



**ANNUAL REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE
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1. Introduction

The Director General of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) is pleased to submit her Annual Report for the consideration of the member states during the 88th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of IIN-OAS.

From its foundation on 9 June 1927, and thanks to the efforts of Uruguayan paediatrician Dr Luis Morquio in creating a consolidated regional agency for action and reflection in the field of childhood, the Institute has focused on the search for consensus and commitment from the governments in order to make children a national priority.

Over the course of its 86 years, the Institute has witnessed social and political transformations which are part of the history of the region, and among them, the different concepts of children and of the public policies on their behalf. In recent decades, the IIN-OAS's actions have embraced as its central points of reference the Inter-American Democratic Charter and the Convention on the Rights of the Child. These international instruments are proof of the consensus of the international community with regard to children and adolescents.

As an OAS entity, the Inter-American Democratic Charter is evidence of the relationship between democracy and the promotion of human rights. In the Charter, the ideal is expressed of consolidating in this hemisphere, within the framework of democratic institutions, a system of individual liberty and social justice based on respect for the basic human rights.

In our role as a regional reference point for the promotion and defence of children's rights, we find that with the Convention on the Rights of the Child, humanity and the governments of the world have taken a significant step forward, introducing a radical change in the way childhood, and the place of children in society are conceived. Children have acquired the status of holders of rights, and as such, they are persons who must be taken into account and respected with all of their unique features. This leads not only to legal consequences, but also to ethical and political effects.

2. Management Model

The current structure of the Institute provides for the operation of its several technical experts in three working areas. These areas are: Protection and Promotion of Rights, Legal, and Communications.

This form of organization makes it possible to set up a technical and operational platform which provides support and continuity to the technical assistance and aid placed at the disposal of the states during the development of the different areas established in Action Plan 2011-2015.

This structure has been strengthened by means of a management model to follow up on Action Plan 2011-2015. This is in response to an initiative of the Directing Council with regard to applying a management style in which the states can participate more actively – an essential factor in fulfilling Action Plan 2011-2015.

Working Groups



There are three specific working groups, corresponding to each of the three priority workstreams in the Action Plan, which include the states that volunteered to join them. To date, the working groups are composed as follows:

Natural Disasters

Member states:

- Brazil
- Canada
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Panama

Juvenile Criminal Liability

Member states:

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Brazil
- Chile
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru

Early Childhood

Member states:

- Argentina
- Brazil
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- United States
- Guatemala
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Mexico
- Panama
- Paraguay
- Suriname

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The working groups have been providing support for the implementation of the Action Plan through the production and execution of an annual work programme. Results are reflected in the sections of the report which refer to each area.

3. Institutional Strengthening and Activities Performed by the General Directorate

The IIN-OAS is aware that the responsibility of fulfilling child rights requires active joint participation with member states and the various stakeholders who intervene in every area of the region. The Institute took part in various regionally and internationally significant meetings and events.

During the period covered in this report, the IIN-OAS, represented by its Director General, attended the 43rd General Assembly held in the city of Antigua, Guatemala. Within this framework, meetings were set up with the authorities of the Secretariat for Integral Development, the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security, the Permanent Representative of Uruguay, the Representative of the United States to the Directing Council of IIN-OAS, and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

In addition, work meetings were held at institutional headquarters in Montevideo with the government representatives of the member states, representatives of international organizations and of civil society organizations.

1. Annual Report to the General Assembly

Pursuant to the applicable regulations, on 12 March 2013, the **IIN-OAS's Annual Report** was submitted to the 43rd General Assembly of the OAS (**CP/doc.4838/13**), prior to the Forty-Third Regular Session of the General



Assembly. The report was presented by the President of the Directing Council and representative of Panama to the Directing Council, Ms Gloria Lozano de Díaz, to the General Committee of the Permanent Council of the OAS, chaired at that time by His Excellency, Ambassador John E. Beale, Permanent Representative of Barbados.

The delegations welcomed the detailed report and presentation given by Ms Lozano, reiterated their commitment towards the Institute and congratulated it on its activities. They also mentioned the significance of international cooperation and the use of new technologies in the Institute's efforts and emphasized the importance of continuing to work for the benefit of the children of the hemisphere, particularly with regard to the areas contemplated in the Action Plan.

2. Relations with the Directing Council

As mentioned above, thanks to the initiative of the member states at the 86th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council, a new institutional management model was launched in 2012, in which the States, through their technical liaison officers, have increased participation in the coordination of the IIN-OAS's activities.

The activities carried out by IIN-OAS with the purpose of strengthening its relations with the member states are described below:

Committees and Working Groups

By means of resolution CD/RES.04 (86-R/11) – IIN-OAS Action Plan 2011-2015 – adopted at the 86th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council, Action Plan 2011-2015 was approved and member states were urged to contribute to its execution. A management model was therefore proposed with the purpose of providing support to the implementation and development of the Action Plan.

It is on the basis of these interactions that an attempt will be made to continue to strengthen the management strategy shared by the IIN-OAS and the States, specifically expressed in their joint responsibility regarding the achievement of the outcomes laid out in the Action Plan. One of the most important actions is related to the availability of the resources needed to develop the outputs and activities listed in the Plan, with a view to strengthening the capabilities of the States to promote and protect the rights of children in the region.

Therefore, at the 87th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS (Costa Rica, September 2012), it was decided to form a Fundraising Committee constituted by the states of: Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Panama and Uruguay.

The objectives of the Committee are:

- To strengthen the joint responsibility of the states and the IIN-OAS in the context of its institutional mission on behalf of the children of the Americas.
- To support the IIN-OAS in the search for funding for the implementation stage of the workstreams established in Action Plan 2011-2015.



The Committee held different meetings reaching various agreements by the States:

- The Defence of the IIN's 2013 Regular Fund.
Thanks to the leadership of the President of the Directing Council of the IIN and the commitment of the States, communications were drafted and remitted to the Secretary General of the OAS, to the President of the Permanent Council and to members of the Directing Council of the IIN. The commitment of the States was reflected in their response. Communications were received from several States, among them: Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Venezuela and Uruguay. As a result, the IIN's USD 1,209,700 budget was approved for 2013.
- Mapping and prioritization of international cooperation agencies.
A database was drawn up in order to identify funding sources through cooperation agencies, embassies and civil society organizations that are involved in children's issues and can provide funding. Participating States reviewed and added to this information and indicated which organizations they had links with in order to determine the best ways to enter into communication with them. Finally, a prioritized list of agencies was drawn up, according to certain criteria.
- Institutional KIT: With the support of the committee, IIN-OAS produced an institutional KIT that included a profile of the IIN, a presentation video of IIN-OAS (described below) and a project portfolio, with project proposals and budgets for each of the period's priority issues; namely: early childhood, juvenile criminal justice and disaster risk management and child rights.
- Fundraising: In cooperation with the committee, IIN-OAS has convened several meetings with different States and international cooperation agencies in order to present the IIN-OAS's work in the region and share its project portfolio:
 - Argentina – In the issue of International Abduction
 - China – In the issue of Juvenile Criminal Liability
 - World Vision – In the issue of Natural Disasters

Conversations are being held with:

- Plan International – to obtain funding for action in the topic of Early Childhood.
- International Cooperation Agency of Chile - to obtain funding for action in the topic of Early Childhood.
- Kellogg Foundation - obtain funding for action in the topic of Participation.

