

**FINAL REPORT**  
**90<sup>th</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE IIN**

**23, 24 and 25 NOVEMBER 2015**  
**CITY OF ANTIGUA GUATEMALA, GUATEMALA**

**OPENING SESSION**

**MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2015**

The 90<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the Inter-American Children's Institute, a specialized agency of the Organization of American States (IIN-OAS) was called to order at 9 a.m., and was attended by a quorum of 20 official delegations from OAS member States that are members of the Directing Council of the IIN, authorities of the State of Guatemala, of the Organization of American States, OAS, representatives of international organizations, and officials of the Social Welfare Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic of Guatemala and of the IIN's Headquarters.

At the head table were Ms Anna Vileta Fagianni, the First Lady of Guatemala; Mr Juan Manuel Jiménez, representing the Secretary General of the OAS at the meeting; Ms Zaira Navas, Delegate of El Salvador and President of the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS; Ms Elizabeth Lewis, Delegate of Santa Lucia and Vice-President of the Directing Council of the IIN-OAS; Ms Cricia Urizar, Delegate of Guatemala to the **Directing Council of the IIN-OAS and Social Welfare Secretary** answering to the Presidency of the Republic of Guatemala; Ms Elda Tobar, Alternate Delegate of El Salvador and Executive Director of the Salvadoran Institute for the Comprehensive Development of Children; Ambassador Milagro Martínez, Director of the OAS Office in Guatemala and Mr Víctor Giorgi, Director-General of IIN-OAS.

Mr Juan Manuel Jiménez, representing the Secretary General of the OAS at the meeting was the first to take the floor and on behalf of the Organization of the American States and its Secretary General, Amb. Luis Almagro, welcomed the celebration of this Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the Institute and at the same time, thanked the Government of Guatemala for its generous offer to host such a significant event. Among other issues, he referred to the Directing Council as providing a very favourable opportunity to share points of view, prioritize issues and promote consensus to operate in a synchronized manner and move forward in making child rights a reality in the region. He also referred to the creation of a Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, which will enable coordination between a number of agencies working in these areas and reinvigorate the Organization as a political forum for dialogue and finding points in common on issues involving inclusion and equity, shedding more light on the OAS's role in supporting member States in seeking the full enjoyment of rights. He stressed the fact that the IIN is called upon to play a significant role in this process. Finally, he wished the Directing Council every success in their meeting and reiterated the conviction of the General Secretariat that the IIN is a valuable instrument in the region in advancing towards more rights for more people in the Americas and the Caribbean.

Next to take the floor was Ms Zaira Navas, President of the Directing Council and delegate of El Salvador. She remarked upon the strategic nature of the meeting, whose key focus was the adoption of the IIN's Action Plan 2015-2019, to which she referred by highlighting the process it involved in order to include regional priorities and the opinions of adolescents at the 2nd Pan American Child Forum held in 2014, as well as those of organized youth in several States. She then referred to the existing challenges in this area and that in order to address them, the IIN needed to coordinate with other actors in the Inter-American system and the United Nations, and pointed to the pressing need to underpin the Directing Council by increasing the participation of all of the States that are part of it, and to empower the IIN as a forum for meeting, sharing and debating in order to establish agreements and move forward in the protection of the human rights of children. Finally, the President declared the meeting open and thanked the authorities of Guatemala for receiving the Directing Council of the IIN in their country.

Ms Anna Vileta Fagianni, First Lady of Guatemala, then took the floor and expressed her satisfaction at the meeting and her belief that it would not only strengthen the bonds between the nations of the region, but that its outcomes would benefit the region's children and youth. She remarked that Guatemala is pursuing a policy of protecting migrant children with a human rights-based approach and because of this, Guatemala was endowing the meeting and the presence of the delegations with added value. She then stressed the fact that as the IIN was aiming to strengthen the region's institutional framework in relation to these matters, the meeting would make it possible to learn about a number of work experiences. She concluded by expressing her hopes for the Directing Council's success in fulfilling the objectives of the meeting and extending to all her welcome to Guatemala.

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Upon the conclusion of the Opening Session, all of the Heads of Delegation were invited to attend the meeting's official photo shoot.

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### **FIRST PLENARY SESSION MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2015**

Madam President, acting as Chair, called the meeting to order according to the approved Order of Business.

#### **PROCEDURAL MATTERS**

##### **Adoption of the Agenda (Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure).**

The draft agenda was read out and adopted, with the exception of the presentation by Dr Isabel Ríos Leonard, Director of the Latin American Reference Centre for Preschool Education, included in the draft agenda, as the presenter was not able to attend owing to health reasons.

