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SIXTH SPECIAL MEETING ON AUTONOMOUS OFFICIAL PUBLIC DEFENDERS
AS A GUARANTEE OF ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR VULNERABLE GROUPS

April 5, 2018

Simón Bolívar Room
Organization of American States
Washington, D.C.

In resolution AG/RES. 2908 (XLVII-O/17) "*Promotion and Protection of Human Rights*," adopted by the General Assembly on June 21, 2017, the Permanent Council is requested to hold a sixth special meeting of the Committee on Political and Juridical Affairs on autonomous official public defenders as a guarantee of access to justice for vulnerable groups.

The General Assembly requested that this special meeting discuss best practices pursued by each public defense institution in the region for full implementation the Brasilia Regulations regarding Access to Justice for Vulnerable Persons.

The General Assembly further requested that the meeting be held in the first quarter of 2018 to bring together 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.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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| 2:00 - 2:05 p.m. | Remarks by Ambassador Hugo Cayrús, Permanent Representative of Uruguay to the OAS and Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) |
| 2:05 - 2:20 p.m. | Presentation by the Department of International Law on implementation of General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2887 (XLVI-O/16) |
| 2:20 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. | AIDEF presentation, by Dr. Andrés Mahnke, National Defender of Chile and AIDEF General Coordinator |

- 2:50 - 5:30 p.m. Exchange of best practices and experiences with best practices pursued by each public defense institution in the region for full implementation of the Brasilia Regulations on Access to Justice for Vulnerable Persons
- I. Presentations by regional groups, delivered by the following AIDEF representatives:
- 2:50 - 3:05 p.m. Dr. Antonio Maffezoli, President of the National Association of Public Defenders (ANADEP), Brazil, and AIDEF Deputy General Coordinator
- 3:05 - 3:20 p.m. Dr. Juan de Dios Moscoso, advisor on institutional relations at the international level, Office of the Federal Public Defender's Office of Argentina, on behalf of Dr. Stella Maris Martínez, Defender General of the Nation and AIDEF Secretary General
- 3:20 - 3:35 p.m. Dr. Diana Montero, Acting Director of Public Defense of Costa Rica and AIDEF General Coordinator for Central America
- 3:35 – 3:50 p.m. Dr. Laura Hernández Román, National Director, National Office of Public Defense of the Dominican Republic, and AIDEF Coordinator for the Caribbean
- 3:50 to 5:30 p.m. II. Participation by member states