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ELEVENTH SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CAJP ON GOOD PRACTICES BY EACH OFFICIAL
PUBLIC DEFENDER INSTITUTION IN THE REGION AIMED AT ENSURING
ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE USERS

(Date: April 27, 2023)

(Approved by the CAJP at its regular meeting on March 15, 2023)

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1. The participation of civil society organizations in CAJP meetings is governed by paragraph 13 subparagraphs (a) and (b) of Permanent Council resolution [CP/RES. 759 \(1217/99\)](#), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities.”

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Time: 2:30 to 5:00 p.m.

Place: Rubén Darío Room, GSB Building, Eighth floor (1889 F St. NW, Washington, D.C.), with the possibility of virtual participation

Resolution AG/RES. 2991 (LII-O/22), “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,” adopted by the General Assembly in October 2022, requested the Permanent Council to hold, “in the first quarter of 2023, an eleventh special meeting of the CAJP on good practices by each official public defender institution in the region aimed at ensuring access to justice for mental health service users.”

According to the same mandate, member states and their respective official public legal aid institutions should be invited to attend the meeting, as should members of the Inter-American Association of Public Defender Offices (AIDEF), scholars, experts from civil society—including women’s organizations—and international organizations.

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1. Remarks by the Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP), Ambassador Hugh Adsett, Permanent Representative of Canada to the OAS
2. Presentation (in person) by the Director of Public Defense of Costa Rica, Mr. Juan Carlos Pérez Murillo, in his capacity as AIDEF General Coordinator
3. Exchange of best practices by each official public defender institution in the region aimed at ensuring access to justice for mental health service users
 - Presentations by AIDEF representatives:
 - Dr. Stella Maris Martínez, Chief Public Defender of Argentina and General Secretary of the AIDEF (in person)
 - Other public defender institutions belonging to the AIDEF that are confirmed to the secretariat by permanent missions to the OAS
 - Mr. Carlos Mora Jano, National Public Defender, **Chile** (in person)
 - Dr. Fernando Mauro Barbosa de Oliveira Junior, Acting Public Defender-General, **Brazil**
 - María Mercedes Crespi, Chair, Public Defender Service Committee, Association of Magistrates and National Judicial Officers of **Argentina**
 - Dr. Ángel Torres Machuca, Public Defender General of **Ecuador**

- Dr. María Lorena Segovia Azucas, Defender General of the Republic of **Paraguay**
- Mr. Idonaldo Arevael Fuentes Fuentes, Director, Public Criminal Defender Institute of **Guatemala**
- Participation by member states

