

AG/RES. 2462 (XXXIX-O/09)

**MEETING OF MINISTERS OF JUSTICE OR OTHER MINISTERS OR
ATTORNEYS GENERAL OF THE AMERICAS**

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 4, 2009)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Permanent Council to the General Assembly, in particular as it pertains to the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 2369 (XXXVIII-O/08), “Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA)” (AG/doc.4992/09 add. 1);

RECALLING that, in the Summits of the Americas, the Heads of State and Government supported the work done in the context of the Meetings of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJAs) and the implementation of their conclusions and recommendations;

BEARING IN MIND that in the Declaration on Security in the Americas the states of the Hemisphere reaffirmed “that the Meetings of Ministers of Justice or Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA) and other meetings of criminal justice authorities are important and effective fora for promoting and strengthening mutual understanding, confidence, dialogue, and cooperation in developing criminal justice policies and responses to address new threats to security”;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that, in resolution AG/RES. 2369 (XXXVIII-O/08), the General Assembly decided to instruct the Permanent Council to duly follow up on the “Conclusions and Recommendations of REMJA-VII” and, pursuant thereto, to convene the referenced meetings, which would be held within the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALSO the contributions made at the Second Meeting of the Working Group on Penitentiary and Prison Policies in the OAS member states, held in Valdivia, Chile, from August 26 to 28, 2008; the Second Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from March 25 to 27, 2009; and the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition of the REMJA, held in San Salvador, El Salvador, from March 31 to April 2, 2009; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT FURTHER that, in resolution AG/RES. 2369 (XXXVIII-O/08), the General Assembly decided to “accept with appreciation the offer of Brazil to host REMJA-VIII, which is to be held in 2010,”

RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction with the progress made in implementing the recommendations of REMJA-VII, which are reflected, *inter alia*, in:

- a. The Second Meeting of the Working Group on Penitentiary and Prison Policies, held in Valdivia, Chile, from August 26 to 28, 2008; the Second Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from March 25 to 27, 2009; and the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition, held in San Salvador, El Salvador, from March 31 to April 2, 2009;
- b. The regional training workshop on cybercrime, held in Bogotá, Colombia, from September 2 to 5, 2008, as well as the compilation of information on legislation issued by the member states and its dissemination through the Inter-American Cooperation Portal on Cybercrime;
- c. Institutionalization and consolidation of the Criminal Matters Network, which has formal ties with 30 countries of the Americas as beneficiaries of the information exchange and secure mail services that the Network provides, for purposes of international cooperation in mutual legal assistance and extradition; as well as the training provided to its users on the Network's use at the workshop in San Salvador, El Salvador, on March 31, 2009, in the framework of the Fourth Meeting of the Working Group on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition; and
- d. The compilation of information on legislative advances in the countries of the Americas regarding mutual assistance in criminal matters and extradition; victim and witness protection; attachment, confiscation, and seizure of assets; and the use of new technologies for mutual assistance in criminal matters and extradition, for the purposes of following up on the recommendations made in that regard and of fostering inter-American cooperation in those areas.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to convene the following meetings prior to REMJA-VIII, pursuant to the "Conclusions and Recommendations of REMJA-VII," resolution AG/RES. 2369 (XXXVIII-O/08), and the "Document of Washington," which will be held within the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources:

- a. Meeting of Specialists in Forensic Investigation; and
- b. Sixth Meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts on Cyber-crime.

3. To convene the Eighth Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA-VIII), to be held in Brazil in 2010, within the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources; and to instruct the Permanent Council to set a date for that meeting and to proceed with preparations for it, with the support of the Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs of the General Secretariat.

4. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its fortieth regular session on the implementation of this resolution, the execution of which shall be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.