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MEETINGS OF MINISTERS OF JUSTICE OR OTHER MINISTERS OR ATTORNEYS
GENERAL OF THE AMERICAS (REMJA)

(Adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 5, 2013)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND that the Ninth Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA IX) reaffirmed the REMJA process as the political and technical forum for hemispheric cooperation in the areas of justice and legal cooperation, and the usefulness and effectiveness of the institutions and cooperation processes created or developed under the REMJA umbrella for consolidating the rule of law in the Americas; and that, at the Summits of the Americas, the Heads of State and Government have expressed their support for the work carried out through the REMJA process and for the implementation of its conclusions and recommendations,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction with the results of the Ninth Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA IX), held in Quito, Ecuador, on November 28 and 29, 2012, and to thank the Government of Ecuador for the successful organization of that ministerial meeting.

2. To thank the governments of Uruguay, the United States, and Peru for their support in organizing the regional training workshops on cybercrime held in those states, with financial sponsorship from and under the leadership of the United States as Chair of the REMJA Working Group on Cybercrime.

3. To endorse the “Conclusions and Recommendations of REMJA IX,” the text of which may be found in document REMJA-IX/doc.2/12 rev. 1 and which is a part of this resolution, and to instruct the Department of Legal Cooperation of the OAS General Secretariat (hereinafter, “REMJA Technical Secretariat”) to carry out the mandates assigned to it therein, in accordance with the resources assigned in the Organization’s program-budget and other resources.

4. To support, as agreed on by REMJA IX, the encouragement, under the leadership of the Chair of REMJA, an exchange among the Heads of Delegation in order to agree on the modifications deemed relevant with respect to the competencies that correspond to the REMJA and to adopt the reforms to the “Document of Washington” that are necessary as a result, bearing in mind that the REMJA process has consolidated its position as the hemispheric political and technical forum

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5. To instruct the REMJA Technical Secretariat to continue providing support, legal advice, and technical assistance to the REMJA process and to its working groups and technical meetings; preparing documents and studies to support the follow-up and implementation of their recommendations; carrying out programs, projects, and technical cooperation activities in pursuit thereof; managing and maintaining the networks created in the REMJA area for which it is responsible; taking steps to secure funding for financing the activities of the REMJA process; strengthening coordination and collaboration with the secretariats of other international cooperation agencies, entities, or mechanisms in areas that concern the REMJA; and discharging the other functions assigned to it in the “Document of Washington” (REMJA-VII/doc.6/08 rev. 2).

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