The CIM/OAS strengthens the regional women's agenda through the mechanisms in Latin America

Washington DC, June 4th, 2020. - At the request of high-level gender authorities in the region, the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS) today concluded a series of online seminars for technical staff of the National Mechanisms for the Advancement of Women (MAMS) in Latin America. These meetings focused on the document "COVID-19 in the lives of women: Reasons to recognize the differentiated impacts" and were attended by 255 participants.

"Women must have a central place in the context of the pandemic for many reasons that are clearly stated in the CIM report. In that sense, the MAMS are crucial for government policies to reflect the needs of women and ensure the realization of the principle of equality and non-discrimination in public proceedings. In this framework, the seminars have the dual objective of transferring the analysis and findings of the report to the technical staff of the MAMS, and additionally, it provides us with an opportunity to exchange information on the gender impacts of COVID-19 on women's lives," said Alejandra Mora Mora, Executive Secretary of the CIM/OAS.

In this document, the CIM/OAS provides an analysis of the impacts, challenges and actions to develop policies that respond to the differentiated needs of women in relation to COVID-19, in the following thematic areas: violence against women, economic rights and caregiving, women's health, vulnerable groups, and participation in decision-making and democracy. At the end of June, two editions will be held for the English-speaking
countries of the Caribbean, with the goal of making CIM's technical capacity available to all OAS Member States.

The CIM/OAS is the region's main political forum for the recognition of women's human rights and gender equality. Since its creation in 1928, the CIM has played a predominant and strategic role in the promotion of women's rights in the hemisphere.