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**DECLARATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE ON
INTERNATIONAL LAW ON THE OCCASION OF ITS
HUNDRETH REGULAR SESSION**

THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE,

WHEREAS the Charter of the OAS establishes that this Organ is the advisory body of the Organization on juridical matters; it represents all the member states of the Organization as a whole; and its purpose is the progressive development and codification of international law;

Meeting in the city of Lima, Peru, from May 2 to 6, 2022, on the occasion of its 100th Regular Session;

DECLARES:

THAT, as established in the Charter of the OAS, international law is the standard of conduct of the States in their reciprocal relations, hence the importance of knowing it, disseminating it, progressively developing it, and, in turn, respecting it and ensuring that all the States respect it.

THAT, as stated in the Charter of the OAS, the international order is essentially constituted by faithful compliance with the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law, which also include customary norms and the general principles of law.

THAT the challenges facing the region today require full respect for and compliance with these essential principles, indicated in the previous paragraphs.

Its full conviction that the OAS constitutes the principal, irreplaceable and most appropriate forum wherein the member States of the region, negotiate and adopt common legal norms on an equal footing, in the sphere of public international law and private international law, through which they regulate their relations at the hemispheric level. In this sense, the Inter-American Juridical Committee is the essential entity for the preparation and proposal of this type of norms.

THAT the OAS makes a valuable contribution to the establishment of a peaceful, just, and egalitarian international order, a legal heritage that has often originated in the work of the Inter-American Juridical Committee, and which should, in the course of the development thereof, continue to foster collaboration and mutual understanding among diverse national legal systems.

Its satisfaction with the 25th anniversary of the Declaration of Panama on the Inter-American Contribution to the Development and Codification of International Law adopted by the General Assembly in 1996, and with the decision of this Entity to request the Permanent Council to organize a special session in 2022 to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the Inter-American Program for the

Development of International Law, with the intention that the member States identify the activities of that Program that they consider priorities for meeting their particular needs and interests, and its firm interest in strengthening the Program, as an essential tool for the promotion of international law.

Its satisfaction arising from the special sessions of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs where the discussion on the codification and progressive development of private international law has been resumed, encouraging it to continue strengthening this field of law.

Its deepest appreciation to all the jurists who, since the creation of the Inter-American Juridical Committee and throughout its 100 Regular Session, have offered their work and contributions to the consolidation of the inter-American body of law, as well as to the Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs for the support it constantly provides to this Organ in its capacity as its Technical Secretariat.

This resolution was unanimously approved by the following members at the regular session held on May 5, 2022: doctors Luis García-Corrochano Moyano, Ramiro Gastón Orias Arredondo, José Luis Moreno Guerra, Eric P. Rudge, Martha del Carmen Luna Véliz, José Antonio Moreno Rodríguez, George Rodrigo Bandeira Galindo and Mariana Salazar Albornoz.