efforts to strengthen democratic institutions, values, practices, and governance; fight corruption; enhance the rule of law; bring about the full and effective enjoyment and exercise of human rights, and reduce poverty, inequality, and social exclusion.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue the dialogue on the effectiveness of the implementation of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, taking into account all the topics addressed and discussions contained in the "Final Report" on this dialogue (CP/doc.4669/11 rev. 3), approved on December 14, 2011.

3. To request the General Secretariat to continue implementing training programs to promote the principles, values, and practices of a democratic culture, on the basis of Articles 26 and 27 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and to improve awareness and promote the application of this inter-American instrument in the countries of the Hemisphere, upon request. Furthermore, to instruct the General Secretariat to continue to support the Permanent Council and the member states that so request with implementation of the Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices.

x. Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that "cooperation among authorities with responsibilities in the area of justice" is one of the 'priority areas of the OAS, and that "the REMJA has consolidated itself as the hemispheric political and technical forum in the areas of justice and international legal cooperation," which is essential for the development of justice systems and consolidation of the rule of law in the region; and that at the Summits of the Americas, the Heads of State and Government have supported the work carried out through the REMJA process and the implementation of its conclusions and recommendations,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs, in its capacity as the Technical Secretariat to the REMJA, to continue executing the mandates contained in the Conclusions and Recommendations of REMJA X (REMJA-X/doc.2/15 rev. 2), in accordance with the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources. To also give instructions for the Seventh Meeting of the REMJA Working Group on Legal Cooperation in Criminal Matters and REMJA XI to be convened, in keeping with the provisions of the Document of Washington, subject to the availability of financial resources in the Organization's program-budget and other resources.

2. To instruct the REMJA Technical Secretariat to continue to: provide support, legal advice, and technical assistance to the REMJA process and to its working groups and technical meetings; prepare documents and studies to support follow-up and implementation of their recommendations; carry out programs, projects, and technical cooperation activities in pursuit thereof; manage and maintain the networks created in the REMJA area for which it is responsible; take steps to secure funding for the activities of the REMJA process; strengthen coordination and

collaboration with the secretariats of other international cooperation agencies, entities, and mechanisms in areas that concern the REMJA; and discharge the other functions assigned to it in the Document of Washington.

xi. E-Government

TAKING NOTE of section xi, on E-Government, in the resolution on Strengthening Democracy, AG/RES. 2905 (XLVII-O/17), instructing the General Secretariat to promote, as regards the Network of E-Government Leaders of Latin America and Caribbean (GEALC Network), the coordination of activities, projects, and programs, and the promotion of e-government best practices for and among its member states, upon request, with a view to furthering the digital transformation of governments;

TAKING NOTE ALSO of the Santo Domingo Commitment arising from the Eleventh Meeting of the Network of e-Government Leaders of Latin America and the Caribbean (GEALC Network), held on November 29 and 30, 2017 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, and mindful of the importance of the use of digital technologies to meet citizens' expectations and needs, boost confidence in public institutions with greater transparency and openness, and improve government's response capability and the delivery of public services, for public policies to be citizen-driven in order to build an inclusive and sustainable future for everyone,

REAFFIRMING the commitments made in the Lima Commitment<sup>9/10/</sup> adopted by our Heads of State and Government at the VIII Summit of the Americas, held in Lima, Peru, on April 12-13, 2018, especially those relating to the use of digital technologies to foster transparency and accountability, interaction with citizens, reduction of bureaucracy, getting rid of red tape, openness with information, and the strengthening of cooperation and the sharing of best practices in developing and applying those technologies; and

BEARING IN MIND that open data are a fundamental tool for combating corruption from the standpoint of ensuring the right of access to information and of helping citizens to have more information about public affairs, which will enable them to participate in a more informed way in decisions that affect them,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the invitation for all OAS member states to attend the Fifth Latin America and Caribbean E-Government Ministerial Meeting, to be held in Panama City, Panama on November 15-16, 2018.

2. To take note of the invitation to member states to participate in the V International Open Data Conference (IODC) to be held for the first time in Latin America in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on September 27-28, 2018, in the framework of which the VI Latin American and Caribbean Regional Conference on Open Data will be held (ABRELATAM and CONDATOS) on September 26, 2018.

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9. See footnote 1.

10. See footnote 3.

3. To promote the use of new technologies to facilitate e-government with a view to fostering transparency, interaction with citizens, and accountability in the public sector, and to provide the population with digital services.

4. To request the OAS General Secretariat, through the Department for Effective Public Management, to coordinate, through collaboration among the competent authorities in member states, with the active participation of civil society, academia, and the private sector, the crafting of a proposal for an Inter-American Open Data Program to strengthen policies for openness with information, transparency and to increase government and citizen capacity to prevent and fight corruption, taking into account the important work done at the inter-American level in this area, as well as other regional and global initiatives.

5. To request the OAS General Secretariat to submit said Program to the Permanent Council, through the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, for consideration by the member states.

6. To underscore the role of the GEALC Network and its contribution to dialogue, cooperation and the furtherance of e-government, instructing the General Secretariat to encourage through this network coordination of activities, projects, and programs and the promotion of good e-governments practices for and among those member states that so request in order to continue to move forward with e-government transformation.

xii. Rights of the child

RESOLVES:

To promote intergenerational dialogue on the major issues impacting daily life in the region, practicing forms of coexistence that respect human dignity and are based on democratic values, acceptance of diversity of opinion, and non-violent dispute resolution. To that end, to recognize and support the actions being carried out by the Inter-American Children's Institute to facilitate the exercise by children and adolescents of their right to participation, to encourage authorities, political actors, and adults in general to listen to and respect the opinions of children and adolescents in the different spheres of expression, and to develop properly trained human resources.

II. FOLLOW-UP AND REPORTING

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Permanent Council to follow up on the topics addressed in this resolution through their inclusion on the work plan of the CAJP, and the General Secretariat to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth regular session.

2. To instruct the General Secretariat, through the areas responsible for follow-up and implementation of activities connected with the purpose of this resolution, to submit in due course during the third quarter of 2018 to the Permanent Council its 2018-2019 plan of activities for proper oversight by member states.

3. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its forty-ninth regular session on the implementation of this resolution. Execution of the activities envisaged in this resolution will be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

FOOTNOTES

1. ... of the Organization. Therefore, the MACCIH should operate in accordance with the norms of the OAS and its actions should be taken with the greatest transparency and accountability.

2. ... or resolutions issued by the Eighth Summit of the Americas, because it was not involved in negotiating them

3. ... and rejection of the decision of the Government of Peru to accord itself the power unilaterally to adopt, without any basis in law, a decision on the participation of a member state in the meetings of the SIRG (Summit Implementation Review Group) and in the Eighth Summit of the Americas. Aside from breaching the Agreement between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the Government of the Republic of Peru on holding the Eighth Summit of the Americas, this practice, based on political and ideological motivations, sets a very dangerous precedent that violates the most fundamental principles of public international law, as well as basic standards governing the organization and participation of States in multilateral meetings. At the same time, we appeal to the OAS member states to consider the pertinence of keeping the Summits Secretariat in the Organization, given that in the support that it provided to the Eighth Summit of the Americas, that entity violated OAS rules recognized in the Charter of the Organization by pandering to the arbitrary decisions of the host country.

8. ... it should act in accordance with Article 132 of the Charter of the Organization by respecting the multilateral nature of meetings and not subject the participation of a member state to the arbitrary discretion of the host country.