Activities Related to the 86th Anniversary of IIN-OAS

On 12 June, the **commemoration of the eighty-sixth anniversary of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN-OAS) took place at its headquarters in Montevideo, Uruguay.**

It was presided over by the Director General of the IIN, Dolores Aguilar, and OAS representative in Uruguay, Ambassador John Biehl del Río.



Among the guests were ambassadors and other members of the diplomatic corps, representatives of the Permanent Commission for the Coordination of Niñ@Sur Initiative Actions, the Rapporteur on the Rights of Children of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Rosa María Ortiz, the UNICEF representative in Uruguay, Egidio Crotti, and representatives of civil society organizations.

In her address, the director of the Institute, Dolores Aguilar Marmolejo, stated that “In this place, the Institute has worked for 86 years to develop its role as a linchpin and to achieve consensus and commitment according to the premises of protecting and promoting the well-being of children, respecting their rights and enhancing their quality of life”. Likewise, the director mentioned that, “It is no minor matter that the founder of this Institute, Dr Luis Morquio, maintained that it is by recognizing the rights of children that the greatness of a people is constructed. It is essential to invest in the children of the Americas and the Caribbean, even more so when we attempt to address specific problems such as those that the Institute has included in its Action Plan 2011-2015, which at the same time reflect the expectations and needs of those responsible for childhood in the States.”

In his address, Ambassador John Biehl del Río emphasized that, “it is important for the governments of the Inter-American system to continue supporting this institution, which from its earliest days has had the noble mandate of watching over the welfare of children”.

At the same time, he noted the coincidence of this celebration being held on World Day Against Child Labour and referred to the Institute’s huge significance and relevance at present, when according to the ILO, there are 10.5 million children in the world subjected to illegal child labour, of whom 6.5 million are between five and fifteen years old.

87th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS

After the Directing Council accepted the Government of Costa Rica’s offer to host the meeting (resolution CD/RES. 05 [86-R/11]) the Director General initiated coordination procedures in support of Costa Rica’s representative to the Directing Council, keeping in constant communication with the body’s President and Vice-President.

The notice of convocation was sent to member states on 21 June, and in compliance with the Institute’s Rules of Procedure, the Draft Agenda (CD/doc. 03/12) was submitted to the consideration of the Permanent Council of the OAS. This senior body dealt with the issue during its Regular Session of 1 August 2012; the first chaired by Stephen Vasciannie, Jamaica’s Permanent Representative to the OAS. The Draft Agenda was considered by the member states and adopted by consensus.

The representatives of 24 states took part: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, Trinidad and Tobago, United States and Uruguay.



The **87th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council** of the IIN-OAS was held on 27 and 28 September in the city of San José, Costa Rica. At the opening ceremony, the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS was honoured to receive Ms Laura Chinchilla Miranda, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, who reiterated her government's commitment regarding the comprehensive education of children, as well as their safety and respect for their rights. She underscored the need to fight inequity and violence.

She maintained that it is its youth that makes Latin America the richest region in the world, with a great potential for development and sustained growth; owing to which it is important to promote programmes that enable good early training, such as Costa Rica's *Red de Cuido* (Care Network).

Regarding the meeting's key focus – juvenile criminal liability – the President reflected upon the vulnerability of childhood in relation to gaining access to prompt and comprehensive justice, suited to their social condition and aimed at their personal growth. She pointed to the importance of replicating other countries' successful experiences.

For his part, Dr Ricardo Domínguez, representing the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, referred to the celebration of the IIN-OAS's 85th anniversary and mentioned the importance of the States' interest and care in promoting the full enjoyment and defence of the rights of children. He drew attention to the repositioning of the Institute in recent years, to how it acted and made itself felt in the region and congratulated the Directing Council for having initiated this process, with a special mention for its participation in the development of Action Plan 2011-2015. He acknowledged the power of the Directing Council as the body that provides political and technical support and from which IIN-OAS obtains its singular features and strength, with opportunities for direct interaction with the highest levels of decision-making in the governments of the hemisphere.

In addition to discussions on the issue of juvenile criminal liability, elections for the new authorities of the Directing Council were also held during the 87th Meeting. The President is now Ms Gloria Lozano de Díaz, representative of Panama, and Ms Zaira Navas, representative of El Salvador, is Vice-President. The new authorities of the Directing Council drafted a message in which they agreed on the need to join efforts and initiatives in order to strengthen the Institute's tasks. Ms Lozano and Ms Navas would be presiding over the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS for the next two years.

During the second Plenary Session of the Regular Meeting, the Directing Council shared a moment of celebration in recognition of the 85th anniversary of the Institute; congratulations were extended on the work carried out by the IIN-OAS. On 28 September, the member states of the Directing Council listened to the experiences of Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia and Guatemala in the application of non-custodial penalties and shared an exchange of ideas with Dr Carlos Tiffer and Dr Javier Llobet, experts on the subject of juvenile criminal justice. On these occasions, the States were able to reflect and exchange lessons learned on the matter of juvenile criminal liability.



It should be noted that the Directing Council devoted a great deal of effort to this 87th Regular Meeting, which concluded with the adoption by acclamation of the resolution on juvenile criminal justice. Resolutions were also adopted regarding the Inter-American programme on sexual exploitation and the approval of the Director General's Annual Report, among others.

Finally, present at the closing ceremony was Carlos Roverssi, Foreign Minister a.i. of Costa Rica, who in his remarks commended the work of the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS and congratulated OAS member states on their efforts on behalf of strengthening the promotion of children in the priority areas of the IIN-OAS's Action Plan 2011-2015.

3. Political and Technical Forums

Emphasizing the role of the Institute in the Organization of American States and with the purpose of reinforcing coordination with the different areas, the following activities took place.

- *OAS Offices in Member States.* Active coordination with the OAS Office in Uruguay, where the IIN-OAS headquarters is located, and with the OAS Office in Panama, where certain regional activities took place: A Seminar on Investment in Childhood and Face-to-Face Meeting of the Early Childhood Working Group.
- *Department of International Affairs/Secretariat for External Relations:* The coordination carried out and the information that the IIN-OAS has remitted to this department regarding its actions and activities has allowed non-governmental organizations accredited to the OAS (the Inter-American Bar Association and Netclean) to make contributions to IIN-OAS; specifically, to the Inter-American Programme for the Prevention and Eradication of Commercial Sexual Exploitation. Likewise, funds were obtained from the People's Republic of China for project Strengthening Technical Regulations for The Execution Of Non-Custodial Sentences on juvenile criminal responsibility.
- Coordination with the *Department of Public Security of the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security* – in the design of “standardized operational procedures”; among other purposes, for the identification and protection of the victims of trafficking and for training security agents on the issue of sexual exploitation of minors on the Internet. It was agreed to move forward in producing joint proposals, contributing the experience of both parties.

