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## I. Introduction

The Director-General of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN), a specialized organization of the Organization of American States (OAS), is pleased to submit the Annual Report on the Institute's activities to the 92nd Regular Meeting of the Directing Council, as required by current regulations.

On this occasion, the report includes the activities carried out between November 2016 and August 2017, using the activities programmed in Action Plan 2015-2019 as a starting point.

The IIN's work during the reporting period features some fundamental events:

- The dramatic decline in the IIN's regular budget, resolved upon by the OAS. This reduction amounted to 33%, which jeopardized the continuity of some of our activities and, in particular, the actions we had committed to for 2017.
- This made it necessary to devote time and energy to constant representations to the General Secretariat and to the Permanent Missions, with a twofold purpose: to obtain additional funds in order to maintain the operations scheduled for the current year, and to achieve a budget increase for 2018; thus reversing the steady decline our funds have been subjected to in recent years. This objective was the focus of the activities of the President and the Director-General on the occasion of their visit to Washington. Interviews were held with authorities, the Permanent Mission of Uruguay invited the Permanent Missions to a working breakfast, and there was a meeting with the Committee on Migration Issues.
- The celebration of the IIN's 90th anniversary was an opportunity to increase the visibility of its actions and reinforce its validity as an instrument of the Inter-American system to promote and protect the rights of children in the region. There is a description of the activities carried out in the attachment dedicated to the IIN's 90th anniversary.
- These efforts paid off when the Permanent Council resolved to declare 9 June as Americas Children and Youth Day, and the General Assembly agreed to a budget increase of 49% over what had been allocated for 2017, an increase which will be effective as from next year.

### **The IIN's relations with the General Secretariat, other areas of the OAS and the Directing Council**

The project "Strengthening..." was implemented together with the SARE's Department of Social Inclusion and fluid relations were maintained with the IACHR's Office of the Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child.

In addition, some changes occurred among the representatives of the States to the Directing Council, which now has three new members, and efforts are being made before eight States in order to achieve new appointments.

We should note that all of the new members show interest in continuing and strengthening the work agreements between the IIN and their respective States. In the current budgetary situation, the number and quality of the actions carried out was possible thanks to the commitment of the States and their willingness to finance activities jointly.

## Report Format

This report is based on the “planning matrices” devised when Action Plan 2015-2019 was produced.

The original matrices were produced for each of the main issues agreed and contain five columns that include: topic, objectives, activities, activities for 2017 and target indicators for 2019.

On this occasion we shall report on the extent of progress or completion of each of the activities we engaged to carry out this year. It should be pointed out that to the activities initially planned, others were added, arising from the dynamics of the processes themselves, which were undertaken on condition that they kept within the lines of the priorities identified and the specific targets it is hoped to achieve at the end of the period.

The new matrix charts include four columns: activities programmed for 2017, progress over the reporting period, activities for 2018, indicator/target for 2019.

The “activities planned for 2017” column is a reminder of the activities established as work commitments for the current year.

The “progress over reporting period” column gives an account of the extent to which each of these activities has been fulfilled, according to the following categories: completed, scheduled (activities committed for the remaining stretch of 2017), ongoing (activities commenced, but not completed) and deferred (activities that could not be carried out this year and which have been rescheduled – if relevant – for 2018).

The “activities planned for 2018” column refers to activities we have engaged to carry out next year. These include: cyclical activities, which are repeated every year; activities deriving from those carried out in 2017; and new activities included in this third management year. This column may include the activities proposed by the States participating in the 92nd Meeting and financed with the budget increase obtained.

This format enables us to provide an institutional accountability report and establish an Annual Operating Plan (AOP) for the coming year. We trust that the Directing Council will review the implementation of the commitments set for 2017 and validate what we propose for 2018, as well as suggest new actions according to their interests and needs.

## II. Thematic Lines

### A) Priority topics arising from consultation with the States and with children and youth

#### Violence and non-observance of child rights in different settings and life cycles

Making this thematic line a priority is in line with what a number of multilateral organizations and coalitions working for the rights of children have also resolved. Some of these worldwide initiatives are Niñ@sur, the Global Movement for Children, the Committee on the Rights of the Child, and the United Nations Rapporteur on Violence.

International bodies are making progress in placing the rights of children and youth on the public protection agenda. After the CRC, several documents were published which supplement it, making the rights it refers to operational and feasible. As a global strategy, we should underscore the framework provided by the Sustainable Development Goals<sup>1</sup> (SDG). Unlike the Millennium Development Goals, the SDGs explicitly include the need to safeguard the rights of children and youth from “all forms of violence”, a vitally important aspect, since it makes the position clear and makes it mandatory to bring willingness and action into play in pursuit of its realization.

#### **SDG – Goal 16.2: “End abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children”**

In addition to promoting and providing a framework for various awareness-raising activities conducted by the international community to put an end to the different forms of violence against children, this also leads to possibilities for establishing partnerships and synergies in the region.

Making this issue a priority in the region and worldwide, encouraged the IIN to place greater emphasis on inter-agency coordination and on engaging in joint actions with other stakeholders, in an attempt to identify capabilities and avoid duplicating efforts and wasting resources.

Progress was made in the identification of experiences which could be classified as “good practices”, endeavouring to maintain a balance in the region. At the moment, we are engaged in performing a synthesis and extracting lessons learned in different work areas, and in the final stages of designing a new online course to be offered in the region as part of the Inter-American Training Programme.

There are already ten States in the region which have passed laws expressly prohibiting corporal punishment. The IIN has contributed a “Model Law”,<sup>2</sup> which has been produced with legislators from different States, thanks to coordination with the Network of Parliamentarians and Former Parliamentarians for Early Childhood. This paper has also been shared in technical and regional work meetings, such as the GMC-LAC’s group to end corporal and humiliating punishment.

We should add in this line, the inclusion of the region’s States in “The Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children”, which promotes, supports and commits States to actions that the IIN, in many cases, supports, and to which it contributes to

<sup>1</sup> SDGs: <http://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>

<sup>2</sup> Internet Link: [http://www.iin.oea.org/pdf-iin/2016/publicaciones/Norma\\_Modelo\\_Prohibicion\\_Castigo\\_Corporal.pdf](http://www.iin.oea.org/pdf-iin/2016/publicaciones/Norma_Modelo_Prohibicion_Castigo_Corporal.pdf)

maximizing achievements. The Institute has established and maintained direct contact with The Global Partnership, seeking to identify joint initiatives which will contribute to this global strategy's ultimate goal.

The relationship with the Office of Marta Santos Pais, Special Representative on Violence Against Children continues to deepen. The Institute participated in the High Level Regional Roundtable on Violence against Children held in Manila, Philippines in June 2017. It is noted that Ms. Santos's Office supported the participation of the Institute in this space. Likewise, and in the framework of the 92nd Regular Meeting of the Directing Council, a discussion is held with the Members of the Members of the Directing Council with Ms. Santos. In this way, efforts are being made to promote the accession of some States to the ratification of the Optional Protocol on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

The IIN takes an active and permanent part in regional activities organized by ALAMPyONAF (Latin American Association of Magistrates, Officials, Professionals and Operators for Children, Youth and Families), addressing different issues related to the actions of the judiciary within the comprehensive protection system for children and youth.

It has supported and participated in the launch by the CLAVES centre of new promotional instruments in order to address different forms of violence. In addition, it holds ongoing discussions with that centre in support of its call to religious leaders in Uruguay, with a view to forming a committee to address the issue of violence. In this respect, the IIN is also in communication with the ALIGATO institution and has kept abreast of events at the recent GNRC Conference.

## Violence and non-observance of child rights in different settings and life cycles

**Objective: To eradicate violence in children's everyday settings**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Develop a blended course on the "Prevention of Violence" in 3 States. This implies reaching counterpart agreements for the implementation of the face-to-face stage.</p> <p>2. Establish communications with 3 States to assess capabilities for the delivery of the blended course with their own resources, agreeing with the IIN on the use of the IATP's Moodle platform.</p>	<p><b>1.1. Ongoing</b> A blended course on the prevention of violence is being designed. Agreements with SOS Children's Villages on developing course contents. Work is under way to launch the first edition of the course in October 2017.</p> <p><b>1.2. Completed</b> A proposal for a blended course is submitted at the regular meeting of the Directing Council, with work agreements for 2018 in at least 3 States. The possibility that each State counterpart can take over the delivery of the on-site stage of the course will be evaluated.</p> <p><b>1.3. Scheduled</b> The course will be offered to the region as part of the range of courses we offer in the Inter-American Training Programme (IATP), for the second half of 2017.</p> <p><b>1.4. Completed</b> A number of significant experiences in the region identified and analysed, to be included and shared in one of the modules of the blended course.</p> <p><b>1.5. Ongoing</b> An agreement signed with the Marist Foundation for a regional research study to be conducted on the effects of care provided to children in relation to the issue of "violence in everyday settings", whose outcomes will also be included in the course.</p>	<p>Delivery of the blended course on "Violence and Child Rights... Building Peaceful Environments" in States in the region which have shown an interest and can engage to deliver the on-site stage.</p> <p>Enter into communication with at least 3 States to assess installation of institutional training capacity for technical operators acting in each State's protection policy. The IIN will support training for technical resources capable of administering and providing tutoring for the contents of the new blended course. The IATP's Moodle platform will be used in agreement with the IIN.</p> <p>Data and lessons learned deriving from the synthesis conducted by the IIN and from the outcome of the ongoing research resulting from the agreement between the IIN and the Marist Foundation are included in the course.</p> <p>Sharing of regional experiences will be encouraged, with lessons learned extracted and horizontal cooperation facilitated.</p>

