

MECHANISM FOR FOLLOW-UP ON
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION
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MINUTES
OF THE SIXTEENTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS OF THE
FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

I. BACKGROUND

In accordance with the schedule agreed to by the Committee of Experts of the Follow-Up Mechanism for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption, the Committee held its 16th meeting at the OAS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. from March 22 to 25, 2010.

This meeting was attended by the following persons in representation of the States Parties: Laura Geler (Argentina); Cheryl Grant-Bethell, Stephanie Pintard (The Bahamas); Iran Tillet-Dominguez (Belize); Nardi Suxo, Mario Uribe Melendres, Sandra G. Leyton, Gabriela D. Veizaga, (Bolivia); Vânia Vieira, Rafael Dubeux, Ricardo dos Santos Poletto (Brazil); Douglas Breithaupt, Marcus Davies, Mathilda Haykal Sater (Canada); Francisco Bernales (Chile); Oscar Ortiz, Mónica Rueda, Nohora del Pilar Clavijo (Colombia); Miguel Cortés (Costa Rica); Simón Castaños, Ramón Revi (Dominican Republic) José Serrano, Sabá Guzmán, Denys Toscano (Ecuador); Marcos Rodriguez, Miguel Girón, Hiriám R. Morales (El Salvador); Juan Luis Velásquez (Guatemala); Gail Teixeira (Guyana); O'Neil Francis (Jamaica); Benjamín G. Hill, Alicia Verduzco, Karla Ornelas, Xóchitl Lara, Martha J. Gaytán (Mexico); César Guevara, Iván Lara (Nicaragua); Max Ballesteros, Carlos Prospero, Sophia Castellero (Panama); Ma. Soledad Machuca (Paraguay); Patricia Guillén (Peru); Sharita R. Baldeorai (Suriname); Norton Jack (Trinidad and Tobago); Diane M. Kohn, Wendy Pond, Ruth Urry (United States) Beatriz Pereira de Pólito (Uruguay); Adelina González, Basilio Jáuregui y Ma. Eugenia de los Ríos (Venezuela).

II. PROCEEDINGS

At the beginning of the meeting, the Chair of the Committee submitted the draft agenda and draft schedule for consideration, which were adopted by consensus (Annexes I and II).

In accordance with item 1 on the agenda, the Technical Secretariat submitted a report both on progress in the area of technical cooperation -in development of the Inter-American Program for Cooperation in the Fight against Corruption, adopted by the OAS General Assembly- and on methodological and organizational aspects of the Meeting.

Subsequently, the Committee proceeded to address item 2 on the agenda, concerning consideration of the draft preliminary reports corresponding to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Ecuador, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and Colombia.

In considering these draft reports, the Committee proceeded in accordance with Article 25 of its Rules of Procedure. Thus, in each case the preliminary review subgroup presented the content and scope of the draft; then the country under review made a statement thereon; and next, the plenary considered each draft report, with respect to which observations and comments were presented by the experts, following the same sequence as the chapters and sections in each draft.

Next, in accordance with item 3 on the Agenda and pursuant to Article 31 of the Rules of Procedure, the representatives of the States Parties delivered brief verbal reports on measures adopted by their respective states between the previous meeting and this meeting in connection with the recommendations formulated to them by the Committee, and on other progress in implementation of the IACC during that time period. Electronic copies of those reports, prepared in the standard format approved by the Committee, will be published on the internet web page of the Mechanism.

Having concluded the preceding item, the Committee proceeded to the final review of the draft country reports on the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Ecuador, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and Colombia, which, after observations were put forward on each, were adopted by consensus.

Finally, in relation to “other business”:

1. The Committee considered the issue of follow-up to the recommendations. In this regard, various delegations presented considerations and it was agreed that:
 - a. The Technical Secretariat will prepare a proposal of a chart on the status of the recommendations formulated and measures suggested, pursuant to the reports prepared by the Committee.
 - b. Include in the agenda of the Committee meetings, the presentation by the States of best practices, as part of the consideration of issues of collective interest.
2. Brazil informed of the Conference that is being organized by the OECD and which will take place in Sao Paulo, in June 20 2010.
3. The Technical Secretariat informed of the Hemispheric Conference against Corruption which is being organized in coordination with the Government of Peru, and which will take place in Lima, Peru, on June 3 and 4, 2010, within the framework of the activities being carried out on the occasion of the next regular session of the OAS General Assembly

Before the meeting was adjourned, the Technical Secretariat read these minutes aloud, and they, together with their annexes, which form an integral part thereof, were approved by consensus by the Committee.

Washington, DC, March 25, 2010

ANNEX I

AGENDA

1. Report of the Technical Secretariat.
2. Consideration of the country reports for the following States Parties:^{1/}
 - 2.1. Venezuela;
 - 2.2. Ecuador;
 - 2.3. Mexico;
 - 2.4. Trinidad and Tobago; and
 - 2.5. Colombia.
3. Reports by the States Parties on progress in the implementation of the recommendations formulated by the Committee.^{2/}
4. Other business.
5. Consideration and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting.