##### **Adoption of the Order of Business (Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure).**

The draft order of business was read out and adopted.

##### **The Secretary's Report on Credentials (Article 6.3 of the Rules of Procedure).**

It was reported that 20 member States were represented at the meeting and a list of those attending was read out. Later on in the proceedings, the Delegation of Peru joined the meeting, and thus the number of member States represented and duly accredited was increased to 21. The Director General explained the quorum requirements to hold sessions and make decisions.

**Adoption of the procedure, establishment of deadlines for the submission of draft resolutions and creation of a Style Committee (Article 14 of the Rules of Procedure).**

The Director General noted that the resolutions had been submitted to the States in advance for their consideration.

The committee was formed by: Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Saint Lucia and the United States of America.

**Approval of the agreements signed by the Director-General ad referendum of the Directing Council (Article 9.d of the Statutes), including the establishment of a Committee (Article 14 of the Rules of Procedure).**

The Committee was composed of Chile, Colombia, Haiti, Honduras and Saint Lucia.

**Venue and Date for the 91st Regular Meeting of the Directing Council (2016)**

The delegate of Colombia took the floor and indicated Colombia's willingness to host the Directing Council again in the near future, leaving open the possibility of being host in 2016, if no other venue should be offered.

The delegate of Chile then took the floor and offered Chile as venue for the next meeting of the Directing Council, to be held in 2016.

The delegate of Barbados, in her turn, informed the Directing Council of her government's desire to host the 92nd Regular Meeting, to be held in 2017.

After this, the delegate of Panama took the floor and expressed the willingness of Panama to host the meeting in 2018.

The Directing Council of the IIN unanimously accepted Chile's offer to host the following meeting and noted the offers made for 2017 and 2018, with thanks to Barbados and Panama respectively, mentioning that these offers would be formally accepted at the relevant meetings of the Directing Council.

**Submission of a management report by the IIN's Director-General, pursuant to Action Plan 2011-2015.**

The Director-General presented his annual report, covering the period December 2014 to November 2015.

He referred to the period's special features, focusing on the preparation of the new action plan, following up on the activities planned according to action plan 2011-2015 and strengthening the IIN's relationships within the OAS, in the region and with the United Nations system.

He then described the actions performed in the fields of Early Childhood, Prevention and Eradication of Sexual Exploitation, Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children, Juvenile Criminal Liability, the Right to Participation, International Child Abduction, Unaccompanied Migrant Children and Natural Disaster Risk Management.

He subsequently referred to developments related to the repositioning of the IIN within the OAS, its institutional strengthening and relationships with strategic partners, as well as the strengthening of ties with the States of the Caribbean.

Finally, he gave an account of the execution of the IIN's resources and the procurement of resources which, while not entered into the coffers of the Institute, contributed to the implementation of tasks and provided an example of the model it was sought to follow; the co-financing of activities.

He then asked the authorization of the Chair and of the assembly for psychologist Daniel Claverie to briefly describe the IIN's work in relation to communication policy and training plans.

Once this presentation had concluded, the Chair opened the floor to remarks from the States.

The delegations of Paraguay, Peru, Chile, Bolivia, Honduras, Mexico, Costa Rica, Brazil, Ecuador, Haiti and Uruguay took the floor in turn, remarking on the report and congratulating the Director-General and the IIN's team for the progress they had achieved.

Of all the valuable statements made, of particular note was the proposal to draw up a resolution to request the Committee on the Rights of the Child to issue a General Comment on child rights and the role of the media, the wording of which was entrusted to the delegation of Honduras, with the support of the Style Committee.

### **Presentation and adoption of amendment to Article 6.1 of the IIN's Rules of Procedure.**

The Chair then invited the assembly to address the following point in the order of business, to which end the IIN's Legal Area Coordinator was requested to make a presentation on the amendment of Article 6.1 of the IIN's Rules of Procedure. After the presentation of this amendment, which focuses on formal aspects with a view to streamlining procedures and bringing the Rules into line with the Statutes, and, ultimately, to ratify the fact that the appointment of the incumbent, alternate or substitute delegate is continuous and not specific to each meeting, the Chair opened the floor to the plenary. The delegate from Ecuador expressed his agreement with the amendment and offered the Style Committee some points to be considered when reviewing the relevant resolution. Finally, the Chair indicated that the adoption of the amendment would be formalized during the time set aside for the adoption of resolutions.

