

**CJI/RES. 279 (CII-O/23)**

**THE RIGHT TO COMPULSORY PRIMARY EDUCATION**

THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE,

EMPHASIZING THAT the right to education is vitally important for the promotion of equality and for the enhancement of other related rights and freedoms;

AWARE that the right to compulsory primary education is enshrined in regional and universal instruments and has been codified and generally recognized in the constitutions of the member States of the Organization of American States (OAS);

ALSO AWARE that some OAS member States need support to guarantee the provision of quality primary compulsory education, free of cost;

CONSIDERING the importance expressed by the OAS member States to the Inter-American Juridical Committee through their responses to the questionnaire adopted by the Committee at its 99<sup>th</sup> regular session regarding cooperation and exchange of experiences in education, including teaching material and access to technology for the teaching staff; and,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the document "The right to (compulsory) primary education – Fourth report", document CJI/doc. 690/23, presented by Dr. Eric P. Rudge, rapporteur of the topic,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate that the right of everyone to compulsory primary education is a fundamental human right and to urge the OAS member States to ensure its full enjoyment and to consolidate its compulsory, free of costs and universal nature.

2. To recognize that the right to compulsory primary education is part of the group obligations of immediate realization in member States of OAS.

3. To recommend OAS member States to seek alternatives to provide technical and financial assistance to those States that face problems in ensuring the full enjoyment of such right, particularly with regard to the most vulnerable groups or categories of children, among others, through the establishment of a special fund.

4. To recommend to OAS member States greater cooperation and exchange of experiences, best practices, and technologies in various areas regarding primary education that take into consideration the needs of boys and girls, teaching methods, materials and a supervisory teaching body.

5. To thank Dr. Eric P. Rudge for his work as rapporteur on the subject within the Inter-American Juridical Committee and for the presentation of the cited report on the issue.

6. To send this resolution and the report “Right to compulsory primary education,” document CJI/doc.690/23 rev.1, to the General Assembly of the OAS for its due knowledge and consideration.

7. To request the Department of International Law, acting as Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Juridical Committee, to disseminating these documents as widely as possible among the various interested stakeholders.

This resolution was unanimously approved at the regular session held on March 10, 2023, by the following members: Drs. Eric P. Rudge, George Rodrigo Bandeira Galindo, José Luis Moreno Guerra, Alejandro Alday González, Julio José Rojas Báez, José Antonio Moreno Rodríguez, Luis García-Corrochano Moyano, Cecilia Fresnedo de Aguirre and Ramiro Gastón Orias Arredondo.