**Objective: To provide support in legislative processes and awareness-raising**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Draft General Technical Guidelines and support the design of draft laws on preventing corporal punishment and promoting non-violent forms of discipline in at least 3 States where no laws of this type have been enacted, and which have shown interest in working on this topic.</p> <p>1.1. Establish work agreements to present the Technical Guidelines in 3 States.</p> <p>1.2. Adjust the Technical Guidelines to conditions in each of the 3 States.</p> <p>1.3. Conduct a national workshop in each of the 3 States to present the Technical Guidelines.</p> <p>1.4. Sign a commitment with each of the 3 States regarding the presentation of the Draft Bill and move forward in compiling and sharing information for the law-making proposal.</p> <p>1.5. Conduct 1 National Workshop in each of the 3 States in order to validate the Draft Bills.</p>	<p><b>1.1. Completed</b> Identify legislators in the region committed to early childhood initiatives.</p> <p><b>1.2. Completed</b> Establish links with lawmakers and groups of lawmakers.</p> <p><b>1.3. Completed</b> Compile and produce a synthesis of regulatory frameworks.</p> <p><b>1.4. Completed</b> Compile information on the features of the debates in the States where these frameworks have been implemented.</p> <p><b>1.5. Completed</b> Disseminate the compilation of regulatory frameworks and recommendations for legislation prohibiting corporal punishment, validated at the meeting of the Hemispheric Network of Parliamentarians and Former Parliamentarians for Early Childhood held from 15 to 17 October 2016, in Monterrey, Mexico.</p> <p><b>1.6. Completed</b> The IIN maintains a cooperative relationship with the Hemispheric Network of Parliamentarians and Former Parliamentarians for Early Childhood. The meeting of the Network at which the issue will be</p>	<p>Advisory services offered to groups of lawmakers who request them, both for implementation and follow-up of laws already adopted and for new initiatives.</p> <p>Meet the requirements of the States in relation to training for human resources and plans to eliminate violence.</p> <p>Work will continue with the Hemispheric Network of Parliamentarians and Former Parliamentarians for Early Childhood, attempting to reach out to new groups of parliamentarians.</p>



<p>1.6. Systematize the process, translate and disseminate the experience.</p> <p>1.7. Translate, publish and disseminate the Technical Guidelines.</p> <p>1.8. Provide follow-up and technical assistance to the parliamentary passage of the initiatives.</p>	<p>followed up is scheduled for October 2017.</p> <p>1.8 The material and papers produced in support of the parliamentary process towards the enactment of a law on the prohibition of corporal punishment is placed at the disposal of CONANI (Dominican Republic).</p>	
<p><b>Objective: To generate knowledge and instruments to understand with a rights-based perspective the various types of violence that involve children and youth</b></p>		
<p><b>Activities planned for 2017</b></p>	<p><b>Progress over Reporting Period</b></p>	<p><b>Activities planned for 2018</b></p>
<p>1. Promote sharing between States, with the presence of civil society and academia, in order to strengthen understanding of the different forms of youth involvement in criminal violence.</p> <p>1.1. Widely disseminate the final paper arising from the Forum on Violence held in El Salvador and consult with the States affected by the issue, in order to provide continuity to a new technical regional activity.</p> <p>1.2. Move towards developing intervention models based on the protection and restoration of rights.</p>	<p>1.1 <b>Completed</b> - Wide dissemination of the paper produced at the “<i>International Forum to Prevent Violence against Children and Youth: Maras, gangs and other forms of organized violence</i>”.</p> <p>Final report: <a href="http://iinadmin.com/public/relatoria-maras-pandillas-y-otras-formas-de-violencia-organizada/">http://iinadmin.com/public/relatoria-maras-pandillas-y-otras-formas-de-violencia-organizada/</a></p> <p>1.2 <b>Ongoing</b> - The foundations exist for a multi-dimensional intervention model with an environmental perspective for preventing and eradicating these forms of organized violence. Work on this line is included among the IIN’s commitments to the General Assembly of</p>	<p>Dissemination to continue of the paper produced at the “<i>International Forum to Prevent Violence against Children and Youth: Maras, gangs and other forms of organized violence</i>”; El Salvador, 2016.</p> <p>Discussions initiated with the States of the region on holding a second regional forum on this issue will continue.</p> <p>Based on the outcome of this second Forum, intervention models will be produced, with a view to the protection and restitution of rights.</p> <p>Meaningful experiences will be identified and work agreements entered into for horizontal cooperation with at least 2 States, on the subject of a Comprehensive Protection System for Children.</p>

<p>1.3. Promote workshops with technical experts and operators, seeking to heighten understanding of sexual and gender violence in at least 1 State that requests them.</p>	<p>the OAS.</p> <p>1.3 <b>Deferred</b> due to lack of resources</p>	<p>Support will be sought from a variety of international cooperation agencies in the States of the region.</p>
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## Early Childhood

Work is moving ahead on the transfer of guidelines and support in Paraguay (COMPI), with a workshop held on the subject of “Healthy development in violence-free environments”. Coordination activities were carried out so that the States of Costa Rica, El Salvador and Uruguay were able to be part of this event by sharing experiences which the IIN identified as significant contributions.

Subsequently, other working opportunities were scheduled with the SNNA and other actors of the network of early childhood organizations in Paraguay, and we received enquiries from international cooperation regarding some of the international experiences shared during the workshop.

A dissemination campaign on “The Right of Boys and Girls to a Family” was produced, using the website and social networks, on the basis of the IACHR’s paper of the same name and contributions from the States.<sup>3</sup>

In relation to protection for children deprived of parental care, we are working on identifying and systematizing meaningful experiences to promote triangular cooperation actions.

All of this accumulated work will be reflected in a new technical guidance paper for the States of the region on the theme “the deinstitutionalization of children and youth”. In this process, we shall continue to engage in discussions with the States in order to gather information on their experiences; as well as with the standard organizations devoted to these issues, such as IACHR, through its rapporteur for childhood, RELAF, etc.

In addition, we are inviting a number of different regional experts on Early Childhood to contribute papers to the *IINfancia* Newsletter, generating a continuity of contributions in this priority line.

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<sup>3</sup> Link: <https://www.oas.org/es/cidh/infancia/docs/pdf/informe-derecho-nino-a-familia.pdf>

## Early Childhood

**Cross-Sectoral Policy Objective: To strengthen the capacity of the States and governing bodies in the development of cross-sectoral strategies**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Deliver the online course on Early Childhood Policies for Decision-Makers and Planners, and the course on Violence, with topics related to strengthening parenting skills in childcare and child-rearing.</li> <li>2. Provide technical assistance in the field in 3 States.</li> <li>3. Provide technical and logistical support for the realization of 1 horizontal cooperation activity.</li> <li>4. Identify experiences involving comprehensive care at school, in continuity of the protection routes established at the beginning of life.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Completed</b> Online course delivered on “Planning and Managing Comprehensive Early Childhood Policies with a Rights-Based Perspective” during the first half of the year. Forty-one students enrolled, of whom: 24 passed; 2 failed; 9 dropped out (and 6 still have work to hand in).</li> <li><b>2. Partially completed</b> Support provided to COMPI and the installation of the Network of Early Childhood Organizations (Paraguay).  Joint organization with the SNNA of a workshop on “Healthy development in violence-free environments” (Paraguay).  Participation in training events for SIPIAV receiving teams, Maldonado, Uruguay.</li> <li><b>3. Ongoing</b> Preliminary discussions with the States in an attempt to identify interest in horizontal cooperation.  A roadmap agreed in the context of the IIN-CHI agreement and a paper is drafted which includes a theoretical framework and presentation of significant experiences relating to helplines for children and youth in the region.</li> </ol>	<p>Deliver the online course on Early Childhood Policies for Decision-Makers and Planners, and the course on Violence, with topics related to the strengthening of parenting skills in childcare and child-rearing.</p> <p>Provide technical assistance in the field in 3 States.</p> <p>Identify meaningful experiences and hold discussions in an attempt to reach agreements for horizontal cooperation in at least 2 States.</p> <p>Continue working on the installation and strengthening of Helplines, taking advantage of and building on regional experience.</p>

	<p><b>4. Completed</b>  Meaningful experiences identified in relation to care and upbringing, with a view to reinforcing parenting skills, and with the purpose of including them in the online course on violence to be delivered in 2017, and to be shared through technical assistance and/or horizontal cooperation (the experiences of Canada, Saint Lucia, El Salvador, Costa Rica, Uruguay).</p>	<p>Continue to encourage sharing and horizontal cooperation in relation to experiences in different States.</p>
<p><b>Strengthening parenting skills</b>  <b>Objective: To promote attitude shifts in parents and significant adults in order to optimize conditions for comprehensive development</b></p>		
<b>Activities planned for 2017</b>	<b>Progress over Reporting Period</b>	<b>Activities planned for 2018</b>
<p>1. Continue transmitting and incorporating the contents of the “<i>Guidelines on the Promotion of Family Care and Parenting Capacity</i>” (IIN, 2013).</p> <p>1.1. Carry out missions and activities tending towards transmission of the guidelines in 3 States.</p> <p>1.2. Develop a roadmap for the implementation of the contents of the paper in 3 States.</p>	<p><b>1.1. Ongoing</b>  Discussions with several States with a view to conducting technical assistance have not yet reached a satisfactory conclusion. The IIN’s financial difficulties have hampered these working agreements.</p> <p>As a result of the MOU between the IIN and the Government of Canada to raise awareness of the Nobody’s Perfect program, and Canada and Chile’s presentations on the program at the 91st Directing Council meeting in Santiago, the Government of Brazil is currently in discussions to adapt and implement the program. In addition, the Government of Colombia has requested and received access to multiple resources related to maternal and child health. It is Canada’s understanding that Dominica, St. Lucia and Barbados have also reached out to the IIN expressing interest in the program.</p>	<p>Boost work on the subject of “positive parenting”, proposing on-site workshops in 3 States, as well as a number of activities to transmit and mainstream the contents of the “<i>Guidelines on the Promotion of Family Care and Parenting Capacity</i>” (IIN, 2013).</p>