### **Prospects for joint work between the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the Inter-American Children's Institute.**

The Chair, and President of the IIN, invited Ms Sara Oviedo, Vice-President of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, to make her presentation, acknowledging and congratulating her on the excellent work she had performed as the region's representative on the Committee. She also pointed out that Ms Oviedo was one of the best specialists in the field in the region and expressed her hope that she would continue to serve on the Committee.

Ms Oviedo began her presentation by expressing her gratitude for the opportunity to address the Directing Council, of which she had been a member for eight years, and two of them as President, on the collaboration between the Committee and the IIN. She underscored the importance of the coordination between these two bodies and the progress achieved in the region on issues such as education and child development. In her address, she described several lines of work on which the IIN and the Committee could work jointly and gave her vision of how to consolidate these ties. On concluding her remarks, she invited the representatives of the cooperation agencies who were attending as observers to support the IIN in the development of the tasks suggested as possible joint work projects with the Committee.

The Chair thanked Ms Oviedo for her address and opened the floor to remarks from the States.

The first to take the floor was the Vice-President of the IIN and delegate of Saint Lucia, who congratulated Ms Oviedo on her proposal for joint work between the IIN and the Committee and asked about the possibility of the IIN being present during the presentation of country reports from the States in the region, and whether the Committee could remit to the IIN its final recommendations on each report.

The delegate of Peru then welcomed the possibility of bringing the IIN and the Committee closer and noted that in Peru there had been several developments along the lines described by Ms Sara Oviedo.

The delegate of Honduras then also welcomed the possibility of joint work between the IIN and the Committee and submitted a motion to the assembly in support of the re-election of Ms Sara Oviedo to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, representing Latin America and the Caribbean, in view of the quality of her work, and her support and knowledge of the situation in the region, which would make her presence on the Committee for an additional period very positive.

The Chair then gave the floor to the delegate of Haiti, who congratulated Ms Sara Oviedo on her work on the Committee and described the progress taking place in Haiti on several of the points she had brought up.

The delegate of Mexico next thanked Ms Oviedo for her address and welcomed the proposal for closer links between the IIN and the Committee as well as congratulating her on her work on the Committee. She then stated that she seconded the motion made by the delegation of Honduras with regard to supporting the re-election of Ms Oviedo as a member of the Committee on the Rights of the Child.

Ms Oviedo took the floor after each of these interventions and thanked the delegations for their words.

The Chair thanked the Vice-President of the Committee for her address and expressed her wish to join in the acknowledgements to Ms Sara Oviedo, and in the expectations that she would continue to represent the region on the Committee on the Rights of the Child. The Director-General of the IIN then took the floor and thanked Ms Sara Oviedo, not only for her contributions during her address, but also for her disposition and endeavours to establish links between the IIN and the Committee on the Rights of the Child. He indicated that action in this respect which has already taken place would not have been possible without the presence of Sara Oviedo on the Committee as an enabler.

Finally, the Chair requested the Secretary to put on record the remarks made by various countries with regard to the importance of Ms Sara Oviedo's continuing to serve on the Committee in representation of the region.

Once discussion of this point had concluded, the Chair adjourned the meeting and requested that the delegates return to the meeting at 2.30 p.m. in order to continue the meeting.

## **SECOND PLENARY SESSION MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2015**

The Second Plenary Session was called to order and the relevant points in the Order of Business were dealt with.

### **Presentation of experiences in the eradication of violence against children.**

The delegate of Saint Lucia, Ms Elizabeth Lewis, took the floor and expounded upon the Child Research Symposium, which promoted the mental health and well-being of children; she emphasized that every Caribbean State should engage in this kind of activity. She explained that the programme emerged as a result of the recommendations made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child. Accordingly, a number of topics were analysed with the participation of children and youth in schools: adjusting child protection laws in Saint Lucia; Saint Lucia through the eyes of the young; wanting or not wanting to be a child in Saint Lucia; the poor roles played by our leaders: causes of negative behaviour among the young, and, finally, the use of social networks as an instrument of abuse. Children and young people addressed these topics in schools in different areas and according to different perspectives, by means of essays, presentations, skits and informative videos in which the young spoke to the young. She mentioned some of the conclusions they had arrived at, among them, the students' request that the activity should be carried out annually.

The delegate of Saint Lucia stressed that some of the violence against children takes place through the social networks and that the State has no control over it, in view of which, there is a pressing need to be part of that control.

Once the delegate of Saint Lucia and Vice-President of the Directing Council of the IIN had concluded her remarks, she received the acknowledgement of the assembly for having shared such an interesting experience.

