

AG/RES. 2657 (XLI-O/11)

**MEETING OF MINISTERS OF JUSTICE OR OTHER MINISTERS
OR ATTORNEYS GENERAL OF THE AMERICAS**

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 7, 2011)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Permanent Council to the General Assembly (AG/doc.5217/11), in particular as it pertains to the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 2581 (XL-O/10), "Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas";

RECALLING that, in the Summits of the Americas, the Heads of State and Government supported the work done in the context of the Meetings of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA) and the implementation of their conclusions and recommendations;

BEARING IN MIND that in the Declaration on Security in the Americas, adopted in Mexico City in 2003, the states of the Hemisphere reaffirmed "that the Meetings of Ministers of Justice or Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA) and other meetings of criminal justice authorities are important and effective fora for promoting and strengthening mutual understanding, confidence, dialogue, and cooperation in developing criminal justice policies and responses to address new threats to security

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that resolution AG/RES. 2581 (XL-O/10) ordered that the Permanent Council be instructed to duly follow up on the "Conclusions and Recommendations of REMJA VIII" and pursuant thereto, to convene the meetings referred to therein, to be held within the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources;

ADDITIONALLY TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that resolution AG/RES. 2581 (XL-O/10) ordered the acceptance with appreciation of "the offer of the Government of El Salvador to host REMJA IX, which is to be held in 2012," and the acceptance with appreciation of "the offer of the Government of Paraguay to host the Fifth Meeting of the REMJA Working Group on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition,"

RESOLVES:

1. To note its satisfaction with the progress made with implementing the recommendations of REMJA VIII, which may be seen, such as, in:

- a. The holding of the technical meeting on the usefulness of the Network for Legal Cooperation in the Area of Family and Child Law and the interest expressed by states in establishing a working group on that topic, coordinated by Brazil and held in Washington, D.C., on November 11 to 13, 2010, the recommendations of which may be seen in document REDFN/RT/doc.06/10 rev. 1.

- b. The holding of regional training workshops on cybercrime in Mexico City, Mexico, on June 23 to 25, 2010; in Lima, Peru, on August 31 to September 2, 2010; and in Antigua and Barbuda, on December 13 to 16, 2010.
- c. The joint holding by CICTE and REMJA of a workshop on regional coordination and exchanges of information related to cybersecurity and cybercrime in Miami, United States, in May 2011.
- d. The updating, maintenance, and expansion of the public, private, and secure electronic communications components of the OAS Network on Criminal Matters, along with the launch of a pilot phase of the tool for using secure videoconferencing among central authorities and for legal cooperation on criminal matters among the competent authorities.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to duly follow up on the “Conclusions and Recommendations of REMJA VIII” and, pursuant thereto, to convene the following meetings, which will be held before REMJA IX is held and within the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources:

- a. The Fifth Meeting of the Working Group on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition, to be held in Paraguay;
- b. The Third Meeting of the Working Group on Penitentiary and Prison Policies;
- c. Seventh Meeting of the Working Group on Cybercrime, and
- d. A technical meeting of the authorities directly responsible for assisting and protecting victims and witnesses in the OAS member states, in order to identify priority areas for work.

3. To convene the Ninth Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA IX), which is to be held in El Salvador in 2012, in accordance with the resources assigned in the Organization’s program-budget and other resources, and to instruct the Permanent Council to set a date for that meeting and, with the technical support of the Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs of the General Secretariat, to carry out the corresponding preparatory work.

4. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its forty-second regular session on the implementation of this resolution, the execution of which shall be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.