	<p><b>Completed</b> A workshop has taken place on: “Healthy development in violence-free environments” (27-28 July, Asunción, Paraguay), organized jointly by IIN and SNNA. The IIN contributed its experience in logistics and thematic design (logistics for the event; selection of presenters; design of logo, certificates and flyer; drafting of final report). The IIN participated actively and its Director and one specialist attended.</p>	
<p><b>Children deprived of parental care – deinstitutionalization strategies</b> <b>Objective: To promote a shift away from traditional institutionalization models towards the implementation of alternative family-based strategies</b></p>		
Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Finalize the paper on “The Right of Boys and Girls to a Family. Alternative Care. Ending Institutionalization in the Americas” in a user-friendly format and commence dissemination.</p> <p>2. Finish developing a Technical Guide to facilitate implementation of the recommendations of this paper in each State.</p> <p>3. Hold regular meetings with the IACHR to follow up on the dissemination and</p>	<p><b>1. Ongoing</b> The objective regarding a campaign for widespread dissemination of the subject on the website and social networks has been modified and work is being performed on a technical guidance paper for the States on the issue of the deinstitutionalization of children and youth.</p> <p><b>Completed</b> An awareness-raising campaign based on the IACHR’s paper, “The Right of Boys and Girls to a Family” has been organized and conducted, with input from IIN papers, the States that are working on the issue and interviews with regional reference points.</p> <p><b>2. Ongoing</b> A Technical Guide is being drafted.</p>	<p>Boost the dissemination campaign. Circulate the campaign synthesis paper among the contact network.</p> <p>Complete the technical guide.</p> <p>Conduct 2 on-site events to address and raise awareness regarding the technical guide and alternative care issues.</p> <p>Continue identifying meaningful public policy experiences in the issue of deinstitutionalization and alternative care, with a view to establishing links for activities, sharing and horizontal cooperation.</p>

<p>implementation of the T.G.</p> <p>4. Systematize the information gathered and share it in 1 national and/or regional technical assistance activity.</p> <p>5. Generate agreements with the Mercosur's Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights and civil society organizations in order to systematize good practices in relation to alternative care for children and youth separated from their parents.</p>	<p><b>3. Completed</b> Discussions in this regard with the IACHR. Joint work upon completing outputs 1 and 2 is pending.</p> <p><b>4. Ongoing</b> There is progress in the identification of implementation experiences relating to alternative care in different States in the region.</p> <p><b>5. Ongoing</b> A framework agreement is being prepared with the Mercosur's Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights.</p>	
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## Sexual Violence and Sexual Exploitation

The Inter-American Cooperation Programme for the Prevention and Eradication of Sexual Exploitation, and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children has continued to be implemented. The following actions stand out:

- The Fifteenth Report was submitted to the Secretary General of the OAS (2016-2017), on “Addressing sexual exploitation, smuggling of and trafficking in children in the region, 20 years after Stockholm”.
- Joint presentation by the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Representative on Violence against Children, UNICEF and the IIN of a Note to the States of Barbados, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago to urge their ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography. The note was remitted through the permanent missions to the United Nations (May, 2017) and the permanent missions to the OAS (June, 2017).
- A partnership between ECPAT, ICMEC, the Rapporteur on the Rights of Children of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the IIN for an online project on violence and sexual exploitation to be submitted to the Fund to End Violence Against Children.
- Redesign of the Annaobserva Programme’s website ([www.annaobserva.org](http://www.annaobserva.org)), with greater emphasis on the Observatory section.
- The consolidation of the IIN’s participation in the Regional Action Group of the Americas (GARA, for its acronym in Spanish) to prevent the sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism.



## Sexual Violence and Sexual Exploitation

**Objective: To compile and disseminate significant information on SEC from the States in the region**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Maintain the website of the Inter-American Cooperation Programme for the Prevention and Eradication of Sexual Exploitation, and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children: <a href="http://www.annaobserva.org">www.annaobserva.org</a></p> <p>1.1. Carry out a fortnightly review of sources indicated on the database relating to institutions involved in these issues in the States in the System, in order to obtain (official) information of interest to circulate or which could enhance the site.</p> <p>1.2. Maintain monthly contact with the network of technical liaison officers in order to exchange papers/information of interest to circulate or which could enhance the site.</p>	<p>As a result of the irreversible damage caused by the various hacking incidents, it was necessary to build a new website, which is already available to users.</p> <p><b>1.1. Ongoing</b> Research initiated in 2016 on coordination opportunities on the issue of CSE, smuggling of and trafficking in children and youth, and public institutions with responsibilities in these matters in the States of the System has been supplemented with information compiled when the Fifteenth Report to the Secretary General of the OAS was drafted. It is attempted to provide the following information for each of the institutions: authority/office bearer, address, telephone number, e-mail, website. Upon confirmation of this information, the fortnightly review will be effected.</p> <p><b>1.2. Ongoing</b> Monthly contacts carried out since August.</p>	<p>1. Maintain the website of the Inter-American Cooperation Programme for the Prevention and Eradication of Sexual Exploitation, and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children: <a href="http://www.annaobserva.org">www.annaobserva.org</a></p> <p>1.1. Carry out a fortnightly review of sources indicated on the database relating to institutions involved in these issues in the States in the System, in order to obtain (official) information of interest to circulate or which could enhance the site.</p> <p>1.2. Maintain monthly contact with the network of technical liaison officers in order to exchange papers/information of interest to circulate or which could enhance the site.</p>

<p>1.3. Upload IIN papers/information whenever there are new developments.</p> <p>2. Maintain communications with technical liaison officers whenever necessary for the development of activities within the programme.</p>	<p><b>1.3. Completed</b></p> <p><b>2. Completed</b></p> <p>By July 2017, technical liaison officers had been appointed in 15 States: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.</p> <p>We are seeking the appointment/confirmation of liaison officers in the remaining States, as well as the more active participation of those already appointed.</p> <p>Liaison officers were informed of: A call for short stories, “Rights should not be a tall tale” and a photographic exhibition, “The Rights Album”; the 2017 blended course on the commercial sexual exploitation of children.</p>	<p>1.3. Upload IIN papers/information whenever there are new developments.</p> <p>2. Strengthen the a network of technical liaison officers.</p> <p>2.1. Address with the Directing Council of the IIN the confirmation or appointment of new technical liaison officers for this issue.</p> <p>2.2. Broaden the participation of the States of the Caribbean in the liaison officer network.</p> <p>2.3. Maintain communications with technical liaison officers whenever necessary for the development of activities within the programme.</p> <p>2.4. Monitor, together with the States, the participation of the liaison officers in the network.</p>
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**Objective: To produce tools to boost the States' capacity to address the sexual exploitation of children**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Produce and circulate quarterly Issues Notes.</p> <p>2. Produce Annual Report to the Secretary General of the OAS on action undertaken by member States to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the Americas.</p> <p>2.1. Consult the States, through the network of technical liaison officers and/or the Directing Council of the IIN.</p>	<p><b>1. Ongoing</b> The following Issues Notes drafted: Nº 1/17: Trafficking in children. Nº 2/17: Status report on the regional approach to CSEC, 20 years after the First World Congress. Nº 3/17: Opportunities and Risks of Surfing. Nº 4/17: GARA: Regional Action Group of the Americas. Circulated by e-mail to the Programme's contact list, composed of approximately 500 people, and through the Programme's website.</p> <p><b>2. Completed</b> Following up on the work initiated in 2016, research was conducted and published on how sexual exploitation, smuggling of and trafficking in children and youth is addressed in the States of the region, 20 years after Stockholm. This report is available on the Programme's website.</p> <p><b>2.1. Modified</b> In methodological terms, the study was based on secondary information: the reports of the States to the Committee on the Rights of the Child; the Committee's final reports to the States; the IIN's annual reports to the Secretary General of the OAS.</p>	<p>1. Produce and circulate quarterly Issues Notes.</p> <p>2. Produce Annual Report to the Secretary General of the OAS on action undertaken by member States to combat the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the Americas.</p> <p>3. Hold a Sub-Regional Meeting on Preventing the Sexual Exploitation of Children.</p> <p>3.1. Continue coordinating with the State of Paraguay with a view to holding a Tri-Border Meeting with the States of the southern sub-region.</p>

<p>3. Continue implementing the project, “Guidelines for the empowerment and protection of child rights on the Internet in Central America and the Dominican Republic”, undertaken jointly with the Department of Social Inclusion, Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, OAS.</p> <p>4. Generate specific knowledge on the issue of trafficking in children and youth, protection and reintegration of victims, as the IIN is instructed to do by resolution AG/RES. 2883 (XLVI-O/16), adopted by the General Assembly of the OAS at its forty-sixth regular session (June 2016).</p>	<p><b>3. Completed</b> Project implemented. A detailed report on the outcome is provided in the section on Participation. A resolution is promoted through the Directing Council requesting the Committee on the Rights of the Child to make a statement on the risks to which children and youth are exposed on the Internet.</p> <p><b>4. Completed</b> The IIN took part by sending a video and through online monitoring, in the debate on <i>Trafficking of Women and Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean: Regional Challenges</i>, organized by the OAS’s Inter-American Commission of Women and Women’s Link Worldwide. An Issues Note was drafted on the subject.</p>	<p>4. Follow up on the Directing Council’s resolution requesting the Committee on the Rights of the Child to make a statement on the risks to which children and youth are exposed on the Internet.</p> <p>5. Generate specific knowledge on the issues of trafficking in children and youth, victim protection and reintegration, in keeping with the IIN’s instructions in resolution AG/RES. 2883 (XLVI-O/16), adopted by the General Assembly of the OAS at its forty-sixth regular session (June 2016).</p>
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<b>Objective: To deliver training for human resources</b>		
<b>Activities planned for 2017</b>	<b>Progress over Reporting Period</b>	<b>Activities planned for 2018</b>
<p><b>1.</b> Hold the annual blended course on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.</p> <p><b>1.1.</b> Put out a call to the States through the network of technical liaison officers and/or the Directing Council of the IIN.</p> <p><b>1.2.</b> Implement the online stage of the course.</p> <p><b>1.3.</b> Monitor and support the on-site phase of the course.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Respond to specific requests for training, if any.</p>	<p><b>1. Ongoing</b> The annual blended course is taking place.</p> <p><b>1.1. Completed</b> A general and personal call went out to technical liaison officers in July. Information on the course was also provided in Note DG 58/17, sent to the Directing Council (July 2017).</p> <p><b>1.2. Ongoing</b> The online stage of the course is to be held from 4 September to 30 October.</p> <p><b>1.3. Scheduled</b></p> <p><b>Completed</b> A proposal was submitted in late 2016 to Paraguay's Association of Female Tourism Company Executives (AFEET, for its acronym in Spanish), on providing specialized training on the sexual exploitation of children in travel and tourism. During 2017, this proposal was submitted to the State of Uruguay, in response to a request from the Ministry of Tourism. We are awaiting an answer and resolution regarding its implementation.</p>	<p><b>1.</b> Hold the annual blended course on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.</p> <p><b>1.1.</b> Put out a call to the States through the network of technical liaison officers and/or the Directing Council of the IIN.</p> <p><b>1.2.</b> Implement the online stage of the course.</p> <p><b>1.3.</b> Monitor and support the on-site phase of the course.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Respond to specific requests for training, if any.</p> <p><b>3.</b> Promote agreements for the training of human resources aimed at specific groups (e.g.: municipalities, tourism sector).</p>