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## **Presentation on good practices when working with early childhood.**

The President of the IIN left the room briefly and during her absence, the Vice-President chaired the meeting and invited the delegate of Colombia to make her presentation.

After extending her greetings to the delegations present, the delegate of Colombia to the IIN, Ms Cristina Plazas Michelsen, began her presentation by pointing out that early childhood constituted a flagship policy of the government and that part of the success achieved in the subject through the implementation of the *De cero a siempre* ["From zero to forever"] strategy was due to the country's political commitment. She underscored the work and results achieved in this issue by the Cross-Sectoral Commission composed of ministers of State and explained that the *De cero a siempre* strategy would soon become a law in Colombia.

She then provided figures regarding the percentage of children catered to through the comprehensive model and the community model, described the age cycles receiving care, which range from pregnancy to the age of five, and explained what this care included.

She concluded her presentation by referring to financial investment and the priority that this issue has been afforded in this area as well.

Madam President returned to the Chair, thanked the Vice-President for her support and opened the floor to questions and remarks from the delegations.

The delegations of Paraguay, El Salvador and Uruguay took the floor in turn, thanked the delegate of Colombia for her presentation, congratulated her on the experience, and asked some questions which were answered by the delegate.

The President of the Directing Council thanked Colombia for these good practices and for the work carried out with Early Childhood and moved on to the next presentation.

## **Panel on Unaccompanied Migrant Children.**

### **Presentation by Guatemala.**

Ms Cricia Urizar, delegate of Guatemala, took the floor and explained how the Social Welfare Secretariat was organized, with a Department for Unaccompanied Migrant Children, a recently created department which works in coordination with other State institutions. She noted that the Social Welfare Secretariat worked on three essential focal points: Care, Special Protection, Family Reunification-Reintegration, and talked about actions taken to promote protection, such as the *Campaña Quédate* [Stay Campaign], which seeks to design life plans for young people. Later in her presentation she provided statistical data on the migratory flow of children, referred to Guatemala's Protocol for the Psychosocial Care of Migrant Children and described the care referral procedures provided by the Social Welfare Secretariat to migrant children who return.

She concluded her address by remarking on the material at their disposal used in working on the subject, including material in the four Mayan languages.

The President of the Directing Council thanked the delegate for her address and invited the delegate of Mexico to begin her presentation.

### **Presentation by Mexico.**

The delegate of Mexico greeted the delegations and thanked Guatemala for receiving them. Her address focused on Mexico's strategy for Prevention and Care of Unaccompanied Migrant Children. She noted that Mexico's geographical location made it a country of return, transit, destination and asylum, which meant that its migratory flow had its own special features. She then spoke about Mexico's legal framework and referred to the strategy's general objective and specific objectives, as well as describing its three stages (prevention, care and institutional strengthening). She noted that there is a care protocol for unaccompanied or separated migrant children in Mexico and presented the country's care model and procedures involved in caring for foreign migrant children and repatriated Mexican children. She concluded by referring to work carried out at the prevention and institutional strengthening stages.

After the delegate's address, the Chair gave the floor to the delegates of Chile, Bolivia, Peru, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Honduras in turn, in order to begin the round of comments and questions, which were answered by the presenters.

The President closed this stage of the proceedings with a very brief summary, acknowledging the transparency with which both countries' presentations had been carried out and recognizing the seriousness of irregular migration of children, particularly when they are unaccompanied. The assembly had heard how each of the countries was facing up to this problem, about their protection systems for receiving children and caring for them and their internal linkages, in addition to the coordination generated not only between these two countries, but also between the northern triangle and Mexico. She pointed out that the States' presentations showed the way towards establishing coordination between child protection institutions and expressed her concern, shared by all of the States, urging that the delegates – in their role as governing bodies implementing programmes – should support their governments and foreign ministries in finding better ways to care for our children.

She concluded by expressing her heartfelt thanks for the presentations and participations and called for a round of applause for the presenters.

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After a short break, and owing to the time, the assembly agreed that the presentation scheduled to end that session should be moved to the beginning of the third plenary session, and therefore agreed to meet at 8.30, rather than at 9.00, as scheduled. Upon which, the Chair adjourned the meeting and thanked all of the delegates for their commitment towards the IIN-OAS and that gathering.



### THIRD PLENARY SESSION TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2015

The Chair called the meeting to order and began with the first item on the agenda.

#### **Presentation on good practices in the prevention of pregnancy in adolescence.**

The Chair invited the delegate of Colombia to begin his address.

