

AG/RES. 2734 (XLII-O/12)

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

(Adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 4, 2012)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Permanent Council to the General Assembly (AG/doc.5240/12 add. 1), in particular as it pertains to the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 2657 (XLI-O/11), “Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas”;

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 (REMJA) and the implementation of their conclusions and recommendations;

BEARING IN MIND that in the Declaration on Security in the Americas, adopted in Mexico City in 2003, 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 resolution AG/RES. 2657 (XLI-O/11) instructed the Permanent Council to duly follow up on the “Conclusions and Recommendations of REMJA-VIII”;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALSO the results of the seventh meeting of the REMJA Working Group on Cyber-Crime, held at OAS headquarters on February 6 and 7, 2012, and of the fifth meeting of the REMJA Working Group on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition, held in Asunción, Paraguay, on May 30 and 31, 2012; and

BEARING IN MIND note No. 4-2-147/2012 of April 20, 2012, from the Permanent Mission of Ecuador (REMJA-IX/INF.2/12), communicating “the interest of the Republic of Ecuador to offer Quito as host city of the IX Meeting of the Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA IX), scheduled to be held during the second half of 2012,”

RESOLVES:

1. To note its satisfaction with the progress made with implementing the recommendations of the Eighth Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA-VIII), which may be seen, *inter alia*, in:

- a. The holding of the seventh meeting of the REMJA Working Group on Cyber-Crime at the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS) on February 6 and 7, 2012;
- b. The holding of the fifth meeting of the REMJA Working Group on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition, in Asunción, Paraguay, on May 30 and 31, 2012;
- c. The convocation of the third meeting of the REMJA Working Group on Penitentiary and Prison Policies to be held at OAS headquarters on July 18 and 19, 2012;
- d. The holding of regional training workshops on cybercrime in Bogotá, Colombia, from November 28 to 30, 2011, and in Guatemala City, Guatemala, from March 27 to 29, 2012;
- e. The updating, maintenance, and expansion of the public, private, and secure electronic communications components of the OAS Network on Criminal Matters, along with the launch of a pilot phase of the tool for using secure videoconferencing among central authorities and for legal cooperation on criminal matters among the competent authorities; and
- f. The updating, maintenance, and expansion of the tools of the Network for Legal Cooperation in the Area of Family and Child Law as a pilot project.

2. To accept with thanks the offer of the Government of Ecuador to host the Ninth Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA-IX), and to fix as its venue and dates, the city of Quito and November 28 to 30, 2012, respectively.

3. To request the General Secretariat to provide, through the Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs and in coordination with the Government of Ecuador as the host country, the technical and administrative support needed to prepare for and hold REMJA-IX, in keeping with the provisions of the "Document of Washington."

4. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its forty-third regular session on the implementation of this resolution. REMJA-IX and its preparatory meetings will be held subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.