**Objective: To provide advice and technical assistance to the States**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Provide technical assistance to the States that request it, in different tasks.</p> <p>1.1. Take part as an advisory body in the fortnightly meetings of the National Committee on the Eradication of Commercial and Non-Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth in Uruguay.</p> <p>1.2. Take part as observer in the online monthly meetings of the Regional Action Group of the Americas (GARA) and in its annual face-to-face meeting.</p> <p>2. Strengthen links with civil society organizations or networks working on these issues in the States.</p> <p>2.1. Carry out joint activities with ECPAT International, in accordance with our framework agreement.</p>	<p><b>1.1. Completed</b> Take part as an advisory body in the fortnightly meetings of the National Committee on the Eradication of Commercial and Non-Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth in Uruguay, as well as in all of the activities it may hold.</p> <p><b>1.2. Completed</b> Attendance as observer at monthly online meetings of the Regional Action Group of the Americas (GARA). We hope to attend its annual face-to-face meeting to be held in Mexico in November.</p> <p><b>2.1. Ongoing</b> A joint project is being designed with ECPAT, ICMEC and the IACHR's Rapporteur on the Rights of the Child, on Online Violence and Sexual Exploitation, to be submitted to the Fund to End Violence Against Children.</p>	<p>1. Provide technical assistance to the States that request it, in different tasks.</p> <p>1.1. Take part as an advisory body in the fortnightly meetings of the National Committee on the Eradication of Commercial and Non-Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth in Uruguay.</p> <p>1.2. Take part as observer in the online monthly meetings of the Regional Action Group of the Americas (GARA) and in its annual face-to-face meeting.</p> <p>2. Strengthen links with civil society organizations or networks working on these issues in the States.</p>

<p><b>2.2.</b> Participate in the Global Movement for Children Latin America and the Caribbean (GMC-LAC).</p> <p><b>2.3.</b> Participate in the RISE Network.</p> <p><b>3.</b> Participate in events/conferences organized by the States and/or other organizations.</p> <p><b>4.</b> Supply the States of the region in general, or in particular, with information and advice on issues of interest to the Institute.</p>	<p><b>2.2. Deferred</b> The working group on abuse and sexual exploitation, specifically, is currently inactive. However, the IIN takes an active part in other groups.</p> <p><b>2.3. Completed</b> We joined the RISE Learning Network for Latin America and the Caribbean. Information is received monthly – papers on the issue of CSEC. At the same time, information relating to the Programme, or the IIN as a whole, is circulated by means of the network.</p> <p><b>3. Completed</b> The IIN took part as presenter in the seminar on <i>Awareness-Raising in the issue of Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children and Youth</i>, organized by the Land of Hope Foundation together with the National Service for Minors (Iquique, December 2016). The IIN took part by sending a video and through online monitoring, in the debate on <i>Trafficking in Women and Girls in Latin America and the Caribbean: Regional Challenges</i>, organized by the OAS's Inter-American Commission of Women and Women's Link Worldwide (Washington, May 2017).</p> <p><b>4. Completed</b> Following up on efforts initiated in 2016, we worked with the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative on Violence against Children and UNICEF on a joint letter to urge the States of the Caribbean that have not yet done so, to ratify the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Sale of</p>	<p>2.1. Conduct joint activities with ECPAT International and ICMEC, in compliance with the work agreements entered into with both organizations.</p> <p>2.2. Participate in the Global Movement for Children Latin America and the Caribbean (GMC-LAC).</p> <p>2.3. Participate in the RISE Network.</p> <p>3. Take part in activities/events/conferences organized by the States and/or other organizations.</p> <p>4. Supply the States of the region in general, or in particular, with information and advice on issues of interest to the Institute.</p> <p>5. Follow up on the States of Barbados, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago in</p>
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	<p>Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography: Barbados, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago. The note was remitted through the permanent missions to the United Nations (May, 2017) and the permanent missions to the OAS (June, 2017).</p>	<p>relation to their ratification of the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.</p>
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## Juvenile Justice

In response to the international regulatory framework, in particular the Convention on the Rights of the Child, and the Beijing, Tokyo and Havana Rules, the States of the Region have developed their own internal regulations according to these standards and have fostered specialized juvenile justice systems with a focus, on paper, on non-custodial penalties. However, in practice, deprivation of liberty, which should be an alternative measure, still prevails in the region, as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights has noted in its report on Juvenile Justice and Human Rights in the Americas (IACHR).

To this key issue, others are added, such as the risk that the minimum ages for the determination of liability and criminal accountability, which are at present in the range of 12 to 18 years of age, may be reduced, particularly that of criminal liability, or that the length of time for deprivation of liberty measures may be increased, in the mistaken understanding that such measures would contribute to reducing infringement by teenagers and help increase public security.

These challenges and others that juvenile justice systems are facing make it necessary to engage in further research on the subject and on international practices, in awareness-raising and debate regarding early termination or alternative measures, as well as non-custodial penalties in the administration of justice, and, in particular, contribute to drafting best practices handbooks on the subject for specialized technical staff and operators in juvenile justice systems and provide training in these instruments.

Work in this line of action was based on three proposals:

- Move forward in a consultation on the current status of non-custodial penalties, which can serve as a guide for the design of Operational Technical Guidelines (protocols) for the implementation and enforcement of non-custodial penalties. These guidelines would provide a conceptual grounding and establish principles/guides for implementation. By providing a framework for implementation, they will also serve as an instrument for judges to use when deciding whether to choose non-custodial penalties.
- Promote a network for discussion and sharing among technical staff of various States responsible for the enforcement of non-custodial penalties, through which, on the basis of topics determined by the liaisons themselves, short online discussions can take place in order to share knowledge, progress and challenges.
- Continue to train human resources in the yearly course.

## Juvenile Justice

**Objective: To strengthen the capacity of the States for the implementation of alternative measures to court proceedings and the application of penalties, bearing in mind the special features of the gender approach and applying restorative justice, while protecting and safeguarding the human rights of teenagers who are in contact with the system**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Move forward in setting up inter-agency working groups with the States that participate in the transfer of guidelines and protocols on alternative measures and non-custodial penalties.</p>	<p><b>Completed</b></p> <p>The IIN is part of the Intergovernmental Advisory Commission of the National Institute of Social Inclusion, a body for discussion and coordination with other governmental institutions with responsibility in these matters.</p> <p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>The IIN, UNICEF and the National Institute for the Social Inclusion of Youth are working together on producing an intervention model for the enforcement of non-custodial penalties in Uruguay (a protocol). They are part of an inter-agency panel which also includes the Judiciary, the Public Prosecutor's Office and the Ombudsman's Office.</p> <p>A project was produced on "The implementation of penalties according to the non-custodial intervention modality, which fosters social inclusion". Submitted to the Project Evaluation Committee of the OAS, with the purpose of enabling development and transfer in other States of the protocols provided for in the action plan, on the basis of the experience described in the previous paragraph.</p> <p>Information has been compiled to determine needs and certain features of the current implementation of non-custodial measures in the region, which will make us better able to draw up a theoretical framework for the development of protocols on non-custodial measures (penalties), as provided for in the Action Plan.</p>	<p>Move forward in setting up inter-agency working groups with the States that participate in the transfer of guidelines and protocols on alternative measures and non-custodial penalties.</p> <p>Initiate the project on "The implementation of penalties according to the non-custodial intervention modality, which fosters social inclusion".</p>

<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Generate guidelines for public policy, action plans and protocols on alternative measures and the application of non-custodial penalties.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.1 Develop an alternative measures and non-custodial penalty protocol.</li> <li>2.2 Transfer to 2 States.</li> </ol> </li> <li>3. Support the increase of SERPA's capacity to respond to violence against youth in contact with the system and protect them from this violence.             <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Conduct a diagnostic study in 2 selected States of their procedures to detect violence, report it and protect teenagers in contact with the juvenile justice system.</li> <li>3.2 Devise a proposal to improve (or create) procedures to detect violence, report it and protect teenagers, in 2 States.</li> <li>3.3 Support the implementation of the proposal to improve (or create) procedures to detect violence, report it and protect teenagers in both States.</li> </ol> </li> <li>4. Deliver the general course on Juvenile Criminal Liability.</li> </ol>	<p><b>Ongoing</b>            Contacts were made in order to determine interest in the States in relation to conducting a diagnostic study in 2018 of their procedures to detect violence, report it and protect teenagers in contact with the juvenile justice system.</p> <p><b>Completed</b>            The course on "Youth in Conflict with Criminal Law" delivered, as part of the IATP.            Attended by persons from 9 States: a saber: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay and Dominican Republic.            The English course was attended by persons from Canada and Barbados.</p>	<p>Conduct a diagnostic study in 2 selected States of their procedures to detect violence, report it and protect teenagers in contact with the juvenile justice system.</p> <p>Deliver the general course on Juvenile Criminal Liability.</p>
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<p>5. Circulate the positive practices matrix and perform actions with a view to enabling horizontal and triangular cooperation.</p> <p>6. Facilitate talks with technical liaisons in selected States to discuss key issues and share experiences and challenges.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b></p> <p>This matrix was added to the document compiling information on requirements and features of the current implementation of non-custodial measures in the region. In addition to its inclusion on the website, the matrix will be circulated during the network discussions described above as an opportunity for debate and the possible achievement of horizontal and triangular cooperation.</p> <p><b>Completed</b></p> <p>A cooperation network is established between States (at the time of writing, between El Salvador, Honduras, Guatemala and Uruguay) to carry out discussions on topics of interest, which enable sharing knowledge, experience and practices.</p>	<p>Continue the search for possible horizontal and triangular cooperation opportunities.</p> <p>Hold discussions with technical links in selected States, in order to discuss key issues and share experiences and challenges.</p>
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## Child Participation

During the reporting period, the IIN has focused particularly on the subject of participation, working on 4 main lines:

- Promoting events where children can express their opinions and points of view on issues that affect them.
- Including the voice of children and youth at the IIN's advisory, decision-making and formal opportunities and events and opening areas within the OAS as a way to promote a culture of rights.
- Training State officials and civil society technical experts as participation facilitators, in keeping with the principle of specialization among persons working with children.
- Strengthening children and youth and their organizations to make them better able to face any threats to their rights arising in their midst.

