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Working Group to Prepare
a Draft Inter-American Convention against
Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance

Record of the meeting held on December 13, 2011

The Working Group met under the chairmanship of the Alternate Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the OAS, Joy-Dee Davis, to consider the items on the agenda, document CAJP/GT/RDI-185/11.

The following delegations took part in the meeting: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, and Uruguay.

1. Consideration of the following documents:

- Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance (CAJP/GT/RDI-179/11)

The delegations considered Article 1 of this document:

Paragraph 1.

Subparagraph 1. This subparagraph was agreed upon and due to discrepancies between the English and Spanish versions, the Secretariat was tasked with ensuring that the text in English be brought in line with the Spanish version.

Subparagraph 2. The delegation of Ecuador requested that reference to the cultural aspect be included, but Costa Rica, supported by Mexico and Argentina, requested that it be included in the second instrument (CAJP/GT/RDI-180), which defines discrimination based on a broader set of criteria. This proposal was supported as it established that this subparagraph refers to racial discrimination and culture as much broader and it would therefore mean including it when it comes to working in the context of discussion on document RDI-180. This subparagraph was also agreed on.

Paragraph 2.

This paragraph was pending discussion at a later time.

The delegation of Costa Rica requested that the aforementioned text be changed to be a more general text and then focus on a more specific text afterwards. In this sense, it proposed continuing

with the negotiation of the text in document CAJP/GT/RDI-180 on the topic of definitions, and then returning to this document. This was supported by the Working Group.

- Draft of a Legally Binding “Instrument” against All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance (CAJP/GT/RDI-180/11)

The delegations continued with the consideration of document CAJP/GT/RDI-180/11:

Article 1- Paragraph 1

Subparagraph 1. This subparagraph was agreed upon.

Subparagraph 2. This subparagraph was agreed upon – and included the term “culture” proposed by Ecuador – *ad referendum* of the delegation of Mexico.

2. Other business

For this agenda item, the Chair:

- Reminded the delegations that the Work Group’s next meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2012 at 2:30 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.