

AG/RES. 2071 (XXXV-O/05)

2006: INTER-AMERICAN YEAR OF THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 7, 2005)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That the Declaration of Managua, adopted at the Meeting of States Parties to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption, held in July 2004 in Managua, Nicaragua, recommended to the OAS General Assembly that it declare 2006 as the “Inter-American Year of the Fight against Corruption”; and

The Declaration of Quito on Social Development and Democracy, and the Impact of Corruption, adopted by this General Assembly at its thirty-fourth regular session, held in Quito, Ecuador, from June 6 to 8, 2004;

RECALLING:

The resolutions adopted by this General Assembly on the follow-up to the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and the Inter-American Program for Cooperation in the Fight against Corruption; and

The decision adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, in its resolution 58/4, to designate December 9 as International Anti-Corruption Day; and

CONSIDERING:

That transparency in government activities, probity, and responsible public administration on the part of governments are essential components of the exercise of democracy, as established in the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and that good governance is a key factor in the fight against corruption; and

That it is incumbent on the OAS member states and all sectors of national society to continue to conduct an ongoing, collective fight against corruption in all its forms and manifestations and to publicize these efforts as widely as possible,

RESOLVES:

1. To declare 2006 as the “Inter-American Year of the Fight against Corruption.”
2. To invite member states to disseminate this declaration, as well as the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and the Follow-up Mechanism for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC), both to the public sector and to civil society, including universities, academic centers, and private-sector institutions.

3. To urge those OAS member states that have not yet done so to consider signing and ratifying, ratifying, or acceding to, as the case may be, the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and to participate in the MESICIC.

4. To recommend to member states that, to mark the declaration of 2006 as the Inter-American Year of the Fight against Corruption, they consider, *inter alia*, the following activities:

- a. Publicizing, by means of events such as conferences and seminars, the initiatives and actions taken in the fight against corruption, including progress made and lessons learned, as well as the problems and issues posed by corruption, including its harmful effects on social, political, and economic development;
- b. Inviting the spoken, television, and print media to develop programs, publications, and activities in observance of the Inter-American Year of the Fight against Corruption;
- c. In the framework of their educational programs, incorporating into their primary and secondary school curricula the promotion of transparency and ethics as essential virtues of life in society, and fostering respect for and observance of the values that motivate the fight against corruption; and
- d. Inviting teaching institutions, especially universities, to undertake activities that address the corruption issue so as to foster integrity, transparency, and responsibility in both public and private spheres.

5. To suggest to member states that, in observance of Inter-American Year of the Fight against Corruption, as well as of United Nations International Anti-Corruption Day (December 9), they consider issuing postage stamps bearing the United Nations slogan “With corruption, everyone pays.”

6. To request the General Secretariat to organize, on its website, a public contest, open to nationals of the member states, to select an official logo for the Inter-American Year of the Fight against Corruption. Said logo could be used by states and institutions during activities marking the year’s observance.

7. To urge the General Secretariat, with a view to supporting the governments and associated bodies in their respective activities and initiatives to promote the Inter-American Year of the Fight against Corruption, to continue providing, in the form of brochures, publications, and the OAS website, related materials on the essential aspects of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and the MESICIC, in the four official languages of the Organization.

8. To request the General Secretariat to seek assistance and cooperation from the Secretariat and appropriate agencies of the United Nations in pursuing the education and awareness goals of the celebration.

9. To request the OAS General Secretariat to transmit this resolution to the United Nations Secretary-General.

10. For the benefit of all member states and of the Organization itself, to invite governments to report, in the context of the Permanent Council, on their activities and initiatives in connection with the celebration of the Inter-American Year of the Fight against Corruption.

11. To invite OAS organs, agencies, and entities, as well as other organs of the inter-American system, to support the activities in observance of 2006 as the Inter-American Year in the Fight against Corruption and to initiate other activities related to that observance, within their areas of competence.

12. To instruct the Permanent Council to follow up on this resolution, which will be implemented within the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources, and to present a report on its implementation to the General Assembly at its thirty-seventh regular session.