The IIN-OAS jointly organized and/or participated in the following forums and meetings:

- Intergenerational meeting organized by PROPIA (Uruguay) with representatives of the state of Colombia. The meeting was held on 11 September and the IIN-OAS presented developments in the subject of participation.
- The IIN-OAS took part in the Third Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons held on 15 and 16 October 2012 in the city of Guatemala, Guatemala.
Trafficking in persons is increasingly a problem in the region and is addressed by member states through the implementation of legislation and specifically designed care programmes. The meeting was attended by 21 member states: Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El



Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, United States, Uruguay, Venezuela.

- Mr Víctor Giorgi, Coordinator of the Promotion and Protection of Rights Area, attended the Fifth World Congress on Child Rights in representation of the IIN-OAS. The event was held in the city of San Juan, Argentina, from 15 to 19 October 2012.

The Fifth Congress was convened by the authorities of the State of Argentina through its national Ministry of Social Development and the government of San Juan. Ten thousand people from several countries and from throughout Argentina participated.

On 15 October, prior to the opening of the Congress, the Minister of Social Development, Dr Alicia Kirchner, the Governor of San Juan, José Luis Gioja and the Director of SENNIAF, Dr Gabriel Lerner received the Congress panellists and speakers, which constituted an opportunity to discuss the activities carried out by the IIN-OAS and its priorities in the current Action Plan.

The IIN's participation at the Fifth Congress was in:

- A panel: the role of international organizations.
 - A work meeting: the minimum age for juvenile criminal liability in the world: country situation and overview in the matter of regulating criminal minority within the framework of the international Convention on the Rights of the Child.
 - A forum: childhood indicators and information.
- Meeting of the Global Movement, November 2012.

Ms Gloria Lozano de Díaz, President of the Directing Council of IIN-OAS and Ms Dolores Aguilar, Director General of IIN-OAS, attended. The purpose of the meeting was to promote a venue for the evaluation of the activities of the second half of the year, as well as to plan action within the framework of the GMC-LACC's strategic plan, in which the next steps to be taken for the forthcoming meeting of agency directors to be held in 2013 were established.

The principal issue that GMC-LACC is currently addressing is following up on the recommendations of the World Report on Violence against Children produced by the United Nations, particularly regarding points 1, 2 and 11 that Dr Marta Santos Pais, the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative on Violence against Children has indicated are the most significant. To this end, the workstreams outlined within a work plan whose deadline extends to 2014 have been followed since the meeting of Movement directors held in 2011 in the city of Panama.

GMC-LACC is a strategic alliance of international and multilateral organizations, agencies and civil society organizations with regional coverage in Latin America and the Caribbean, working with and for children within the context of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and is part of the Global Movement for Childhood.



- International Forum on the “Implementation of business and human rights practices in the mining industry. An approach to preventing and eradicating child labour”, held in Bogotá in December 2012. Organized by the OAS, the Trust for the Americas, the Colombian Institute of Family Welfare and the IOM. The forum sought to increase the visibility of issue of human rights in the mining industry, particularly with regard to child labour, at a time when the Colombian government has adopted this industry as one of its principal engines for development (“the mining engine”).

IIN-OAS shared with participants the international regulatory framework on the issue of child labour, noting and welcoming the fact that Colombia has all the conditions in place to address this matter appropriately and relevantly, as its legislation is in line with international standards and there is a national strategy to deal with child labour, in which the different sectors participate, including workers and the business sector.

- A course on Strengthening Security Forces, Migration Officials, Prosecutors and Judges in order to Prevent and Combat Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children, held on 4 and 5 December 2012, in Montevideo. Organized by the OAS, Uruguay’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Spanish Cooperation’s Training Centre. On this occasion, the IIN’s contribution consisted in a presentation by the Coordinator of the Promotion and Protection Area on the outcomes of the study on CSEC and the Internet produced in the context of the Inter-American Programme for the Prevention and Eradication of Trafficking, Smuggling and SEC.

- RIAL workshop for the eradication of the worst forms of child labour – Costa Rica. Organized by the OAS and MTSS, held on 21 and 22 February. Representatives from the entire Inter-American System participated in this workshop on child labour. Of particular note was the presence of labour ministries, workers’ organizations, strategic partners and business associations.

The IIN presented its position on the subject, with particular reference to CSEC as one of the worst forms of child labour, and its contributions to a strategy for the restitution of the rights of children affected.

- Regional Seminar on Investment in Childhood – Panama City, 12 to 15 March 2013. Organized by the Inter-American Children’s Institute, Panama’s SENNAF, Save the Children, Equity and Plan International.

Representatives from Colombia, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guyana, Honduras, Panama, Paraguay and Uruguay took part. From the non-governmental area, there were representatives from Bolivia, El Salvador, Guatemala and Nicaragua. Work revolved around the levels of investment that the States in the region have engaged in with regard to policies for childhood and good practices.

Latin American representatives to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, Ms Sara Oviedo (Ecuador), Mr Wanderlino Nogueira (Brazil) and the Rapporteur on the Rights of Children of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Rosa María Ortiz participated in the Seminar. Also present were Ms Gloria Lozano de Díaz, President of the Directing Council of IIN-OAS and Ms Dolores Aguilar, Director General of the Institute.



- Girl's Empowerment Seminar, held in the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil – 2 to 4 April 2013.
This significant activity promoting girls' right to participation was possible thanks to the joint work of the governments of Brazil and the United States of America, in coordination with the Human Rights Secretariat, UNICEF, the International Institute for the Development of Citizenship (IIDAC), Plan International and others.

Delegations of girls and teenagers from Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Mexico, United States of America and Uruguay participated in the seminar. Present at the opening ceremony were Ms Maria del Rosário Nunes, Minister of the Human Rights Secretariat; Ms Lourdes Bandeira, Executive Secretary of the Women's Policies Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic; Mr Thomas Shannon, Ambassador of the United States of America in Brazil; Mr Gary Stahl, UNICEF representative in Brazil; Ms Corinne Woods, Director of the United Nations Millennium Campaign in support of the Millennium Development Goals; Mr Matthew Clausen, Vice-President of Partners of the Americas, and Mr Gilson Scharnik, President of IIDAC.

In addition, the event was attended by Ms Angélica Goulart, Secretary of the National Childhood Secretariat and Brazil's representative to the Directing Council of IIN-OAS.

- Technical meeting on comprehensive policies for childhood – Platform for Action – Panama, 9 and 10 April, organized by SENNIAF and MIDES, and attended by dignitaries from Panama and UNICEF.
- International Seminar on “Building a Legal Framework for Public Policies on Early Childhood”. 15 to 18 April 2013.

