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COMMITTEE ON JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

SPECIAL MEETING ON THE EXCHANGE OF BEST PRACTICES
AND EXPERIENCES WITH PUBLIC DEFENDERS AS A GUARANTEE
OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR PERSONS IN SITUATIONS OF
VULNERABILITY [AG/RES. 2801 (XLIII-O/13)]

Friday, March 21, 2014 – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Guerrero Room

OAS Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

AGENDA

(Approved by the CAJP on September 26, 2013)
– subject to further contributions by delegations)

Resolution AG/RES. 2801 (XLIII-O/13) *"Toward Autonomy for Official Public Defenders/Criminal and Civil Legal Aid Providers as a Guarantee of Access to Justice,"* adopted by the General Assembly in June 2013, requested the Permanent Council to hold, in the first quarter of 2014, a second special meeting of the OAS Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs for an exchange of best practices and experiences triggered by the implementation of resolutions AG/RES. 2656 (XLI-O/11) and AG/RES. 2714 (XLII-O/12).

The General Assembly also requested that member states and their respective official public legal aid institutions, as well as members of the Inter-American Association of Public Defender Offices (AIDEF), scholars, experts from civil society, and international organizations be invited to attend said meeting.

This special meeting has been scheduled for March 21, 2014.

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| 10:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. | Remarks by the Chair |
| 10:15 a.m. to 10:40 a.m. | Presentation of the Report by the Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs on implementation of operative paragraph 11 of General Assembly Resolution AG/RES. 2801 (XLIII-O/13) |
| 10:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. | Exchange of best practices and experiences. |
- I. Representatives of the Inter-American Association of Public Defenders (AIDEF).

- Supporting documents: “Parameters for Measuring Public Defense: Compilation of replies to the questionnaire prepared by the AIDEF Executive Committee” [CP/CAJP-3191/13](#) add. 1

II. Other invited guests

- Ms. Marta Iris Muñoz Cascante, Director of the Public Defender's Office of Costa Rica
- Mr. Georgy Schubert, National Ombudsman of Chile
- Ms. Alexandra Cárdenas, Director of the National Public Defender's System of Colombia
- Mr. Mario Alberto Torres López, Director General of the Federal Public Defense Institute, Federal Judicial Council of Mexico
- Ms. Stella Maris Martínez, Public Defender of Argentina

III. Member states