The delegate of Colombia explained that teen pregnancy is not just a public health issue, but also a social problem, which generates inequity and exclusion, perpetuates violence and causes a downward spiral of poverty. Several videos were included in the presentation, which are part of a campaign designed by the ICBF and give details of the risks of teenage pregnancy in the lower socio-economic sectors, where the tendency is towards consistent pregnancies. Fertility rates between the ages of 10 and 19 have decreased over the last two years, but pregnancy rates between 1995 and 2010 have held steady, particularly in rural areas, due to the lack of services, which constitutes a risk factor. The delegate explained that all government agencies determined what must be done to prevent teen pregnancy through Compex147, a cross-sectoral commission for sexual and reproductive rights and the prevention of teen pregnancy. He explained that the strategy addresses sexuality with a rights-based approach and a gender perspective, focusing on the ages from 6 to 20, seeking to prevent sexual abuse. Accordingly, the strategy is based on four guidelines: a sexual education programme, health-friendly services, creating opportunities for children's future, and a database of successful experiences, which engage leaders, principals, parents and teachers. For example: mayors speaking to communities. He also referred to investment in this strategy and the number of departments and municipalities that implement it. To conclude his presentation, the delegate of Colombia presented the campaign's jingle and a video film, which shows teen pregnancy as a worthwhile topic, with the participation of young Colombians, who encourage their peers to prevent teen pregnancy for the benefit of the well-being of adolescents.

After this presentation, the Chair congratulated the delegate of Colombia on this strategy and opened the floor to remarks from the delegations. The delegations of Paraguay, Brazil, Panama, Peru and Mexico took the floor, expressed their appreciation of the presentation and described certain similar elements in relation to these issues in their countries.

The Chair thanked Colombia for the presentation and the countries for their remarks and moved on to the next item on the agenda.

#### **Presentation of proposal and methodology for Strategic Plan (Action Plan) 2011-2015**

The Director-General of IIN-OAS explained the principles of the Plan and the process involved in its design, as well as the various conditions it was necessary to follow.

He then described the methodology for the work to be carried out during that session and invited the States to form three working groups, which were composed as follows: the first by the States of Canada, United States of America and the Caribbean States; the second by the State of Mexico and the States of Central America and the third by the South American States.

The Chair noted that each working group should appoint a moderator and a rapporteur, to share with the plenary. She also explained that each group would have the support of IIN officials to perform clerical functions.

The Chair closed the plenary session and the thematic groups duly proceeded to analyse, discuss and contribute to the proposal for the Strategic Plan (Action Plan) for 2011-2015.

#### **FOURTH PLENARY SESSION TUESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2015**

The President of the Directing Council welcomed the delegate of Nicaragua, called the fourth plenary session to order and led with the next item on the agenda.

##### **Presentation of consensus reached by the thematic groups.**

In order to begin this point, the Chair asked the group moderators to share their conclusions.

The delegates of Barbados, Peru and Mexico took the floor in turn, as rapporteurs for their corresponding working groups.

After their presentations and other contributions provided during the plenary by Canada, Honduras and Paraguay, the Director-General of the IIN proposed a method with a view to reaching a decision on the action plan: that the resolution adopting the action plan to be put forward and adopted on Wednesday should stipulate that the Director-General should gather and include the remarks made by the delegations and send them to the States within a time frame also to be established in the resolution.

The Chair gave an account of the focus of the States' remarks during the plenary assembly, such as the inclusion of all languages in the activities carried out by the IIN.

The States agreed with this suggestion and the meeting was adjourned.

#### **FIFTH PLENARY SESSION WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2015**

The President of the Directing Council of the IIN called the meeting to order at the appointed time.

The Director-General indicated that they had the required quorum for the meeting and for decision-making.

The Chair remarked that before moving on to the first item on the agenda, she wished to note that that day, 25 November, was the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. She also said that women should be considered throughout their life cycle and that, as a result, any declaration against violence against women, should include girls and adolescent women. In relation to this, she proposed answering the call made by UN Women and joining the campaign for "16 Days

of Activism against Gender-Based Violence”, as from that day, 25 November, to 10 December, which was International Human Rights Day.

### **Draft Resolutions arising from the 90th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council (Presentation and Adoption)**

The Chair informed the plenary that the clerical staff was making adjustments to some of the resolutions based on the comments received from the States. She therefore invited the plenary to read and resolve upon the following draft resolutions, regarding which agreement had been reached. That they should then listen to the presentations included on the agenda and towards the end of the meeting address the remaining draft resolutions.