1. Article 25 of the Rules establishes the procedure to be followed for the consideration and adoption of the country reports at the plenary meeting of the Committee.

2. This item on the agenda refers to the reports that must be presented by each of the States Parties in accordance with Article 31 of the Rules of Procedure that states: "*Article 31. Reports within the framework of the Committee meetings. At the first Committee meeting of each year, each State Party shall submit a brief verbal report on the measures that it has adopted since the first meeting of the previous year with respect to the recommendations made by the Committee. Similarly, each State Party may inform on the difficulties that it has faced with respect to the implementation of those recommendations as well as on other progress related to the implementation of the Convention during that time period. An electronic copy of these reports, which shall be drafted in a standard format approved by the Committee and shall not exceed five pages in length, shall be published on the Internet web page of the Mechanism.*"

At its Eleventh Meeting, the Plenary Session of the Committee held on June 29, 2007 adopted the standard format which is contained in document SG/MESICIC/doc.201/07, and which has been published at the following Internet webpage of the MESICIC: http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic_format_std.doc

ANNEX II
SCHEDULE

Day One: Monday, March 22, 2010

I. INFORMAL MEETING WITH CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS^{3/}

9:00 – 11:00: - Presentations by civil society organizations.
Questions and answers

II. FORMAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE

11:00 – 12:30: - Opening of the meeting.
- Consideration and adoption of the Agenda.
- Report of the Technical Secretariat (item 1 on the Agenda).
- Beginning of the preliminary consideration of the first draft country report: *Venezuela* (item 2.1. on the Agenda).

12:30 – 14:00: - Break

14:00 – 17:30: - Continued consideration of the first draft country report: *Venezuela* (item 2.1. on the Agenda).

Day Two: Tuesday, March 23, 2010

9:00 – 12:30: - Consideration of the second draft country report: *Ecuador* (item 2.2. on the Agenda).

12:30 – 14:00: - Break

14:00 – 17:30: - Consideration of the third draft country report: *Mexico* (item 2.3. on the Agenda).

Day Three: Wednesday, March 24, 2010

9:00 – 12:30: - Consideration of the fourth draft country report: *Trinidad and Tobago* (item 2.4. on the Agenda).

12:30 – 14:00: - Break

3. This informal meeting with civil society organizations is held pursuant to the second paragraph of Article 36 of the Committee's *Rules of Procedure and Other Provisions*.

14:00 – 17:30: - Consideration of the fifth draft country report: *Colombia* (item 2.5. on the Agenda).

Day Four: Thursday, March 25, 2010

9:00 – 12:30: - Reports by the States Parties on progress in the implementation of the recommendations formulated by the Committee (item 3 on the Agenda).^{4/}

- Beginning of the final review and adoption of the five country reports: *Venezuela, Ecuador, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and Colombia* (item 2 on the Agenda).

12:30 – 14:00: - Break

14:00 – 17:30: - Continuation of the final review and adoption of the five country reports: *Venezuela, Ecuador, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and Colombia* (item 2 on the Agenda).

Day Five: Friday, March 26, 2010

9:00 – 12:30: - Continuation of the final review and adoption of the five country reports: *Venezuela, Ecuador, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago, and Colombia* (item 2 on the Agenda).

- Other business (item 7 on the Agenda)

- Consideration and adoption of the Minutes of the Meeting (item 8 on the Agenda)

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ANNEX III

**REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION IN THE BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA
OF THE CONVENTION PROVISIONS SELECTED FOR REVIEW IN THE THIRD
ROUND, AND ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FORMULATED TO
THAT COUNTRY IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS**

http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic_III_rep_ven.pdf

ANNEX IV

**REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF ECUADOR OF THE
CONVENTION PROVISIONS SELECTED FOR REVIEW IN THE THIRD ROUND, AND
ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FORMULATED TO THAT COUNTRY
IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS**

http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic_III_rep_ecu.pdf

ANNEX V

**REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION IN MEXICO OF THE CONVENTION PROVISIONS
SELECTED FOR REVIEW IN THE THIRD ROUND, AND ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE
RECOMMENDATIONS FORMULATED TO THAT COUNTRY IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS**

http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic_III_rep_mex.pdf

ANNEX VI

**REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO OF
THE CONVENTION PROVISIONS SELECTED FOR REVIEW IN THE THIRD ROUND,
AND ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FORMULATED TO THAT
COUNTRY IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS**

http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic_III_rep_tto.pdf

ANNEX VII

**REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF COLOMBIA OF THE
CONVENTION PROVISIONS SELECTED FOR REVIEW IN THE THIRD ROUND, AND
ON FOLLOW-UP TO THE RECOMMENDATIONS FORMULATED TO THAT COUNTRY
IN PREVIOUS ROUNDS**

http://www.oas.org/juridico/english/mesicic_III_rep_col.pdf