In this respect, we highlight among our principal achievements: the *Meeting for Child Participation in Public Policies. Sharing Latin American Experiences*, organized together with the Colombian Family Welfare Institute (ICBF); the survey on cyber bullying conducted among teenagers at the Niñ@sur Seminar, and the implementation of the agreement with Paraguay's National Children's Secretariat (SNNA), through which the IIN trained 30 operators in the promotion of child participation.

These experiences have made it possible to put into practice and validate certain tools and work methods whose systematization and recovery constitute an output demanded both by the States and by civil society.

Child Participation		
Objective: To produce tools and train technical experts and facilitators in the right to participation		
Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Deliver the 2017 online course on “Promoting Child Participation”.</p> <p>1. Continue activities with Paraguay.</p> <p>2. Negotiate with a further State the signature of a MOU to train participation operators.</p>	<p><b>1. Completed</b> During the first half of the year, the course on “Promoting Child Participation” was delivered, with 30 people attending, from 13 States: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay and Venezuela.</p> <p><b>2. Completed</b> After signing a memorandum of understanding with Paraguay on providing technical assistance in the promotion of child participation, coordination began in February in order to conduct the second blended course on Protagonist Participation, to be held in the department of Alto Paraná (Ciudad del Este).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Attending this course were 26 officials from the Ministry of Education, Government and the Childhood Secretariat of the Paraguayan State.</li> </ul> <p>The first stage of the course, held online, was delivered between 20 March and 29 May. During the second phase, from 19 June to 14 July, students designed a project on participation to be implemented in their workplaces. The third and final stage, which was face-to-face, was held from 7 to 10 August in Ciudad del Este.</p>	<p>1. Revised and updated version of course on “Promoting Child Participation” for 2018.</p> <p>2. Third course on “Promoting Child Participation”. In the Southern region of Paraguay.</p> <p>3. A further MOU (possibly with Peru, Honduras, Panama or Mexico).</p>

<p>3. Conduct half-yearly monitoring (February and August) of the recommendations arising from the <i>Meeting for Child Participation in Public Policies. Sharing Latin American Experiences</i> (Colombia, June 2016) and report to the ICBF and participating children on progress in this area.</p> <p>4. Draft a paper systematizing the accumulated experience in the organization of events promoting child participation.</p>	<p><b>3. Ongoing</b></p> <p>A blended training proposal for child participation promoters was submitted to Peru and Panama.</p> <p><b>4. Ongoing</b></p> <p>4.1 The recommendations have been widely disseminated through the IIN's website and on the social networks.</p> <p>4.2 Active participation in the International Meeting on Planning and Participatory Budgeting, with children and youth, 26 July, Pereira, Risaralda (in keeping with some of the recommendations arising from the meeting on child participation in public policies).</p> <p><b>5. <u>Synthesis of accumulated experience</u></b></p> <p><b>5.1. Discussions on Child Participation</b></p> <p>❖ Discussion 1. Attended by Mexico, El Salvador, Paraguay and Uruguay. A video conference is held once a month with the technical liaison officers of these countries, with a previously established agenda and an aide mémoire drafted subsequently, on practices, tools and proposals to</p>	<p>4. A survey form to be drafted and sent to the States that took part in the Meeting in order to discover the status of the recommendations made.</p> <p>5. Draft data sheets and systematize meaningful experiences in child participation in the region. For the "Nuestra voz a colores" (Our Colourful Voices) website.</p> <p>5.2 Continue working on the identification of experiences and the creation of tools to promote participation experiences in early childhood.</p>
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	<p>promote child participation in their respective countries.</p> <p>❖ Discussion 2. Attended by Panama, Colombia, Brazil and Argentina. Similar to Discussion 1 above.</p> <p><b>5.2. A first paper drafted on participation in early childhood</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ 0 to 2 years of age.</li><li>○ 2 to 5 years of age.</li></ul> <p><b>5.3. Synthesis of online survey conducted among the children of 5 countries in Central America (476 Children Surveyed).</b></p> <p><b>6. The GRPIA is formed (Regional Advisory Group on Child Participation).</b></p> <p>A group composed of young people between 18 and 21, with experience in child participation with IIN-OAS.</p> <p>Representatives of countries of the three Americas take part: Mexico, El Salvador, Colombia, Paraguay, Peru and Uruguay. Gender representation was also taken into account (3 women, 2 men).</p> <p>Tasks performed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Proposals for the CORIA course.</li><li>• Message for the institutional videotape on the 90th anniversary.</li></ul>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of the IATP course on child participation (for adults).</li> <li>• Proposal for a course on child participation (for children and youth).</li> </ul> <p>7. Update and adjustment of the website <i>Nuestra voz a colores</i> (Our Colourful Voices).</p>	
<b>Objective: To strengthen children and youth in the self-protection of their rights</b>		
<b>Activities planned for 2017</b>	<b>Progress over Reporting Period</b>	<b>Activities planned for 2018</b>
<p>1. Take part in the activities which the Niñ@Sur Initiative is organizing in order to give continuity to the Forum on bullying and cyber-bullying and reinforce joint work on common objectives.</p> <p>1. Systematize and disseminate information gathered in the survey on “Current situation in the region to initiate discussions on different public policy (PP) experiences regarding child participation”.</p>	<p>1. Intervention at the 27th Meeting of the Permanent Commission of the Niñ@Sur Initiative, with the Presidency of Argentina.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A report on the IIN’s work on the promotion of children’s right to participate included in the regional work agenda.</li> <li>• A proposal was borne in mind about ensuring the participation of children at future meetings of the Commission. In this respect, we are working with the Presidency Pro tempore of Brazil so that this participation takes place at the next meeting of the regional bloc.</li> <li>• The work plan approved by the commission is in line with the IIN’s plan.</li> </ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Efforts are made to give continuity to cross-generational workshops relating to this issue (possibly to be held in Mexico in 2018).</li> </ul>	<p>1. Technical assistance to the presidencies pro tempore of Paraguay and Uruguay for the effective participation of children at the meetings of the Permanent Committee of the Niñ@Sur Initiative.</p> <p>2. Participation and technical assistance at the second cross-generational workshop on child participation in public policies (Mexico 2018).</p> <p>3. Technical assistance on child participation in participatory budgeting (Colombia, Peru, ...).</p> <p>Technical assistance for the inclusion of opportunities for child participation in protection systems, reaching 2 States. Conversations with Mexico and Honduras.</p>