The delegate of Ecuador then requested the floor and remarked that he adhered to the Chair’s suggestion regarding the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women. He proposed that this should be expressed in a resolution. The delegate of Uruguay then took the floor and agreed with Ecuador, saying that a draft resolution was being prepared for the consideration of the plenary.

The Chair pointed out that in view of these proposals, this draft resolution would be read out together with those which they would consider and adopt later on. She then invited the plenary to hear and adopt the following draft resolutions, to which end, the Director-General explained the procedure laid down in the IIN’s Rules of Procedure in this regard.

The operative paragraphs of the following draft resolutions were then read out and adopted by acclamation.

**CD/P-RES. 01 (90-R/15) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF GUATEMALA FOR HOSTING THE 90<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE IIN.**

Draft resolution submitted by the delegation of Costa Rica.

Prior to the adoption of this resolution, the delegate of Costa Rica requested the floor and thanked Guatemala for the courtesies extended by the host country and the chance of visiting Antigua.

**CD/P-RES. 02 (90-R/15) ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE IIN.**  
Submitted by the delegation of Uruguay.

**CD/P-RES. 03 (90-R/15) ADOPTION OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE 89<sup>TH</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE IIN.**  
Submitted by the delegation of Brazil.

**CD/P-RES. 04 (90-R/15) VENUE FOR THE 91<sup>ST</sup> REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE IIN.**

Draft resolution submitted by the delegations of El Salvador and Saint Lucia.

**CD/P-RES. 06 (90-R/15) AMENDMENT OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE IIN.**  
Submitted by the delegation of Chile.

The Chair requested that the operative paragraphs of draft resolution number seven on unaccompanied migrant children be read out. This having been done, several delegations took the floor in turn. The delegation of Costa Rica moved that the draft resolution should include a whereas clause referring to articles 35 and 36 of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The delegations of Honduras and Mexico seconded this proposal. The delegation of Nicaragua offered the States their country's experience in the matter and, finally, the delegation of Canada requested that the draft resolution be submitted to their approval together with the other draft resolutions to be dealt with later. The clerical staff would work on the changes proposed by the Style Committee for this draft resolution.

The Chair therefore put this item on hold in order to return to it later and put forward a motion for a change in the order of the presentations to follow, so that the next would be the presentation submitted by Peru, which was accepted by the plenary.

### **Presentation on actions implemented to address and prevent violence.**

The delegate of Peru began her presentation by noting that Peru had begun the process of designing public policies with the adoption of National Action Plan for Children 2012-2021, a management instrument which implements public policies guiding the actions of the State and civil society in the comprehensive protection of Peruvian children. She explained that they had worked hard to ensure that the plan included mechanisms for implementation, budgeting and accountability. She then showed various statistical data on violence against children, which affects girls more seriously. Later, she referred to the plan's strategic objectives, iconic goals and anticipated outcomes; among them, reducing violence against children who are victims of violence at school and in families, and victims of sexual violence. She also told the plenary about existing programmes and services and about budgetary programmes related to childhood and adolescence. In addition, she described the National Programme against Family and Sexual Violence (PNCVFS, in Spanish), its lines of action and existing services to address violence, and the National Strategy against Violence at School, *Paz Escolar* ("Peace at School") (2013-2016). She concluded by thanking the plenary for its attention.

The Chair thanked the delegate for her presentation and opened the floor to remarks and questions, at which opportunity, Costa Rica and Paraguay took the floor.

The Chair then brought these interventions to a close, thanking the assembly and highlighting the achievements and progress made in safeguarding and protecting child rights. She then introduced Mexico's presentation.

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### **Presentation on a Comprehensive Child Act**

The delegate of Mexico greeted the President, the Director and the delegates of the States present warmly and began her presentation on Mexico's Comprehensive Child Act. She stressed the interest of the Government of Mexico in acknowledging and protecting children as they deserve. Evidence of this was the Comprehensive Child Act, with which Mexico was no longer one of the only two countries without a law based on the protection of rights approach. She noted that this was a progressive law and that its issuance had given rise to a process of adjustment with other federal

and state laws, as Mexico is a federated republic. She also pointed out the law's various headings and explained its objectives. In addition, she referred to the rights that the law provides for; the duties of those exercising parental authority, guardianship or custody; the mechanisms to be used to safeguard child rights, among them, procedures for special protection and rights restitution. She also referred to the National Protection System headed by the President of the Republic, ministers of State and other senior authorities and civil society representatives, a system which is to be replicated at state and municipal levels. She concluded her presentation by noting that the law provides for making an evaluation and diagnosis of social development public policies related to child rights protection, as well as for the establishment of offences and administrative penalties.