Attended by the President of the Directing Council of IIN-OAS and Panama's representative to the Directing Council, Ms Gloria Lozano de Díaz. The event was organized by Brazil's Parliamentary Front for Early Childhood and the Hemispheric Network of Legislators and Former Legislators for Early Childhood. The seminar's slogan was “Building a Legal Framework for Public Policies on Early Childhood” and was an attempt to seek legislative commitment in Brazil and the region, in order to ensure more appropriate comprehensive care for all children between 0 and 6 years of age.

During the seminar, Ms Lozano was able to present the work being done by IIN-OAS on the thematic issue of early childhood, in the context of Action Plan 2011-2015.

The President of the Directing Council also had occasion to hold a meeting with Minister María del Rosario Nunes, of the Human Rights Secretariat, Presidency of Brazil and Ms Angélica Goulart, Secretary of the Special Secretariat for Child Rights of the Human Rights Secretariat and Brazil's representative to the Directing Council of IIN-OAS.

The participation of IIN-OAS – represented by the President of the Directing Council – in this international forum strengthens its links with the member states of the Directing Council through the presence of this Inter-American System specialized organization in national and international venues involved in the sharing of good practices for the promotion and protection of child rights.



- Annual Meeting of the Directors of the Global Movement for Childhood in Panama on 7 and 8 May. Among the issues addressed, the growth of GMC-LACC in terms of participating organizations was assessed and a work plan was agreed, with the formation of working groups by subject; namely: Follow up to the study on violence in South America, follow up to the study on violence in Central America, Third Optional Protocol, Follow up to IACHR - UN Report on Violence.

The event was attended by the President of the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS, Ms Gloria Lozano, as well as by the Director General. Also present were representatives of UNICEF, Plan International, Save the Children Sweden, World Vision, SOS Children's Villages, REDLAMYC, Global Infancia, ChildFund DCI, YMCA and others.

Working Meetings Held at IIN-OAS Headquarters

- On 15 August 2012, a meeting was held at IIN-OAS headquarters on possible areas of cooperation between the IOM Regional Office and the Inter-American Children's Institute of the OAS. Attending for the IOM were Ms Alba Goycochea, head of the national office in Uruguay, and Ms Rosilyne Borland, Regional Specialist on Migrant Rights and Vulnerable Groups. Among the issues discussed was the possibility of coordinating training activities for human resources on the basis of the experience gathered in this field by both organizations and their areas of common interest. The exchange of information and papers produced was also agreed, as well as the possibility of disseminating them through the relevant websites.
- On August 2013, Ms. Sheila Roseau, Delegate of Antigua and Barbuda to the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS will be received at the IIN-OAS' offices. During the meeting Action Plan 2011 – 2015 activities will be discussed.

4. Activities performed in the IIN-OAS's Working Areas

As an organization which works in coordination with the states of the region, the IIN-OAS pays particular attention, through its different working areas, to the requirements of the member states of the Inter-American system in the subjects addressed by the Action Plan. These are the activities which were carried out.

4.1 Area for the Promotion and Protection of Rights

Early Childhood

The two outputs entrusted to the Early Childhood Working Group in November 2012, in accordance with Action Plan 2011-2015, were produced: Guidelines for the implementation of comprehensive policies for early childhood and an indicators menu, as well as an information management model for rights monitoring. Both outputs were produced with permanent feedback from the working group.

The guidelines paper was translated into English and circulated through the IIN's online areas.

Activities in 2013 began with the group's first face-to-face meeting, held in Panama City on 12 March. Present were technical reference points from: Colombia, Costa Rica, Honduras, Paraguay, Uruguay and Panama, and it



was also attended by civil society representatives from Guatemala and El Salvador. Ms Piedad Osorio, the regional representative of Plan International, was also present.

The meeting made it possible to share ideas about the state of progress of policy implementation in the various States and the “critical knots” that they are facing.

As an output of this meeting, it was agreed to carry out an online course on Early Childhood Policies in the second half of 2013, which will make it possible to share lessons learned and guidelines derived from experience. The working group will participate actively in the production of content as well as in monitoring the development of the course.

At the suggestion of the representative from Colombia, it was resolved to promote the inclusion of the issue of early childhood on the agenda of the next meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN, generating an opportunity for politico-technical work on interventions targeting families.

In this respect, work was done during the first half of the year on drafting guidelines to strengthen parenting capacity. The work was led by Colombia, together with the IIN’s technical team and the output will be submitted to the 88th Meeting of the Directing Council.

Online Course on Early Childhood

Objective - to provide technicians and planners with elements supporting the significance of early childhood as the first stage of life and with guidelines for the implementation of comprehensive policies with a rights-based approach.

The syllabus was designed with continuous feedback from technical liaison officers.

This first version of the course will be offered in Spanish, with plans to make it available in English next year, subject to the availability of resources.

The course is aimed at middle management and policy decision-makers involved in these issues.

Participation

On the basis of commitments assumed at the Twentieth Pan American Congress, discussions with the States were bolstered in order to establish a set of guidelines to promote guarantees for this right. A network of technical liaison officers has been formed and work has been done with them on the various products developed in this workstream. Personnel have been trained in the subject of participation, as reported under our online courses heading.

With the support of the members of the Network during the reported period, the IIN collaborated in a national virtual meeting to provide advice to the State of Costa Rica in the forming the Consulting Committee on Children and Adolescents. The virtual meeting had the valuable support of technical specialists from the



States of Peru and Uruguay, as well as a written contribution by Chile. The session was coordinated by the National Patronage of Childhood (PANI) and solicited State level technical specialists as well as children and adolescents from different regions of the State.

During this period, collaboration with the OAS Office of Education and Culture has become closer and joint activities have been carried out for the promotion of the right to participation among governing bodies for children and ministries of education. Thus, by joining efforts and organizing activities to achieve a greater impact for the benefit of the children in the region, the work of the OAS becomes more strongly positioned in the States.

Website “Our Colourful Voices” - <http://nuestravozacolores.org/?lang=en>.

The IIN-OAS is maintaining a website at <http://nuestravozacolores.org/?lang=en>, which was launched in the context of the First Pan American Child Forum. This is a bilingual website (Spanish/English) devoted to promoting an exchange of experiences in the area of child participation. In its updated version (2011), the site has an online interactive communication and exchange area between children and adults involved in promoting this right. During the process of designing this new project, children’s opinions and suggestions were gathered in order to develop a new version of the page which also includes a Facebook account with 196 followers, and a YouTube channel.

The site provides news on subjects related to the IIN-OAS’s work in the area of participation, as well as the latest developments regarding child-related events and activities in the hemisphere. There is also a section for publications, video-clips and links to articles related to this field.

Online Course on Participation

Its objective is to reinforce the commitment and knowledge of State agents, with a view to mainstream effective participation in the daily activities of institutions.

It targets participation facilitators in governing bodies for children, seeking to strengthen competencies so that the State itself can promote this right. The course is eight weeks long and is attended by 25 officials from different institutions in the region.