<p>2. Draft a paper to systematize the recommendations made by the children of the region since the first Pan American Forum.</p> <p>3. Provide support to Consultative Councils and advice on their institutionalization.</p> <p>4. Create a network of child and youth correspondents who can inform and communicate on the promotion and protection of their rights and subjects that affect them.</p>	<p>3. <b>Completed</b> A paper systematizing the recommendations suggested by children (at forums, workshops, Mercosur Youth Parliament).</p> <p>4. <b>Completed</b> - Support and advice continues for national and departmental or provincial consultative councils: such as Pereira (Colombia), Colon (Panama) and the departments of Uruguay. - Contributions to the legal framework by the Consultative Councils.</p>	<p>4. Technical support for the establishment of advisory councils in Panama, Argentina, Brazil, Uruguay....</p> <p>5. Consolidation of the CORIA Network, with the publication of their articles on the networks.</p>
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<p>5. Process work agreements with the Mercosur's Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights (IPPDH) in order to organize regional surveys on violence, conducted among children.</p> <p>6. Contribute to the development of guidelines for accountability to children and youth, regarding progress in social policy.</p> <p>7. Include children's opinions in the IIN's events and resolution opportunities.</p>	<p>1. <b>Creation of the CORIA Network (Second Strategic Line)</b></p> <p>19 children and youth (aged between 12 and 17) from 8 countries. Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay.</p> <p>A four-week course is being conducted in preparation for the role of correspondents.</p> <p>2. The IPPDH-IIN agreement was approved by the 29th Meeting of High-Level Authorities in Human Rights and Foreign Ministries of the MERCOSUR and Associated Countries (RAADDHH). It is now within the purview of the CMC (The Common Market Council).</p> <p>▪ A module on public policies on children's rights (Module 12) is being included in the course on public policies on human rights delivered by Mercosur's International School of Public Policies on Human Rights (60 students enrolled from 16 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean).</p>	<p>5. Follow up for accountability procedures in the region.</p>
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<p>7.1. Carry out photography and short story competitions in celebration of the IIN's 90th anniversary.</p> <p>7.2. Ensure the participation of children and youth in the ceremony celebrating the IIN's 90th anniversary.</p> <p>7.3. Promote child participation at Directing Council Meetings.</p>	<p>8. Include the opinion of children.</p> <p><b>8.1.</b> Call gone out for photography and short story competition. 463 photographs and 1246 short stories from 8 countries were submitted.</p> <p><b>8.2.</b> A delegation from CAC Uruguay (Advisory and Consultative Council) took part in the ceremony to celebrate the IIN's 90th anniversary. A video film is also being produced containing messages and greetings from children of the Americas on the occasion of the 90th anniversary.</p> <p><b>8.3.</b> We attended the meeting of the Permanent Council of the OAS on the occasion of the first celebration of the Americas Children and Youth Day, via video conference.</p> <p><b>8.4.</b> Children and youth take part at the 92nd Meeting of the Directing Council.</p> <p>-</p>	<p>6. Child participation at Directing Council Meeting in 2018.</p> <p>7. Coordinate child participation at the meeting of the Permanent Council of the OAS, on the celebration of Americas Children and Youth Day in June 2018.</p>
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	<p><b>2.1. Ongoing</b> Support for Uruguay in the process of institutionalizing the CAC (Advisory and Consultative Council) through a draft law to be submitted to Parliament.</p> <p>The information contained in the survey on “Current situation in the region to initiate discussions on different public policy (PP) experiences regarding child participation” is being compiled and will subsequently be systematized.</p>	<p>Continued support for parliamentary processes.</p>
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	<p><b>3. Completed</b></p> <p>A workshop held on Designing, Implementing, Following Up and Evaluating Public Policies, bearing in mind aspects relating to participation and participation scenarios and bodies, with representatives of the Advisory Councils of Mexico, El Salvador, Peru, Colombia and Uruguay. City of Pereira, 22 and 23 June 2016.</p> <p>4. Implementation of the project, “Guidelines for the empowerment and protection of child rights on the Internet in Central America and the Dominican Republic”, in coordination with the Department of Social Inclusion, Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, OAS, and the support of Spanish Cooperation.</p> <p>This includes cross-generational workshops in: Costa Rica, El Salvador, Panama, Dominican Republic and Honduras, with the participation of a total of 94 children and 84 adults.</p> <p>A guide was drafted containing recommendations made by children, to be used in the cross-generational and inter-agency workshops of the Conectad@s project.</p> <p>Methodological materials and instruments were produced for the cross-generational workshops (videos, workshop notebook, techniques).</p>	<p>Continue the dissemination of outcomes and Initiate the implementation of the recommendations in at least 3 of the 5 participating States.</p> <p>Continue the line of work on “Protection of rights on the Internet through action in the States that require it”.</p>
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	<p>Online survey conducted on the use of the Internet, among 659 teenagers; and on participation, among 467.</p> <p>Recommendations. Commitments and contributions made in the workshops were systematized, returned to the States and are in the process of being disseminated.</p>	
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## **B) Issues Related to other Mandates or Prioritized by Subregion**

### **International Child Abduction**

The Inter-American Programme on International Child Abduction has traditionally been conducted thanks to the Government of the Republic of Argentina's contribution to the programme's funding.

With this support, IIN-OAS is the only regional body working in this area, promoting a number of different actions.

In 2017, work has continued on component 1 of the programme, through technical assistance to Mexico's Central Authority in relation to developing a procedures guide and designing, putting together and delivering a course specifically aimed at operators in this area in Mexico. These tasks were carried out in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the International Centre for Missing & Exploited Children (ICMEC).



## International Child Abduction

**Objective: To strengthen the capacity of the States in the prevention, legal treatment and rehabilitation of victims by means of national systems for the implementation and application of the conventions**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Draft handbooks to address ICA cases with the States' Central Authorities.</p> <p>2. Carry out ongoing updates of the IIN's website with the information provided by the ICA Programme.</p> <p>3. Produce user-friendly material on the consequences for child development of being subjected to abduction and the court proceedings involved in restitution, with the purpose of raising awareness in parents and supporting out-of-court settlement.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b> A Procedural Guide is being drafted for the International Return of Children Department of Mexico's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.</p> <p><b>Completed</b> Information on Central Authorities and material on the subject have been updated.</p> <p><b>Deferred</b> A project which will enable this activity to be completed has been submitted to the Project Evaluation Committee of the OAS.</p>	<p>Produce at least 1 handbook with the Central Authority of one of the Member States.</p> <p>Hold a sub-regional meeting with the Central Authorities of the States of South America.</p> <p>Update the website.</p> <p>Produce (if the project is approved) user-friendly material on the consequences for child development of being subjected to abduction and the court proceedings involved in restitution, with the purpose of raising awareness in parents and supporting out-of-court settlement.</p> <p>Design the online Inter-American Course on International Child</p>

<p>4. Design the online Inter-American Course on International Child Abduction, in Spanish and in English.</p>	<p><b>Completed</b></p> <p>The online Inter-American Course on International Child Abduction has been delivered in Spanish, as part of the IATP.</p> <p>It was attended by 37 students from 16 States (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay).</p> <p>With regard to the version in English of this course, efforts have been made to identify the most appropriate content to cater to the common law system and the special features prevailing in the Caribbean.</p> <p>Attended by 26 persons from 11 States: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Paraguay and Uruguay</p>	<p>Abduction, in Spanish and in English.</p>
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## Migrant Children

The General Assembly of the OAS, by means of resolution AG/RES. 2883 (XLVI-O/16), adopted the “Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, Including Migrant Workers and their Families”.

The IIN is a stakeholder in this programme, together with the General Secretariat, the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM) and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), as well as other bodies, agencies and entities of the OAS, which enables us to synchronize these issues with the protection and reintegration of child victims of trafficking in persons.

The principal activities in this line focused on developing links with the Committee on Migration Issues, within the framework of this Inter-American programme, and with the International Organization for Migration, with which we share common work issues; among them, the design of a course on migrant children, to be included in the IIN’s Inter-American Training Programme.

There are plans to deliver this course on migrant children in 2018.

<b>Migrant Children</b>		
<b>Objective: To promote the rights of migrant children, especially those who are unaccompanied</b>		
<b>Activities planned for 2017</b>	<b>Progress over Reporting Period</b>	<b>Activities planned for 2018</b>
<p>1. Disseminate and follow-up advisory opinion OC-21/14 “Rights and Guarantees of Children in the context of Migration and/or in need of International Protection”, in the areas identified.</p> <p>2. Gather and systematize the different experiences relating to the application of existing protocols for prevention, care and protection.</p> <p>3. Share and disseminate the synthesis produced via the IIN’s website and the various existing coordination venues in the area.</p> <p>4. Coordinate a proposal for an activity in the context of the Inter-American Programme with the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM).</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b> An analysis of the advisory opinion is included among the contents and activities to be developed in the course that the IIN is designing on these matters, together with the IOM, as a means of ensuring its circulation.</p> <p><b>Deferred</b></p> <p><b>Deferred</b> This activity is directly related to the previous one.</p> <p>As a stakeholder of the Inter-American Programme for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, Including Migrant Workers and their Families, when submitting its annual report, the IIN held a work meeting with the Committee on Migration Issues (CAM), at which the IIN presented the activities it conducts, thus laying the groundwork for the realization of some future joint activity in the context of the programme.</p>	<p>Continue disseminating and analysing the advisory opinion during the course to be delivered as part of the Inter-American Training Programme (IATP) and other events related to these issues in which the IIN takes part.</p> <p>Gather and systematize the different experiences relating to the application of existing protocols for prevention, care and protection.</p> <p>Share and disseminate the synthesis produced via the IIN’s website and the various existing coordination opportunities in these matters.</p> <p>Hold a meeting with the Committee on Migration Issues in Washington (at the time when the IIN submits its annual report to the OAS), in order to decide upon joint actions.</p>

<p>5. Circulate the positive practices matrix in relation to migrant children and perform actions with a view to enabling horizontal and triangular cooperation.</p>	<p><b>Completed</b> Information remitted by 8 States in answer to the survey has been systematized. The document has been uploaded to the IIN's website. Actions have been initiated seeking to establish cooperation links between the States that responded to the survey.</p>	<p>Continue promoting actions with a view to establishing horizontal and triangular cooperation.</p>
<p><b>Objective: To strengthen the technical capacity of protection and migration systems in the human rights of children and in the care and protection of migrant children, especially those who are unaccompanied.</b></p>		
<p><b>Activities planned for 2017</b></p>	<p><b>Progress over Reporting Period</b></p>	<p><b>Activities planned for 2018</b></p>
<p>1. Content developed and a course on the care and protection of migrant children delivered. It is hoped to deliver this course in coordination with the IOM.</p>	<p><b>Ongoing</b> A cooperative relationship was formally established with the International Organization for Migration (IOM), with the purpose of designing and delivering a course jointly. The IOM has a course that focuses on Central America, so the first step was identifying content that needed to be adapted so that it also includes a focus on the other sub-regions in America.</p>	<p>Finish putting the course together and incorporate it into the IIN's Inter-American Training Programme, in coordination with IOM.</p>

## The Promotion of Child Rights in Natural Disaster Risk Management

The risk of infringing the rights of children increases during natural disasters and emergencies and, therefore, protecting and safeguarding their rights is an increasingly important issue which is attracting greater attention on the part of child protection systems and their governing bodies.

This special attention caused the IIN to incorporate the issue among its activities and to maintain it in its current Action Plan. However, the lack of funds has compelled the IIN to diminish its actions in this area, restricting them to publishing the documents it has generated on the website and at events related to the subject in which the IIN takes part. Most particularly, to the regular delivery within the Inter-American Training Programme of the course on “Protection of Children’s Rights in Disaster Risk Management”, in Spanish and in English.

We are also working on designing a project which will make it possible to raise funds in order to increase activity in this line. The progress report on this is included in this report, in the section on coordination with the Caribbean.

