



FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION
Thirtieth Meeting of the Committee of Experts
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MINUTES OF THE THIRTIETH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS OF THE FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER- AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

I. BACKGROUND

In keeping with the schedule for the Fifth Round of Review agreed upon by the Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism on the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC), the Committee's thirtieth meeting was held at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., from March 12 to 15, 2018.

This meeting was attended by the following representatives of the States Parties: Laura Geler (Argentina); Kirkland Mackcy (Bahamas); Stacy Martinez (Belize); Brayan Tintaya (Bolivia); Renato Capanema (Brazil); Doug Breithaupt, Mathilda Haykal Sater (Canada); Dorothy Perez, Verónica Orrego (Chile); Alice Berggum Comas (Colombia); Miguel Cortés Chavas (Costa Rica); Veronica Aguilar (Ecuador); Orlando Rivas Avila (El Salvador), Kaleb Kroger (United States), Robert Branch (Grenada); Libna Bonilla (Guatemala); Aubrey Retemyer (Guyana); David Basíle (Haiti); Ricardo Rodríguez (Honduras); Nicole Foster-Pusey, Jemaine Case (Jamaica); Ximena Marisel, Alejandro Martínez Peralta, Luis Quirarte (Mexico); Angélica Maytín (Panama); Alba Rocío Cantero Vera (Paraguay); Cesar Hinostroza Pariachi (Peru); Ramón Revi Matos (Dominican Republic); Aviankoi Sieglien (Suriname); Ian Rampersad (Trinidad and Tobago); Ricardo Gil (Uruguay); Zhaybel Cárdenas (Venezuela).

II. PROCEEDINGS

The OAS Secretary for Legal Affairs, Jean Michel Arrighi, made some welcoming remarks at the start of the meeting.

Addressing the first item on the meeting agenda and schedule (Annexes I and II), the Technical Secretariat presented a report on the agenda and the operations and financing of MESICIC.

Turning to item 2 on the agenda, the Technical Secretariat reported on the note received from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the OAS nominating the lead expert of that State, Laura Geler, as Chair of the Committee. Acting within the time limit set by the Chair, the delegation of Panama had also nominated that State's lead expert, Angélica Maytín Justiniani, as Vice Chair of the Committee.

Proceeding to item 3 on the agenda, the Committee considered the preliminary draft country reports on Grenada, Guyana, Brazil, and Jamaica, in that order.

In considering the preliminary draft country reports, the Committee adhered to the provisions of Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure. Thus, in each case, the review subgroup delivered a presentation on the contents and scope of the draft; then, the State Party under review made a statement on the draft report; next, the Committee considered the draft report, with the experts making comments and observations, keeping to the order of the draft's different chapters and sections.

For each of the draft reports considered, the Committee agreed on changes to be made and gave instructions with respect to those changes and the presentation of a revised version of each report to be submitted for consideration and final approval.

Next, addressing agenda item 6, in keeping with recommendation 39 of the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of States Parties to the MESICIC and the decision adopted at the previous meeting, the Technical Secretariat presented the revised version of the proposed methodology for facilitating the presentation of good practices for preventing and fighting corruption. After an exchange of views, the Committee adopted that methodology, which is included herewith as Annex III.

The meeting then turned to item 4 on the agenda and, in keeping with Article 31 of the Rules of Procedure, representatives of States Parties submitted brief verbal reports on the measures adopted since the twenty-eighth meeting by their respective states with regard to the recommendations made by the Committee as well as on other progress related to the implementation of the Convention during that period. An electronic copy of those reports received by the Technical Secretariat, drafted in the standard format approved by the Committee, will be published on the Mechanism's web page.

Then, in keeping with item 5 on the agenda, representatives of the following states gave presentations on matters of collective interest and best practices: Colombia, Bolivia, Panama, Argentina, Mexico, and Peru. The digital copies of those presentations forwarded to the Technical Secretariat: are appended hereto (Annexes IV to VIII).

The Committee then undertook a final review of the draft country reports for Brazil, Grenada, Guyana, and Jamaica, which, following comments on each, were adopted by consensus. The approved texts of those four country reports are appended as annexes hereto (Annexes IX to XII).

Taking up item 7 on the agenda, the Technical Secretariat gave a presentation on the modernization of the "Anticorruption Portal of the Americas" on the Internet and on the MESICIC dissemination strategy.

Next, the meeting proceeded to consider the work program of the Committee for 2018-2019 (item 8 in the agenda), which was adopted by consensus.

The Committee then turned to item 9 and the agenda. In accordance with Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure, by consensus and acclamation, the Committee elected Laura Geler, Lead Expert of Argentina as Chair, and Angélica Maytin Justiniani, Lead Expert of Panama, as Vice Chair.

Next, under agenda item 10, "Other business":

1. The Committee considered the circumstances that led Saint Vincent and the Grenadines to be unable to respond to the questionnaire within the time allocated in the schedule, and it decided that that State would be reviewed in the final group of countries to be examined in the Fifth Round. In light of the foregoing, the Committee










authorized the Secretariat to draw up and disseminate revised versions of the documents pertaining to the sequence and schedule of the review in the Fifth Round.



2. In response to a motion by Argentina, it is hereby set on record that the Committee supports strengthening the MESICIC so that it may carry out in full the mandates that were assigned to it at the last meeting of the Conference of States Parties, as well as those that may come out of the Eighth Summit of the Americas, including allocating the necessary resources to that end.
3. The Committee of Experts also expresses its commitment to facilitate and foster synergies among the various follow-up mechanisms currently in operation.
4. In response to a motion by Uruguay, seconded by Brazil and the United States, the Committee hereby sets on record its recognition of the excellent work done by the Chair of the Committee and Lead Expert of Canada thereon, Mathilda Haykal Sater.
5. At the suggestion of the delegation of Argentina, the Committee approved by consensus a motion of commendation and support to the Technical Secretariat of the MESICIC for its excellent work.

In the context of the meeting, Dominica signed the Document of Buenos Aires, thereby formally binding itself to the MESICIC, which the Committee welcomed with satisfaction.

Before declaring the meeting closed, the Technical Secretariat read these minutes out loud. They were approved by the plenary of the Committee by consensus, together with all their annexes, which are an integral part thereof.

Washington, D.C., March 15, 2018

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