With the support of the governing bodies of Mexico, Peru and Uruguay, specific virtual courses for each State will be administered by technicians that manage programs that promote the participation of children and adolescent. These courses will also have the support of the Inter American Program on Democratic Values and Practices within the Department of Human Development of the OAS, through the development and inclusion of contents on civic culture and democracy.

The courses administered during this period will strengthen technical capacities in relevant areas such as the design and evaluation of participation related public policies, as well as in professional training areas to prepare the policy developers that interact with children and adolescents.



The Sexual Exploitation of Children

Amongst the resolutions of the General Assembly which constitute mandates to the IIN-OAS in this area, of particular note is AG/RES. 2432 (XXXVIII-O/08) of 3 June 2008, in which it is resolved to welcome the decision of the Directing Council of the IIN¹ to instruct the Director General to develop an “Inter-American Programme for the Prevention and Eradication of Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children”².

At the 43rd General Assembly, held from 4 to 6 June 2013 in the city of Antigua, Guatemala, resolution AG/RES. 2771 (XLIII-O/13) was adopted on the “Prevention and Eradication of Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Minors” (adopted during the second plenary session held on 5 June 2013), in which the work done by the IIN-OAS was recognized. The resolution gives an account of the progress achieved by the IIN in fulfilment of its mandates with the implementation of Action Plan 2011-2015, as reported in its Annual Reports to the General Assembly and the Permanent Council, in compliance with the annual resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Likewise, the Annual Report to the Secretary General on the status of the steps taken to combat the sexual exploitation of children (SEC) in member states, pursuant to the mandate contained in AG/RES. 1667 (XXIX-O/99).

Implementation of an Inter-American Programme for the Prevention and Eradication of Commercial Sexual Exploitation, Illegal Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children, which includes three working areas:

- 1) Compilation and update of information regarding CSEC in the region, to be made available to States Party.
- 2) Generation of information and knowledge on the subject of CSEC, which will aid States Party in the design and implementation of their policies and action in addressing this problem.
- 3) Training human resources and providing specialized technical assistance to States Party.

1) Compilation and update of information regarding CSEC in the region, to be made available to States Party

The IIN-OAS maintains ongoing relations with the national commissions of 28 of the 34 member states of the Inter-American system. This relationship operates through its network of liaison officers.

Based on an agreement of cooperation with Chile, the IIN-OAS provided technical assistance in the revision of the First Framework of Action against the commercial sexual exploitation of children. These activities were carried out together with the Ministry of Justice of Chile and SENAME.

In compliance with Chile’s request, the IIN-OAS’s technical assistance included:

1. Support for the design of the Second Framework for Action against the commercial sexual exploitation of children, as well as training for personnel in order to facilitate the implementation and sustainability of

¹ CD/RES. 10 (82-R/07), adopted at the 82nd Regular Meeting, Cartagena de Indias, 26-27 July 2007.

² During the 87th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council, a resolution was reviewed and adopted, changing the name of the programme to “Sexual Exploitation of Children”.



actions by means of a blended course and the direct participation of IIN-OAS technical staff in the face-to-face stage held in Chile for technicians from all over the country.

As a concrete output of this process, Chile produced and adopted its Second Framework for Action.

In the second half of 2012, the IIN-OAS provided technical assistance to Uruguay for the production of its country report, in compliance with the Optional Protocol against child prostitution, trafficking and pornography.

The IIN-OAS gave its support to the production process, and contributed aspects derived from the comparative analysis of reports sent by the States of the Inter-American System and the comments made by the Committee.

This report was completed and validated by several stakeholders in December 2012.

In relation to the promotion of horizontal cooperation and the sharing of experiences at a regional level, the principal actions have included:

- Activation of the network of 26 liaison officers, through whom ongoing contact is maintained with the technical reference points in the States.

Annual celebration of a regional meeting to share good practices. After the Third Meeting was held in Asunción in 2012, contributions and experiences were compiled and published in "Good Practices IV". At the same time, work began on the implementation of the Fourth Meeting to be held for the Central American region. This new meeting will focus on SEC in travel and tourism.

2) Generation of information and knowledge on the subject of CSEC, which will aid States Party in the design and implementation of their policies and action in addressing this problem.

During the second half of 2012, work continued on updating the website at <http://www.annaobserva.org/2012/?lang=en>. This entailed gathering, systematizing and establishing a hierarchy for the information to be placed at the disposal of States and organizations. Similarly, work continued on the production and dissemination of four Issues Notes a year, with the following content:

- Issues Note N° 1/12. Intervention models and strategies for the restitution of CSEC victims' rights. http://www.annaobserva.org/2012/wp-content/uploads/2012/03/Restitucion_ESP.pdf
- Issues Note N° 2/12. Third Sub-Regional Meeting Consensus, Developments and Recommendations regarding SEC. IIN-OAS's Note N° 2/12 contains general information on the Third Subregional Meeting on SEC held on 30 and 31 May in Asunción, Paraguay, as well as the final paper arising from the meeting. http://www.annaobserva.org/2012/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Best_Practices_CSEC_-III.pdf
- Issues Note N° 3/12. Teenagers on the Internet: Risks, Opportunities and Challenges. http://www.annaobserva.org/2012/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Newsletter_N%C2%BA3-12-SE_on_the_Internet_and_Participation.pdf
- Issues Note N° 4/12 contains significant aspects of the framework of reference for reparation and



restitution of the rights of child victims of commercial sexual exploitation with a gender perspective.
<http://www.annaobserva.org/2012/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/DOCUMENT-Framework-of-reference-for-reparation-and-restitution-of-the-rights-of-child-victims-of-CSE-with-a-gender-perspective..pdf>

- Issues Note N° 1/13 on “Child Rights and Sustainable Tourism” refers to existing good practices in the region with regard to the prevention of sexual exploitation in travel and tourism.

<http://www.annaobserva.org/2012/wp-content/uploads/2013/04/Note-N%C2%BA-1-13-CSEC-in-travel-and-tourism.pdf>

- Issues Note N° 1/13 on “Consumers of Children’s Bodies: Key Stakeholders in Reproducing CSEC”

<http://www.annaobserva.org/2012/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/Note-N%C2%BA-2-13-About-Client-Exploiters.pdf>

- XII Report to the Secretary General

In this work area the annual reports to the Secretary General are included. In the reported period, work on extracting lessons that allowed the construction of a framework to repair and restore the rights of children and adolescent victims of commercial sexual exploitation was carried out. This is how the **XII Report: Framework of Reference for Reparation and Restitution of the Rights of Child Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation with a Gender Perspective** resulted.

<http://www.annaobserva.org/2012/wp-content/uploads/2013/05/Twelve-Report-to-the-Secretary-General-OAS-2012.pdf>

The report has a summarized version, and at the same time that its delivered to the Secretary General, is disseminated through the Program.

During 2013 study on existing experiences in the region in prevention and eradication of the Sexual Exploitation of children and adolescents on travel and tourism has been carried out. This study will be part of the XII Annual Report to the Secretary General.