## The Promotion of Child Rights in Disaster Risk Management

**Objective: To strengthen the technical capacity of the States in designing and/or improving public policy for child care in disaster emergencies, with a rights-based approach**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Disseminate the “Policy Framework”, which contains guidelines for the design of public policies aimed at comprehensive care, promoting child rights and protection in disaster risk management and addressing emergencies with a rights-based approach, and its three complementary guides in identified areas.</p> <p>2. Deliver the course on “Protection of Children’s Rights in Disaster Risk Management” in Spanish and in English.</p>	<p><b>1. Completed</b></p> <p>The policy framework, its guides and other documents on the subject are circulated by means of the IIN’s social networks.</p> <p><b>2. Ongoing</b></p> <p>The course in its versions in Spanish and in English is being delivered as part of the IATP.</p> <p>Spanish course had the participation from 9 States: Argentina, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, México, Panamá, Paraguay, República Dominicana.</p> <p>English course had the participation from 3 States: Barbados, Canada and United States.</p>	<p>Continue disseminating the “Policy Framework” which includes guidelines for the development of public policies aimed at comprehensive care, promoting child rights and protection in disaster risk management and addressing emergencies with a rights-based approach, and its three complementary guides in identified areas in which the IIN takes part.</p> <p>Deliver the course on “Protection of Children’s Rights in Disaster Risk Management” in Spanish and in English.</p>

## C) Institutional Strengthening to Promote a Rights-Based Culture

### Communications Strategy

When Action Plan 2015-2019 was discussed and subsequently adopted, we highlighted the need for a clear communications policy that would make it possible to make visible the actions and outputs of the IIN and, at the same time, would serve as a means of disseminating the actions of the States and our strategic partners.

This communication-related task is central to the work of building a culture of rights.

Two years after the adoption of the Plan, progress in this area is very clear. The IIN is present on the social networks and its activities are posted in real time to be shared by the international community.

However, beyond its efforts in dissemination and awareness-raising, the IIN's communications team has publicized and supported the Inter-American Training Programme, and published *IIN-fancia*, the institutional newsletter, in Spanish and in English, as part of the IIN's 90th anniversary celebrations, and is preparing Issue N° 4 to be published in November 2017.

The celebration of the IIN's 90th anniversary has been an opportunity to share with the region some serious thoughts on our history and validity, with the communications team playing a key role in these efforts.

As a challenge to overcome, we should note that the appointment of "communications liaison officers" by the States has been more laborious than we expected. We therefore issue an invitation to the States that still have not done so, to formalize the appointment of a liaison officer to handle these tasks.



**Institutional Communication Strategy. Communications policy at the service of developing a rights-based culture.**

**Objective: To make the IIN's actions as the OAS body working for child rights visible**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Update the contents of the IIN's websites, ICA and Our Colourful Voices, on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>2. Publish issues notes and website contents in at least 2 of the official languages of the OAS.</p> <p>3. Enter into agreements with States and regional organizations to use and disseminate the IIN's communications output, with accessibility criteria for vulnerable groups.</p> <p>4. Produce and publish <i>IINfancia</i> Newsletter N° 3 and 4, in English and in Spanish. This publication will coincide with the celebration of the IIN's 90th anniversary.</p> <p>5. Provide the area's support to the Training Programme (IATP).</p>	<p><b>Completed</b> Content for the IIN's website has been produced and published.</p> <p><b>Completed</b> Issues notes published on the IIN's website have been translated into English and circulated.</p> <p><b>Completed</b> After exchanging ideas, a prologue is drafted for the guide produced by ANAR - Peru "New ways to build news on children and youth. A reference guide for journalism with a focus on rights".</p> <p><b>Completed</b> Design, publication and circulation of <u><i>IINfancia</i> Newsletter N° 3</u> July 2017. Its central theme is the IIN's 90th anniversary. Newsletter N° 4 will be published in November 2017.</p> <p><b>5.1 . Completed</b> The 1st and 2nd semester courses of the Inter-American Training Programme (IATP) were promoted on the website and social media.</p>	<p>1. Permanent updates of the contents of the websites: ICA, BADAJ, Our Colourful Voices and IIN.</p> <p>2. Translate and publish briefing notes and website contents in at least 2 of the official languages of the OAS.</p> <p>4. Produce and publish <i>IINfancia</i> Newsletter N° 5 and 6, in English and in Spanish.</p> <p>5. Provide the area's support to the Training Programme (IATP).</p>

<p>5.1. Circulate the range of courses offered for the first and second semesters 2017.</p> <p>5.2. Create a digital mechanism (QRL Code) to enable the validation of IATP certificates online.</p> <p><b>6.</b> Disseminate the material and publications of the Dr Luis Morquio Specialized Library, for users consulting on-site and online.</p> <p><b>7.</b> Design and develop open activities for children who can gain access to the IIN headquarters, or participate virtually throughout the Americas.</p>	<p><b>5.2 . Completed</b></p> <p>A QR Code created and inserted on the certificates of participants who successfully completed their courses, with the purpose of validating them online with the words “Officially Certified by IIN-OAS ”.</p> <p><b>5.3.</b> An image is designed for the course on Violence and Child Rights... Building Peaceful Environments.</p> <p><b>5.4.</b> A technical data sheet designed for the course on International Child Abduction.</p> <p><b>5.5.</b> Certificates of attendance and others are designed for participants and coordinators of online and blended courses.</p> <p><b>6. Ongoing</b></p> <p>Books, standards and legislation databases (Excel, Wordpress, Access) unified in order to provide an online consulting service.</p> <p><b>7. Completed</b></p> <p><b>7.1.</b> On Book Day (26 May 2017) in Uruguay, a group of children from School N° 210 “Petrona Viera” of Montevideo (An A.N.E.P-C.E.I.P. school for children with intellectual disabilities) visited the Dr Luis Morquio Specialized Library. The visitors were given children’s books on rights and material for educators, and video films on child rights were screened.</p>	<p><b>5.1.</b> Circulate the range of courses offered for the first and second semesters 2018.</p> <p><b>5.2.</b> Devise a more complex registration system so that people receive automatic confirmation e-mails on their applications and the Institute receives an e-mail which will serve to view registrations and feed the database.</p> <p><b>6.</b> Unify books, standards and legislation databases (Excel, Wordpress, Access) in order to provide an online consulting service.</p>
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<p>8. Design an institutional brochure.</p> <p>9. Design a new image for the covers and front pages of IIN publications.</p> <p>10. Carry out commemorative activities for the IIN's 90th anniversary, promoting its visibility in the region. Among other tasks: design a 90th anniversary logo.</p>	<p>7.2. An joint area of participation was set up: the CORIA Network (Child and Youth Correspondents), composed of 19 children from 8 countries (Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, and Uruguay).</p> <p>7.3. A Workshop on Participation and Communication was designed and delivered online, on the Edmodo platform. There have been educational activities on the human rights of children and youth, participation and communication.</p> <p><b>8. Not performed</b></p> <p><b>9. Covers for the following papers were designed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic principles of public policies to safeguard children's right to participate.</li> <li>• Fifteenth Report to the Secretary General of the OAS. Addressing Sexual Exploitation, Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Region. Twenty Years after Stockholm.</li> </ul> <p><b>10. Completed</b></p> <p>10.1. A commemorative logo for the 90th anniversary was designed and used on stationery and digital media updates. The new logo will be used until 30 December 2017.</p>	<p>8. Design an institutional brochure or flyer.</p> <p>8.1. Design a commercial pack for the exclusive use of fundraising. It should contain the fullest possible information on the Institute, as well as on its projects and achievements.</p> <p>7. A yearly programme produced and disseminated on historical dates and events related to issues concerning children and youth in the region.</p>
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10.2. A logo, credentials and certificates were designed for the CORIA Network.

10.3. A video was produced with the collaboration of children from the CORIA Network and former Consultative Council representatives as part of the celebrations for “Americas Children and Youth Day” and the “IIN’s 90th Anniversary”. The video film was screened at the Regular Meeting of the Permanent Council of the OAS (7 June 2017).

10.4. A call was sent out for short stories on the theme, “Rights should not be a tall tale”, and 1246 children’s stories were sent in from: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay and Uruguay.

10.5. There was a call for photographs for “The Rights Album”, which resulted in 463 contributions from children and youth from: Argentina, Bolivia, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico and Paraguay.

**10.6.** An evaluating committee was formed to appraise the photographs and short stories, with distinguished personalities related to the fields of human rights, childhood and youth and the arts. These persons are: **Short stories on “Rights should not be a tall tale”**

- Adriana Pelusi. Playwright and screenwriter for films and television. Mexico.
- Ceceile Minott. Acting Head of the Caribbean Child Development Centre (CCDC) Jamaica.
- Ignacio Martínez. Writer and playwright. Uruguay.
- Maria Eunice Garrido Barbieri. Teacher and writer. Brazil.
- Peggy Martínez. Psychopedagogy graduate. Paraguay.

- Sara Oviedo Fierro. Vice-President of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child. Ecuador.
- Sheila Roseau. Deputy Regional Director of the Regional Office for Latin American and the Caribbean (UNFPA). Antigua and Barbuda.

**Photographic Exhibition, “The Rights Album”**

- Contanza Argentieri. Lawyer and human rights educator. Argentina.
- Damián Siqueiros. Photographer. Mexico.
- Margaret Gillis. Executive and Innovation Leader. Canada.
- Mathias Escotto. Photographer. Uruguay.
- Patricia Horna. Expert in Child Rights. Peru.
- Stella Villagrán. Library science graduate. Uruguay.

**11.** A logo was designed for the 92nd Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN (Barbados).

**12.** A logo and certificates were designed for the workshop on “Sustainable Development in Violence-Free Environments”, held in Paraguay (28 and 29 July), which the IIN helped to organize.

**13.** Briefing notes produced on meetings, events open to the press or the public, workshops, courses, etc., with the purpose of taking an active part in the OAS Agenda (from August 2016 to the present).

