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DRAFT RESOLUTION

INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(Approved by the Permanent Council at its meeting of May 12, 2004)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolutions CIDI/RES. 55 (IV-O/99) and AG/RES. 1678 (XXIX-O/99), “Mechanisms for Implementing the Inter-American Dialogue on Partnership for Development;” and, resolutions CIDI/RES. 131 (VIII-O/03) and CIDI/RES. 160 (IX-O/04) entitled “Inter-American Committee on Social Development”;

CONSIDERING:

That CIDI established, through its Permanent Executive Committee (CEPCIDI), the Social Development Committee (CDS), pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 1424 (XXVI-O/96);

That, through General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 1678 (XXIX-O/99), the name of the Social Development Committee was changed to the Inter-American Committee on Social Development;

That in the Declaration of Margarita of the High Level Meeting on Poverty, Equity and Social Inclusion, the authorities responsible for social development policies and programs encouraged the Committee to hold a meeting in 2004, and instructed the Unit on Social Development and Education to support the work of the Inter-American Committee;

That, in the Declaration of Nuevo León of the Special Summit of the Americas, the Heads of State and Government recognized the urgency of strengthening the mechanisms of the Organization of American States for fighting poverty, such as CIDI, the Inter-American Committee on Social Development, and the Inter-American Program to Combat Poverty and Discrimination; and

That the purpose of CIDI’s Inter-American Committee on Social Development is to strengthen inter-American dialogue in support of the formulation of policies and the implementation of cooperative activities in the social area, in particular to overcome poverty and discrimination in the Hemisphere;

BEARING IN MIND:

That the Inter-American Committee on Social Development held its first meeting in Santiago, Chile, on April 5 and 6, 2004;

That during said meeting the Committee considered its Draft Rules of Procedure, contained in document CIDI/CIDES/doc.3/04 Rev.2 ,and recommended that CIDI approve them; and

That, in the course of said meeting, the Government of El Salvador offered to host the First Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Social Development, which was endorsed by the plenary,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate and thank the Government of Chile for its efforts in organizing and holding the First Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development.

2. To note that CIDI approved the Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development.

3. To welcome the offer of the Government of El Salvador to host the First Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Social Development, to be held in 2005.

4. To suggest that the agenda for the First Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Social Development include consideration of the draft Inter-American Program to Combat Poverty and Discrimination.

5. To instruct the CIDES to include in its work plan the preparatory activities for the First Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Social Development, for which it may request the support of the General Secretariat, through the Unit for Social Development and Education and in coordination with the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development.

6. To ask CIDI to report to the General Assembly on fulfillment of this resolution