

CJI/RES.116 (LXIX-O/06)

**CONSIDERATIONS ON THE TASK OF CODIFYING AND
HARMONIZING INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE AMERICAS**

THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE,

BEARING IN MIND its resolution CJI/RES.103 (LXVIII-O/06) *Considerations on Codification and Standardization of International Law in the Americas*;

CONSIDERING the hundred years and groundbreaking contribution of the first American Congresses and Conferences for the codification and progressive development of Private International Law,

RESOLVES:

1. To emphasize that the codification process of Private International Law in the Americas began in the second half of the 19th century and, in the beginning, was concentrated on harmonization of the applicable regulations by means of codes and treaties, currently continuing through the Inter-American Specialized Conferences on Private International Law (CIDIPs).

2. To acknowledge the valuable contribution that is the process developed within the framework of the Inter-American Specialized Conferences on Private International Law (CIDIPs) to modernize, harmonize and uniformize the law applicable in the Americas.

3. To emphasize the renewed interest and new dimensions that this important topic has acquired in the light of the progress of the sub-regional processes of integration and the agreements being drafted in terms of free trade, investments and services.

4. To highlight the positive changes that have taken place in the operating and methodological field of the CIDIPs, which transmit a renewed dynamism to its work, reinforcing the participation of experts and an increasingly comprehensive and productive inter-American dialogue.

5. To stress the importance of increasing the ratification and commitment process of the conventions adopted within the framework of the CIDIPs and the incorporation of model laws in national legislations.

6. To point out that the CIDIPs, in the general evolutionary process of the Private International Law in the Americas, contributed to show the complementary benefits of common

law and civil law, generating new integrating and enriching dynamics to strengthen the basic unity of the Inter-American System.

This resolution was adopted unanimously at the session held on August 23, 2005, by the following members: Drs. Jean-Paul Hubert, João Grandino Rodas, Jaime Aparicio, Ana Elizabeth Villalta Vizcarra, Galo Leoro Franco, and Mauricio Herdocia Sacasa.