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Time: 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
Place: Virtual

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Resolution AG/RES. 2976 (LI-O/21) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,” which the General Assembly adopted in November 2021, requested the Permanent Council to instruct the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) to include in its plan of action the following issue covered by this resolution, prior to the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly with a view to promoting the sharing of experiences and best practices: “Autonomous official public defenders as a guarantee of access to justice for women in vulnerable situations.”

Likewise, in paragraph i, the said resolution requested the Permanent Council to hold in the first quarter of 2022, “a tenth special meeting of the CAJP on best practices employed by each official public defense institution in the region for ensuring access to justice for women in vulnerable situations in defense of their human rights, to be attended by the member states and their respective official public defender institutions that provide legal aid, members of the AIDEF, and experts from the academic community, civil society, and international organizations.”

1. Opening remarks
 - Remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, Ambassador María del Carmen Roquebert, Permanent Representative of the Republic of Panama to the OAS
 - Remarks by the Director of the Department of International Law of the General Secretariat of the OAS, Dr. Dante Negro - [Link](#)
2. Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2976 (LI-O/21) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”: Best practices employed by each official public defense institution in the region for ensuring access to justice for women in vulnerable situations in defense of their human rights.

Presentations:

- Inter-American Association of Public Defender Offices (AIDEF)
 - Dr. Stella Maris Martínez, Defender-General of Argentina, in her capacity as General Coordinator of the Inter-American Association of Public Defender Offices (AIDEF) - [Link](#)
 - Dr. Carlos Mora Jano, National Defender of Chile, Secretary General of AIDEF

- Presentations by public defender offices in the region
 - Costa Rica: Mr. Juan Carlos Pérez Murillo, Director of the Public Defender Office of Costa Rica
 - Ecuador: Dr. Ángel Torres Machuca, Public Defender-General of Ecuador
 - Guatemala:
 - Ms. Miriam Catarina Roquel Chávez, Deputy Ombudsman 1, Human Rights Ombudsman's Office (PDH) of Guatemala
 - Ms. Arely López Loarca, Public Criminal Defender Institute (IDPP) of Guatemala
 - Mexico: Mr. Netzaí Sandoval Ballesteros, Head of the Federal Public Defender Institute of Mexico
 - Brazil: Dr. Daniel de Macedo Alves Pereira, Federal Public Defender-General of Brazil
 - Argentina: Dr. María Lorena González Castro Feijóo, President, Asociación Civil de la Defensa Pública de la República Argentina (ADePRA)
 - Paraguay: Dr. María Lorena Segovia Azucas, Defender General, Ministry of Public Defense of Paraguay

3. Discussion among member states