3) Training human resources and providing specialized technical assistance to States Party.

The blended course on SEC has continued to be imparted, as part of the training activities for operators. This course has been offered since 2010, in agreement with States willing to participate and who undertake to implement the face-to-face component.

In view of the characteristics of the course, which takes place both online and face-to-face, participants are selected by the States. Participants have included technical officials, direct care operators and service coordinators. Depending on each State’s policy, they were employed by the State or by NGOs working in coordination with State services.

The course is in two stages. One is a distance stage (online) executed from the IIN-OAS for all State participants. The second, face-to-face stage is the responsibility of each of the States, on the basis of a work plan previously agreed between national authorities and the IIN-OAS.



The 2013 edition of the course was carried out between May and September and the participating States were Chile, El Salvador, and Uruguay.

The face-to-face component is carried out in accordance to programmes produced by the authorities in the States on the basis of the special features of SEC in each country and the priorities arising as a result. These proposals formed the basis of the initial agreement between the IIN-OAS and the participating States.

4.2 Legal Area

Juvenile Criminal Liability

Pursuant to Action Plan 2011-2015, the IIN has been working with the support of the working group on this subject, through contributions and observations to the following outputs developed during the period covered by this report.

Dissemination of the paper on “Juvenile Criminal Liability Systems in the Americas”.

In order to disseminate this paper, as well as resolution CD/RES 03 (87-R/12), “Juvenile Criminal Liability Systems”, special newsletter N° 12 was drafted, which dealt with three of the issues included in the paper which was attached to the newsletter together with the Directing Council’s resolution. This newsletter was distributed among the IIN’s contacts.

Operational technical guidelines for the implementation and execution of non-custodial penalties:

This paper contains technical guidelines for the implementation and execution of non-custodial socio-educational penalties or measures, including adolescents’ right to participation and bearing in mind the gender approach.

It identifies socio-educational penalties or measures that appear repeatedly in the legislations of the States in the region that follow a continental legal system, conceptualizes them and establishes guiding principles for their implementation, such as: minimum intervention, specialization, participation and public responsibility, among others. Likewise, the paper refers to the conditions necessary for the effective implementation of non-custodial measures and penalties, among which are the existence of responsible authorities, specialized programmes and coordination with the courts. Finally, the paper provides general guidelines for the implementation of alternative and early termination measures and for the implementation of non-custodial penalties.

Based on the technical guidelines, it’s been agreed with the States of Colombia, Guatemala and Panamá, the development of a transfer process o the document and construction or modification or technical specific guidelines according with the requirements of each State. This implementation process will be completed with the development in each State of a specific semi-face-to-face course on the application of non-custodial penalties in adolescents, especially in the guidelines to be developed on each State.



Guidelines for methodology in cases that require post-penalty support:

After they have served their sentence, teenagers must leave the educational penalty venue and, therefore, post-penalty support should be implemented in a different setting and as a process that continues to support and strengthen adolescents' capabilities, facilitating their effective resettlement in their communities after they have served their penalties.

This paper outlines the experiences in the region and establishes guiding principles to steer the support provided after juveniles complete their penalties. It also refers to specific challenges linked to the institutional and technical structure that must inevitably be involved in supporting the post-penalty process if it is to have any chance of success.

Comparative compilation of legislation on juvenile criminal liability in the region (Regional Comparative Law Study)

This paper was finished as a contribution to complement other tools developed on the subject. It is a reference resource that shows how a number of elements pertaining to juvenile criminal justice have been incorporated into the specific legislation that the States in the region whose legal systems are based on Roman Law or Continental Law have enacted in this matter.

As regards the manner of presentation, each item of the compiled, systematized and analysed information is divided into a first part containing a conceptual analysis with conclusions on the content of the laws that were studied and a second part made up of rigorously drawn up tables with a systematization of regulatory articles and provisions of the legal system of each participating State.

Course on General Aspects of Criminal Liability Systems "SIRPA"

The objective of this course is to provide an understanding of the principal characteristics of criminal law for juveniles and the characteristics that should be present in the system for it to be considered specialized.

The class is directed particularly to professionals and civil servants.

The course considers the general framework of the Comprehensive Protection Doctrine and the role of the Corpus Juris of the human rights of children and adolescent, to then analyze how the States have implemented it, and then bridge the gap between the general principles and the specific ones within the legal adolescent specialized systems, educative principle, the purpose of the systems and the juvenile penal measures and penalties, the fourth module introduces how the process is carried out in practice, through a general introductions to the socio-educative and the restorative approaches. It's important to add that for the different modules the documents developed by the IIN-OAS were incorporated.

This is a 7 week course, and starts on September 2nd.



Legal Database (BADAJ)

The Legal Database, BADAJ, has been kept updated (<http://www.badaj.org/index.php?idioma=1>) and enables the search for specialized legislation containing specific databases on subjects such as: the commercial sexual exploitation of children, juvenile criminal justice, international child abduction and others.

International Child Abduction

In response to the mandates received through resolution AG/RES. 2028 (XXXIV-O/04) - “Inter-American Programme on Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy cases of International Abduction of Minors by one of their Parents”, and AG/RES. 2133 (XXXV-O/05) of the same name, and in addition, through the resolution adopted by the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS, CD/03 (82-R/07) - “Application of the Inter-American Programme on Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy cases of International Abduction of Minors by one of their Parents”, the IIN carried out the following actions in the period covered by this report:

Inter-American Course on International Child Abduction (ICA)

The 7th edition of this course was imparted, focusing its objectives on allowing participants to make an in-depth study of basic concepts and theoretical, doctrinal and regulatory elements in the subject of international child abduction, as well as to analyze this phenomenon, particularly in the Inter-American setting.

This course is open to professionals from different fields who have a connection with the matter of international child abduction, so that the perspective of other professional areas can be incorporated to the legal knowledge existing on the subject.

The course had duration of 7 weeks, in concluded on August 7th and it had 27 participants for the States of: Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and the Inter American Commission.

Thanks to the contribution received from Argentina, the IIN carried out the following actions during the period covered by this report:

A glossary of terms and basic concepts used in the subject of international child abduction

This reference tool has been completed. It was one of the requests made by the Central Authorities at the last meeting of experts on the subject held in Mexico in 2011. It covers 37 terms commonly used in this field.

Guidelines for the application of the Inter-American Convention on the International Return of Minors (desktop user guide)

These guidelines attempt to provide guidance or a roadmap for actions deployed by the various stakeholders in the process of returning children, or the stages of these proceedings, from a rights-based perspective and with a particular stress on the application of multidisciplinary action strategies. It is hoped that it will be of use and inspiration to Central and Judicial Authorities when interpreting the Convention and making its application more effective.



