**“Improving digital connectivity as a crucial component for economic development and regional integration”**

Resolutions presented by the Delegations of: El Salvador, Haiti, Mexico, and Nicaragua.

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,**

WELCOMING technology as the primary tool for fulfilling the essential objective of country development contained in Article 2 of the statutes of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) and all the proposals emerging from the Summits of The Americas in the context of digitalization;

BEARING IN MIND the country-to-country events, which, past or present, unique or recurring, have led to disparities in the digitalization level of the OAS Member States, or has disrupted significantly the primary source of revenue for any such country;

REITERATING the need for collaboration between the government and its stakeholders toward providing digital interoperability with international networks that facilitate trade, education, national security and healthcare;

STRESSING that The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights encourages countries that have ratified the treaty to actively aid in the protection and preservation of human rights, and that the state should take measures to maintain the liberty of its stakeholders;

EMPHASIZING the need to promote digital literacy and fundamental freedoms elaborated in Chapter 2 of the OAS Charter, and to eliminate poverty in least developed countries are to be a collaborative effort among the Member States;

BEARING IN MIND The OAS Inter-American Telecommunication Commission will undertake the 2030 ICT Alliance for the Americas plan (CITEL), and that the plan introduces digital strategies that raise the standard of living in the Americas,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To instruct the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) to propose a plan of collaboration with the Member States, and for consideration by CIDI, which:
2. Identifies the major challenges of digitalization in the Member States; and
3. Tailors technology to serve the economic needs of each Member State.

1. To encourage endorsement by the Member States of all SEDI proposals created in the framework of digitalization and sustainable economic development, underpinned by equitable access to digital resources.
2. To continue with efforts for advancing the Institutional Strategies for implementation in

response to the multifaceted challenges faced by Latin America and the Caribbean:

1. Additional emphasis will be placed on mobilizing greater financing
2. Strengthening of institutions
3. Harnessing science, technology, and innovation

 4) To continue the effort to improve digital connectivity through a governmental

commitment, and the regulation of civil, institutional and legal frameworks which contribute to the implementation of a Digital Agenda that:

1. Is in observance of the rights of its stakeholders
2. Maintains accessibility across age and gender groups
3. Moves toward minimal cost of digital access

 5) To join the ICT-OAS alliance in promoting a legal framework in the digital sector that maintains democratic expression and encourages a competitive digital market free from state control.

 6) To request the effort of all Member States in developing the digital infrastructure of their rural, unserved, and underserved communities by prefacing every digitalization effort with a scheme of digital literacy.