The Chair thanked the delegate of Mexico for her address and congratulated Mexico on the issuance of this law.

There being no remarks from the assembly, the Chair moved on to the next item on the agenda.

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### **Presentation on large-scale actions with high social impact.**

The delegate of Colombia began his presentation by explaining that children in Colombia have 44 rights that are not necessarily acknowledged and that, therefore, there is a need to promote them, particularly in complex and difficult areas which are often widely ignored, including by the police and the State. He then explained that these large-scale actions with high social impact seek to generate concern and questions on the subject and disseminate information on rights. They make widespread use of the social networks, which is where children can be found, and attempt to attract the interest of children through the use of art, sports and communications. He remarked that the persons working on these initiatives are people with an affinity for activities that teenagers enjoy, such as graffiti artists, rather than teachers in suits and ties, and that there are large-scale actions using graffiti, hip hop, break dance, juggling, balancing, gymnastics and aerial acrobatics, percussion, dance, rap and others. He also explained that these actions take place in keeping with three conditions: they must work on a diagnosis of rights, they must provide training in rights and they must provide training in setting up care referral procedures. The delegate of Colombia then shared two video films showing these large-scale actions with high social impact and concluded by providing information on the departments in which they are implemented, resources invested and other data.

The Chair thanked the delegate for his excellent presentation and congratulated Colombia on this work, saying that they had been shown many communication strategies and forms of acting with children.

She then opened the floor to remarks and questions. Ecuador took the floor and congratulated Colombia on this presentation and made some remarks on some of its points.

The Chair requested a round of applause for the presentations and moved on to the next item on the agenda: any other business.

### **Presentation on Ending Physical and Humiliating Punishment and Possible Collaboration in this context. Latin American and Caribbean Chapter of the Global Movement for Children**

The Regional Director of Child Fund spoke on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Chapter of the Global Movement for Children (GMC-LAC) and after giving an account of the members of GMC-LAC, explained that this coalition's work on the subject of violence began by ensuring that the voice of children and adolescents was heard in the preparation of the World Report on Violence against Children and, subsequently, in national and regional follow-up to recommendations, in order to contribute to the States in building and implementing action plans for work in this area. He also referred to the Movement's work in relation to the third Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child and on the subject of migrant children, regarding which he congratulated the IIN for including it on its agenda. Finally, he noted that a new strategic plan was already under way, for which the proposed target was that all of the organizations included in it should work with the States in order to be able to say, in about two years' time, that this region is the first to enact a full legal ban on all forms of corporal punishment. He emphasized that in the IIN's paper on the frequency of the recommendations to the States made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child, arising from their country reports, this issue garners the highest number of recommendations and that, therefore, there is a pressing need to work on the matter, seeking the prohibition of corporal punishment, the allocation of resources for this work and that humiliating punishment should be recognized as a form of violence. He thanked the assembly for enabling him to take part and noted that the GMC-LAC would be working closely with the IIN in this area.

### **Presentation on the Protection of Children against Abuse and Sexual Exploitation enabled by ICTs. International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC)**

The Chair requested the Director-General to introduce the next speaker, after which the address began with a description of ICMEC and the issues it concerns itself with in the region. The speaker then mentioned the various social network applications available and why children and adolescents tend to use them. She pointed out that these technologies provide opportunities for communication, interaction and development and constitute a new way of viewing and discovering the world. However, despite these positive aspects, there are also negative conducts involved, such as the seduction of minors through ICTs, known as *grooming*; or *sexting*, exchanging messages with a sexual content; or *sextorsion*, a means of obtaining payment for refraining to share photographs or videos depicting the person being blackmailed. She also provided statistical data on this issue for the region. The presenter then shared findings and issues in this area; among them, the lack of knowledge regarding these new forms of sexual abuse and exploitation; the limited training on the proper use of ICTs in family and school settings; the lack of adequate legislation on the subject. Before concluding, she referred to the need to include the issue of child sexual abuse and exploitation through ICTs in the working agendas of the States, to design educational and preventive public policies against child abuse and sexual exploitation through ICTs, and for training and regulatory adjustment for the inclusion of these forms of child abuse and exploitation, as well as certain actions which should be undertaken in this area. She closed her address by mentioning two regional activities to be carried out on the subject; one in Ecuador and one in El Salvador.

The Chair thanked the presenter and opened the floor to questions and remarks, after which the delegate of Ecuador spoke briefly on the activity to take place in his country.