An informative tri-fold brochure on ICA

The first component of the Inter-American Programme in this area highlights the importance of developing public awareness. In view of this, the IIN has designed an easy-access tool, available to users of the Inter-American Convention, aimed at individuals involved in cases of international child abduction who lack information or legal knowledge of this field and need quick access to information regarding what steps or actions to take, what authorities to contact, consultancy, etc., in determining a valid and efficient strategy for the safe return of a child who has become a victim of a situation of this kind. These instructions contain basic, easy-to-read information, targeting users of the Convention and the general population. An informative tri-fold brochure has been uploaded to the IIN's website and made available to central authorities in a digital version for websites and as a hard copy. It provides explanations of the concept of abduction as well as of the procedures and authorities to whom a citizen involved in a case of abduction can apply.

These tools are part of a toolkit on ICA that includes a standard form drafted by the IIN for cases of return, in keeping with the Inter-American Convention.

4.3 Area for Child Rights in Natural Disaster Risk and Emergencies

Child Rights in Natural Disaster Risk and Emergencies

This subject is included as one of the priority workstreams in IIN-OAS's Action Plan 2011-2015. Work on disaster risk management – as well as on the other strategic lines – will be based on a rights-based political and methodological perspective. In this respect, the IIN-OAS's position is based on the comprehensive protection of children, which must cross-cut any action or intervention programme or policy adopted to confront risks and emergencies.

In this respect, the working group has been engaged in producing the following outputs:

Capitalization of the case studies carried out in Canada, Chile, Dominican Republic, Ecuador and El Salvador as a fundamental input.

The objective in carrying out the case studies was to gather information and carry out strategic analyses of specific disaster experiences in order to identify gaps and lessons learned in relation to the protection of children at disaster risk, with the purpose of ensuring that these experiences would become a significant input to produce and agree on strategic guidelines for a policy framework. The “capitalization” paper makes use of lessons learned, good practices and gaps, extracting the most relevant from each case study, serving as fundament in the construction of the guidelines for the Policy Framework for the promotion and protection of children and adolescents in disaster risk management.

Policy framework for the promotion and protection of children in disaster risk management

The document for the policy framework is part of a compilation of material produced by the IIN, which includes a political position paper: “Child Rights in Disaster Risk Management” (PPP), a specialized information database on the subject and the case studies.



The policy framework (PF) for the promotion and protection of children in disaster risk management suggests specific strategies for the design and revision of public policies, provides methodological alternatives and recommends instruments and tools with a child rights-based approach in order to explain (and apply) the issues arising in the political position paper.

Operational handbooks to complement the conceptual, technical and methodological guidelines (policy framework) for the promotion and protection of child rights in disaster risk management.

The policy framework will be accompanied by three application guides, each targeting a different group.

- Civil servants (at the managerial level)
- Civil servants (service operators)
- Adolescents

The purpose of the guides is to provide in-depth explanations regarding operational matters and how to put the policy framework's guidelines and recommendations into practice.

These three guides or handbooks are:

- ⇒ Guide 1 – Management and coordination – operating tools for civil servants.
- ⇒ Guide 2 – Handbook on prevention and caregiving for children in disasters and emergencies, for civil servants.
- ⇒ Guide 3 – Adolescent promoters as agents of change in disaster risk management.

4.4 Communication and Information Area

Strategy is based in the dissemination of the institutional doing in the framework of the Action Plan 2011-2015 and targets the priority issues established in it: 1. Early Childhood, 2. Natural Disasters, and 3. Violence, and others.

Among the permanent activities which are carried out and gain in strength yearly, are:

Ongoing information updates and consolidation of the IIN's website
<http://www.iin.oea.org/IIN2011/english/index.shtml> as well as of its platforms:

- For the *Inter-American Programme to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Child Abduction* <http://www.sinna.org/english/>
- For the *Inter-American Programme for the Prevention and Eradication of Sexual Commercial Exploitation, Illegal Trafficking and Trade in Children and Adolescents*.
<http://www.annaobserva.org/2012/?lang=en>
- *Nuestra Voz a Colores* (Our Colourful Voices), an online area where children can participate
<http://nuestravozacolors.org/?lang=en>
- Joint IIN - Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) project
<http://proyectoiinacdi.org/?lang=en>



Social Networks:

- The Facebook account, “Inter-American Children’s Institute” uploads two to three weekly publications with information and matters of interest related to the IIN’s work. Publications in 2013 have been visited on average by 757 Facebook users and as from May, the page been followed by over one thousand people.
- Our Twitter account has nearly reached the 500-follower mark, with frequent interactions, “retweets” and messages from various stakeholders, governing bodies, strategic partners and organizations connected to the promotion of child rights.

The IIN’s electronic newsletter

To date, the IIN has produced and published two electronic newsletters. The first mainly focused on World Day for Prevention of Abuse and Violence Against Children and the second on the rights of children and adolescents exposed to disaster and emergency situations.

Virtual training course Rights of Children and Communication Media

The virtual training course on communication policies will be developed, beginning on August 15 with the objective to promote a better quality in the communicational strategies in the promotion of the rights of children and adolescents.

The course was oriented to civil servants that carry out their jobs in the communications field, whose labor is related to thematic and actions are aimed to the promotion and protection of the rights of children and adolescents and the topics were: a) Actualization of the Rights of Children and Adolescents, b) Government and Communication Media, c) the vision of the new communicator, d) Communication and dissemination strategies, e) the New Technologies of Information (NTI) and children’s participation.

Newsletter sent to the OAS network mailing list

This year, an internal distribution strategy was implemented which consisted of a newsletter mailed to all the users of the OAS internal network. The purpose of this newsletter is to publicize the Institute’s activities within the organization itself.

Design and dissemination of communication products.

Throughout the year, work has been carried out on the design, production and distribution of the Institute’s communication material, including brochures, rollups and multimedia material.

As well dissemination materials were developed:

- Presentation of the IIN-OAS (Spanish and English)
- Childhood, a fundamental job in the continent.



4.5 Online Training

Annually the IIN-OAS offers the development of courses that may be virtual, face-to-face or combined. The virtual modality is carried out entirely by the IIN-OAS. In the case of the semi-face-to-face courses, the IIN-OAS is responsible for the first phase, that is virtual and the participating Member State is responsible of the second phase that is face-to-face.

These trainings are intended to assist the States in the development of public policies, and to improve their capacities in the design and implementation of policies related to promoting, protecting and respecting the rights of children and adolescents in the region— since 2013 the Member States have been requested to send a list of the civil servants, technicians and professionals in the governing bodies to participate in the virtual training. This way, personnel and civil servants of the governing bodies of the States of the region were trained.

For more individualized and personalized attention, groups of 25 were established per course. The courses are developed in the Moodle platform, which is a tool that facilitates the learning of the participants.

