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SEVENTH SPECIAL MEETING ON THE MECHANISMS FOR DETENTION CENTER
MONITORING IN PLACE IN EACH OFFICIAL PUBLIC DEFENDER INSTITUTION
IN THE REGION

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Simón Bolívar Room
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Washington, D.C.

Resolution AG/RES. 2928 (XLVIII-O/18), “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights,” adopted by the General Assembly in June 2018, requested the Permanent Council to hold a seventh special meeting of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs on the mechanisms for detention center monitoring that are in place in each official public defender institution in the region.

The General Assembly also requested that the meeting be held in the first quarter of 2019 and attended by the member states and their respective official public defender institutions that provide legal assistance, members of the Inter-American Association of Public Defender Offices (AIDEF), of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), through its Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty in the Americas, and experts from the academic community, civil society, and international organizations.

DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Adoption of the order of business (document CP/CAJP-3486/18 rev. 2)
2. Follow-up on the mandate contained in resolution AG/RES. 2928 (XLVIII-O/18) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”:
 - Towards the defense of autonomous official public defenders as a safeguard of personal safety and liberty
 - Presentation of the Department of International Law on its work in cooperation with the AIDEF delivered by Mr. Dante Negro, Director of the Department of International Law
 - Presentation of the AIDEF delivered by Ms. Nydia Arévalo Flores, Director General of the Criminal Public Defender Institute of Guatemala and AIDEF Coordinator General
 - Presentation of the IACHR Rapporteurship on the Rights of Persons Deprived of Liberty delivered by Commissioner Joel Hernandez Garcia, Rapporteur

3. Exchange of best practices in relation to the mechanisms for detention center monitoring in place in each official public defender institution in the region
 - Presentations by regional groups, offered by the following AIDEF representatives:
 - Gabriel Faria Oliveira, Federal Public Defender of Brazil and Vice-Coordinator of AIDEF
 - Pablo Sanzana, President of the Public Criminal Defenders Association of Chile and AIDEF Coordinator for South America
 - Carolina Corpeño, Deputy Prosecutor of the Republic of El Salvador, representing the AIDEF Coordination for Central America
 - Rodolfo Valentín Santos, Director of the National Office of Public Defense of the Dominican Republic, representing AIDEF Coordination for the Caribbean
 - Netzaí Sandoval Ballesteros, General Director of the Federal Institute of the Public Defender of Mexico, representing AIDEF Coordination for North America
 - Participation by member states