The presentation is available from the following link:  
<http://www.iin.oea.org/en/presentaciones.html>

Bringing the section on presentations to a close, the Chair moved on to the adoption of the resolutions that were still pending and requested the Secretary to display them, with their changes duly included.

The Chair suggested that the delegates should view the changes made to the draft resolutions on their screens and that they should then proceed to adopt each one of them in turn, to which the assembly agreed.

After each of the resolutions had been reviewed by the assembly, it was resolved to request the Style Committee to conduct a final revision in order to fine-tune the wording on the basis of the statements made by States at that time. The following resolutions were then adopted by acclamation, with the exception of resolution CD/P-RES 05 (90-R/15), which was adopted by a majority of favourable votes from all of the States, with the exception of Nicaragua. While no objections were put forward by this State, they abstained from voting inasmuch as they had not had an opportunity to analyse the resolution officially.

After resolution **CD/P-RES. 09 (90-R/15)** had been adopted, the delegate of Ecuador took the floor and stated that while it was not necessary to draft a resolution on the matter, he moved for it to be put on record that there was a need to advocate in order to put funding for the rapporteurship for children of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on an equal basis with other rapporteurships, so that it no longer received fewer funds than the others. The Chair asked that the matter be put on record, as requested by Ecuador.

**CD/P-RES. 05 (90-R/15) INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE ACTION PLAN 2015-2019.**  
Submitted by the delegation of El Salvador.

**CD/P-RES. 07 (90-R/15) UNACCOMPANIED MIGRANT CHILDREN.**  
Submitted by the delegations of Chile, Guatemala and Mexico.

**CD/P-RES. 08 (90-R/15) AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE IIN, WITH the "ORGANIZATION OF IBERO-AMERICAN STATES", the "HEMISPHERIC NETWORK OF LEGISLATORS AND FORMER LEGISLATORS FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD" and the "URUGUAYAN CHAMBER OF BOOKS".**  
Submitted by the delegations of Chile, Colombia and Saint Lucia.

**CD/P-RES. 09 (90-R/15) REQUEST TO THE COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD.**  
Submitted by the delegation of Honduras.

**CD/RES. 10 (90-R/15) INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR THE ELIMINATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN.**  
Submitted by the delegations of Ecuador and Honduras.

The Chair thanked the assembly and adjourned the session for a short break, followed by the Closing Session.

## **CLOSING SESSION WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2015**

Once the meeting was called to order, Ms Cricia Urizar, the delegate of Guatemala took the floor and stated that the objectives for the meeting had been met and even exceeded, which was cause for satisfaction as it meant that the children in their States were in good hands. She conveyed the fraternal greetings and friendship of the Government of Guatemala to all States present at the meeting and the commitment of Guatemala to continue working on behalf of children. She concluded by thanking everyone for their participation and for sharing their enriching experiences.

The Director-General of the IIN then took the floor and expressed his satisfaction at the meeting's achievements and the presence of the 22 delegations; among them, some who had been absent from these meetings for a while, and who, he hoped, would continue to attend. He engaged to contact the States that had not been able to participate and pass on the outcomes of the meeting. He then underscored a number of aspects regarding which the IIN had been enhanced as a result of the meeting and stressed that they now had an action plan, but that they needed to get to work on its implementation, to which end he hoped for the support of the States and the IIN's strategic partners. He thanked the Government of Guatemala, the Social Welfare Secretariat and its staff for having organized the meeting. He also thanked the IIN's team and concluded by inviting everyone to implement the action plan.

Finally, the President of the IIN took the floor and began by thanking the delegate of Guatemala and the delegates of the States for their participation in the meeting. She expressed her special gratitude to the Social Welfare Secretariat of the Presidency of the Republic of Guatemala, and to the Government of the Republic of Guatemala for their warm welcome and for having opened the doors to them of Antigua, an iconic and beautiful city that encompasses the history of the Americas. She recalled the developments that took place during the meeting, which enriched them all, and emphasized that the resolutions adopted were highly significant, and that the changes proposed should reach every child. She insisted that it was up to them, their governments and their institutions to ensure that these goals be met. She hoped that they would meet again in Chile the following year, and remember and acknowledge the progress they had made in the recognition of, but essentially, in the enjoyment and realization of the rights of our children. Finally, she brought the 90th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of IIN to a close by thanking the delegations for their active and enthusiastic participation and again thanking the Government of the Republic of Guatemala and the Social Welfare Secretariat for their commitment regarding the development of the meeting.



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