In 2013 courses on the following were offered (in Spanish):



Course	Profile	Participating countries
Update on Rights Area for the Promotion and Protection of Rights	Professionals and operators involved in the childhood system in State agencies working with children and connected to State programmes.	Colombia Guatemala Mexico Uruguay
Participation	Technical staff, child participation operators and promoters.	
International Child Abduction Legal Area	Civil servants working in agencies related to the promotion and protection of child rights, who are interested in the international child abduction phenomenon (such as governing bodies in promotion and protection of rights systems, children's public policy designers, executive bodies for such policies, migration authorities, police specializing in children). It is also aimed at professionals working in different fields who are interested in the phenomenon and/or are involved in the subject.	Colombia Guatemala Mexico Ecuador IACHR
The Media and the Rights of Children Communication and Information Area	Civil servants in the field of communications, whose work is related to issues and actions targeting the promotion and protection of child rights.	
Blended Course on the Sexual Exploitation of Children Area for the Promotion and Protection of Rights The course is in two stages. The first is introductory and addresses general aspects of CSEC. It is online and delivered by the IIN-OAS. The second stage is organized by member states that wish to join the course.	Government operators directly involved in dealing with commercial sexual exploitation of children in their countries.	Chile El Salvador Uruguay



Early Childhood	<p>Its developed for a 25 persons group proposed by the States that are part of the Work Group.</p> <p>Its objective is to provide technicians and planners with elements supporting the significance of early childhood as the first stage of life and with guidelines for the implementation of comprehensive policies with a rights-based approach.</p>	
Juvenile Criminal Liability:	<p>Civil servants that work on entities related with the promotion and protection of the rights of children and adolescents interested in the adolescent criminal liability phenomenon. (Legislative Bodies, Governing Bodies of the Promotion and Protection of the Rights Systems, childhood and adolescence public policy formulation Governing Bodies, executors of those policies Governing Bodies).</p>	



5. The Presence of the IIN-OAS in the Region

Central America	North America	South America	CARICOM
<p>Costa Rica 87th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS</p> <p>Guatemala Third Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons</p> <p>43rd General Assembly of the OAS</p> <p>Panama Regional Workshop on Investment in Childhood</p> <p>Face-to-Face Meeting of the Early Childhood Working Group</p> <p>Annual meeting of Directors of the Global Movement for Children</p>	<p>The United States of America Presentation of Annual Report to the 43rd General Assembly, at a meeting of the General Committee of the Permanent Council of the OAS</p>	<p>Argentina Fifth World Congress on Child Rights</p> <p>Brazil Girl's Empowerment Seminar</p> <p>International Seminar on "Building a Legal Framework for Public Policies on Early Childhood".</p> <p>Colombia International Forum on the "Implementation of business and human rights practices in the mining industry. An approach to preventing and eradicating child labour"</p> <p>Uruguay Intergenerational meeting organized by PROPIA (Uruguay) with representatives of the State of Colombia.</p> <p>Celebration of the 86th Anniversary of the IIN</p>	<p>Antigua and Barbuda Visit of the Representative of Antigua and Barbuda to the Offices of the IIN-OAS.</p>



6. Financial Report

Funds for the Inter-American Children's Institute derive basically from two sources: **1) The Regular Fund** and, **2) Specific Funds**.

For 2013, funds were as follows:

Allocated Funds 2012	Amount in USD
Regular Fund – Obj. 1	736.500
Regular Fund – Obj. 2 to 9	293.200
Regular Fund	1.029.700
Specific Fund	62.000
Total Funds	1.091.700

Regular Fund

- For 2013, the General Assembly of the Permanent Council approved a budget of USD 1,029,700 for the regular fund.
- The budget allocated to objects 2 to 9 is USD 293,200.
- Object 1 represents “Staff”, with a total of USD 736,500.

Allocated Fund USD Obj. 1	Allocated Fund USD Obj. 2 to 9	Approved Fund - USD
736.500	293.200	1.029.700

* Amount projected to December 31st 2013

Specific Funds

The following table shows the distribution of the amounts covered by the Specific Fund.

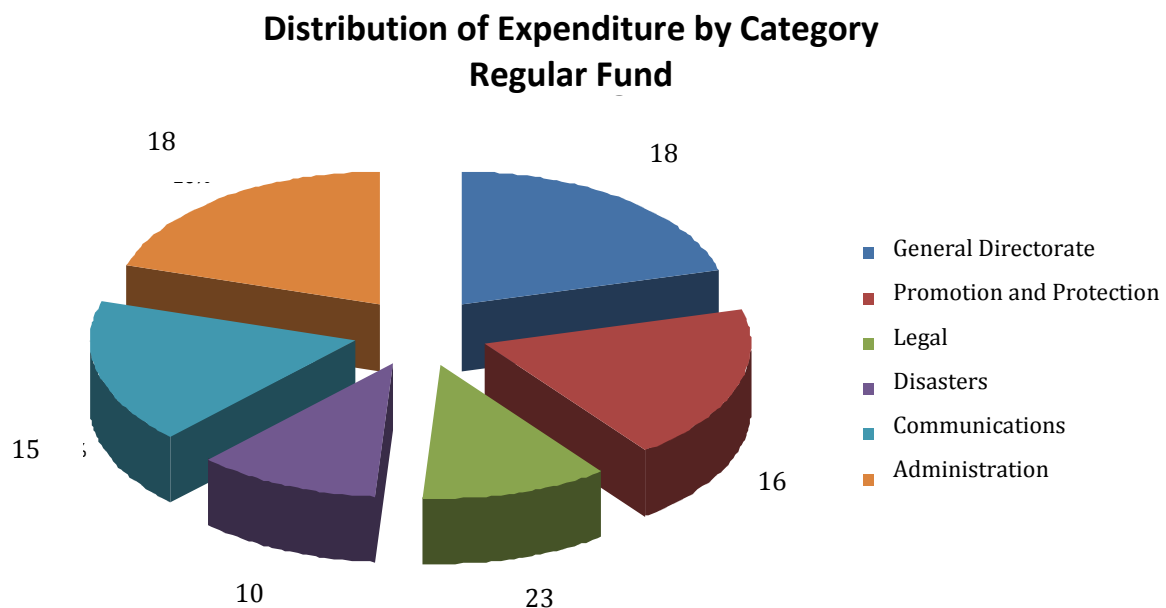
Fund Period	Cooperating Agency	Amount (USD)
Funds received in 2013	World Vision - For the protection of children in disaster risk management	12,000
	Contribution from Argentina - For the issue of International Child Abduction	5,000
		45,000.00
Total		62,000.00



The total amount of the Regular Fund and the Specific Fund allocated to the IIN in 2013 and used to administer objects 2 to 9, was **USD 355.200,00** , which was distributed as follows.

Category	Amount – USD
General Directorate	65000.00
Promotion and Protection	57925.00
Legal	80425.00
Disasters	34903.00
Communications	53625.00
Administration	63322.00
Total	355.200,00

The proportional distribution of the IIN’s budget for objects 2 to 9, for both the Specific and the Regular Funds is as follows:



Source: IIN
 Note: Objects 2/9- Period covering January to December (projected) 2013

Capital Funds

- The IIN’s Capital Funds (ASG-IAC/026), which have not been used during this period, amount to **USD 76,900.85**.