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RESOLUTION

ASSISTANCE TO MEMBER STATES
EFFECTIVE PUBLIC MANAGEMENT STRENGTHENING
AND INNOVATION INITIATIVE IN THE AMERICAS

(Agreed upon by the Permanent Council at the meeting held on May 27, 2014)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the “Annual Report of the Permanent Council to the General Assembly 2013-2014” (AG/doc.XXXX/14), in particular the section on the activities of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP);

RECALLING the resolutions assigned to the CAJP in the “List of Resolutions of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) for the Period 2007-2012” (document CP/CAJP/INF.188/13);

CONSIDERING that the programs, activities, and tasks set out in the resolutions within the purview of the CAJP help further the essential purposes of the Organization enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of American States;

REAFFIRMING the norms and principles of international law and those contained in the Charter of the Organization of American States; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the mandates arising from General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2788 (XLIII-O/13), “Effective Public Management Strengthening and Innovation Initiative in the Americas,” which decided to amalgamate the initiatives and activities of the Department for Effective Public Management into a hemispheric cooperation mechanism on governance, and the development of initiatives aimed at strengthening government institutions—in particular, at the local and regional government level—in order to enable networks of authorities and experts to operate; create training and capacity-building opportunities through forums for exchange of experiences and mutual learning; and facilitate strategic partnerships among universities and educational institutions, among other initiatives,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm to the Permanent Council and to the General Secretariat the applicable mandates contained in past resolutions of the General Assembly assigned to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) and mentioned in the preamble to this

resolution; and to urge member states to continue contributing to the attainment of the objectives established in said resolutions through the development and execution of activities, the submission of reports, the exchange of information, the adoption of measures and policies, and cooperation, support, and mutual assistance; and to instruct the General Secretariat to provide necessary support to those ends.

2. To take note of the outcome of the meeting of high-level officials of public management governing bodies in OAS member states, held in Panama City on March 14, 2104, which launched the Inter-American Cooperation Mechanism for Effective Public Management. Its purpose is to contribute to technical cooperation through dialogue and exchange among governmental experts, promote training and knowledge management, and create strategic partnerships with other international organizations, universities, and educational institutions, among others.

3. To encourage efforts by the Department for Effective Public Management to continue, at the request of member states, to provide assistance for government institution-building, including for local governments, bearing in mind their strategic importance to development and their closeness to the problems and needs of their citizens.

4. To encourage member states to participate in the aforementioned mechanism and to lend their innovative experiences with the topics that define its framework, observing as crosscutting themes, *inter alia*, improvement in the effectiveness and quality of public services, transparency, open government, and citizen participation and the contribution of public agents.

5. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly, at its forty-fifth regular session, on the implementation of this resolution. Execution of the activities envisaged in this resolution will be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.