	<p>14. A hemerography was produced with journalistic articles collected on the history of the IIN from 1927 to the present, as a contribution to the Photographic Exhibition organized by the Columbus Memorial Library in the Main Building and the Administration Building of the OAS, which was opened on 7 June 2017 as part of the 90th Anniversary celebrations.</p>	
<p><b>Objective: To position the IIN's website as a regional pacesetter on child rights and public policies</b></p>		
<p><b>Activities planned for 2017</b></p>	<p><b>Progress over Reporting Period</b></p>	<p><b>Activities planned for 2018</b></p>
<p>1. Restructure and update the <i>Nuestra Voz a Colores</i> website [Our Colourful Voices], in order to promote child participation.</p> <p>2. Produce an institutional video film and thematic videos to reinforce the initial rights promotion strategy.</p> <p>2.1. Produce and edit the IIN's institutional video film.</p> <p>2.2. Produce and edit a short documentary on Dr Luis Morquio.</p> <p>2.3. Produce and edit micro institutional films on thematic line actions.</p>	<p><b>1. Completed</b></p> <p>1.1. Logo for Our Colourful Voices designed.</p> <p>1.2. Website in Spanish redesigned.</p> <p>1.3. New design for the AnnaObserve website, due to hacking incidents.</p> <p><b>2. Not performed</b></p> <p>2.2. 2.2. 2.3. The plan to work with Uruguay's Communication Institute (IC- Fic- UDELAR) on the production and editing of the institutional videos was discarded, owing to the high price we were quoted.</p>	<p>1. Redesign the Our Colourful Voices website in English.</p> <p>2. Redesign the ICA website, update its contents and evaluate its security system.</p> <p>3. Check each website's security once a month in order to prevent further hacking incidents.</p> <p>4. Disseminate and share the OAS's and strategic partners' contents on our websites and social networks.</p> <p>5. Publish and share content relating to the Action Plan, thematic lines, specialized pages, newsletters, publications, resolutions, special dates, activities, missions and</p>

<p><b>3.</b> Disseminate OAS's and strategic partners' content on website and social networks.</p> <p><b>4.</b> Disseminate institutional publications and content hosted on our websites: IIN, ICA, ANNAObserva, Our Colourful Voices and 21st Congress, as well as special dates, missions, regional activities.</p> <p><b>5.</b> Implement the communications strategy.</p>	<p><b>3. Completed (and Ongoing)</b> The OAS's and strategic partners' contents are published on our websites and social networks.</p> <p><b>4. Completed (and Ongoing)</b> Content relating to the Action Plan, thematic lines, specialized pages, newsletters, publications, resolutions, special dates, activities, missions and news about States and strategic partners, among other matters is published and shared.</p> <p><b>5. Completed (and Ongoing)</b> The institutional communications strategy is designed and implemented.</p>	<p>news about States and strategic partners, among other matters.</p> <p><b>6.</b> Design an institutional style guide.</p>
<p><b>Objective: To facilitate access to productions and experience in child-related issues with a rights-based perspective</b></p>		
<p><b>Activities planned for 2017</b></p>	<p><b>Progress over Reporting Period</b></p>	<p><b>Activities planned for 2018</b></p>
<p><b>1.</b> Continue discussions with the States on the appointment of liaison officers to the Inter-American Network of Technical Liaison Officers on Communication (RIEC, in Spanish) in at least 50% of member States.</p>	<p><b>1.1. Deferred</b> Ongoing discussions with the 6 States that appointed liaisons: Mexico, Paraguay, Bolivia, Colombia, Panama and Uruguay (18%). No appointments to the RIEC have been received this period.</p> <p><b>2. Completed</b> An area on "Culture and Rights" is set up on the website with a view to disseminating significant artistic and cultural practices and prevention and promotion campaigns linked to child rights. States: Argentina, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Paraguay and Uruguay.</p>	<p><b>2.</b> Update the "Culture and Rights" area on an ongoing basis, including the good practices of new States.</p>

<p><b>2.</b> Have at least 6 States in the region (1 from the English-speaking Caribbean) act as reference points in the “Culture and Rights” area.</p> <p><b>3.</b> Update and disseminate the information from the States provided by the RIEC.</p>	<p><b>2.1. Completed</b> The IIN conducted a research study on current campaigns for promotion, prevention and protection of the enjoyment of child rights, and actions related to child rights involving cultural, recreational and/or artistic activities in any of their areas (music, drama, audiovisual competitions, cultural events, play, etc.). No answers have yet been received from the States.</p> <p><b>3.1 In process</b> The IIN was in contact with the RIEC to disseminate the bulletins and information of interest for the Region.</p>	
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## Strengthening relations with the Committee on the Rights of the Child

Further to the mandates received at the 90th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council (Guatemala, November 2015), follow-up was provided on the comments made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child to the States in the region, using them as a guide to organize and identify priorities regarding the technical assistance provided by IIN.

The elections carried out by the Committee on the Rights of the Child led to reduced numbers of American specialists serving on the Committee. However, Mr Luis Pedernera joined the Committee and we have been building a smooth working relationship with him.

One of the developments during the year has been the strengthening of the IIN's relationship with the United Nations system.

In addition to our relationship with the Committee, we have been consolidating our links with

the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Special Representative on Violence.

The United Nations' inclusion in the **SDGs of Goal 16.2: “End abuse, exploitation, trafficking, and all forms of violence against and torture against children”** strengthens the possibility of coordinating our actions.

Joint actions were carried out by the Office, UNICEF and the IIN; among them, a Note sent to the States of Barbados, Saint Kitts and Nevis and Trinidad and Tobago to urge their ratification of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Sale of Children, Child Prostitution and Child Pornography.

For the third consecutive year, the IIN was invited to take part in the High-Level Cross-Regional Roundtable on Violence Against Children held in Manila, in June 2017.

The presence of Ms Marta Santos Pais at the 92nd Meeting of the Directing Council has been arranged.

## Strengthening relations with the Committee on the Rights of the Child

**Objective: To position the IIN as a regional pacesetter to accompany and support the implementation of the CRC**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018	Indicator/Goal 2019
<p>1. Update the paper on the comments and recommendations made by the Committee to the States of the region, on the basis of new country reports and comments.</p> <p>2. Continue the process of disseminating and incorporating the Committee's comments and recommendations in the States' policies.</p>	<p><b>I. Completed</b> The paper containing the reports submitted during the year has been updated. Work agreements entered into with Luis Pedernera. Contact maintained with Juan Ángel Rodríguez. The resolution on the media adopted by the Directing Council was remitted to the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, with a copy sent to the American representatives.</p> <p><b>1.1. Completed</b> The IIN made technical contributions to the General Comment on investment in childhood (General Comment N° 19) and has coordinated activities for its dissemination.</p> <p><b>1. Completed</b> An updated synthesis paper has been produced, on the basis of the lines related to the Action Plan.</p>	<p>We intend to maintain a close relationship with the Committee through its two Latin American members.</p> <p>Ways to circulate General Comment N° 19 and incorporate it in the budget policies of the States of the region coordinated with civil society organizations.</p> <p>Continue updating this paper.</p>	<p>The IIN is able to build a relationship entailing ongoing conversations with the CRC, through inter-agency events and communications.</p>

	<p><b>2. Completed</b> A conference on investment to be held at the World Congress (Paraguay, November). Conversations held with GMC in order to coordinate work on the issue in the region.</p>		
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## Formalizing and Strengthening the Human Resources Training Programme

The principal activities in this area include strengthening the Inter-American Training Programme (IATP) and making the IIN's Trainee Programme official.

With respect to the IATP, we should note that, in an effort to reduce the previous year's high drop-out rate, we have produced a number of tools, among which are: Regulations of the Inter-American Training Programme, a Participant Data Sheet and a Letter of Commitment. These last two will be required in the selection process.

In relation to our range of courses, we should highlight the inclusion of a *Course on International Child Abduction*, in English, among our regular courses, and two special courses delivered jointly with the States requesting them. Namely: *A blended course on Promoting Child Participation*, in agreement with the Protagonist Participation Directorate of Paraguay's National Children's Secretariat, and a course on *Child Rights adapted to the situation in Mexico*, together with the DIF (an experience involving the transfer of training capacity).

Bearing in mind our targets for 2019, we should report that objectives concerning our range of courses in English and the number of States reached through this activity have been met. In addition, we anticipate fulfilling the goal of "2000 students enrolled in the IIN's courses", considering that 798 persons enrolled in 2016 and the first half of 2017 (636 in our regular courses and 162 in special courses), to which we should add 428 persons reached by courses in Peru, conducted with the technical support of the IIN.

In view of the extent of information available and that the second semester courses begin in September, we shall submit a full report on the performance of the IATP in 2017 at the end of the year.

The Trainee Programme was made official and 6 people joined the team of the IIN in this way, making contributions in different areas and issues.

### Formalizing and Strengthening the IIN's Human Resources Training Programme

**Objective: To assist the States technically in training public officials and professional practitioners in various issues related to child rights**

Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Publish the range of courses offered by the IATP through all of the IIN's means of communication.</p> <p>2. Implement the IATP's regular courses, including the new blended course on Violence and the English version of the course on International Child Abduction.</p> <p>2.1. Work together with the States, through the Directing Council, on the selection of candidates.</p> <p>2.2. Select candidates who applied in response to our open call.</p> <p>2.3. Deliver tutoring for the courses (during the online stage).</p> <p>2.4. Produce final report for each course and annual report on the Training Programme.</p>	<p><b>1. Completed</b> During the months of March and July-August, the courses offered in the first and second semesters respectively are publicized through the social networks and the IIN's website. The States also receive this information through DG Notes 14/17 (March) and 58/17 (July).</p> <p><b>2. First Semester: Completed</b> The following courses were delivered during the first semester: Introduction to Child Rights (in English and in Spanish); Planning and Administering Comprehensive Early Childhood Policies with a Rights-Based Perspective; Promoting Child Participation; International Child Abduction (in Spanish).</p> <p>We received a total of <b>1009 applicants: 305 from the States, 689 from the open call, and 15 from organizations with which we had agreements</b> (whose quotas were guaranteed).</p> <p>In view of the high drop-out rates in previous years, in 2017 we implemented a strategy to strengthen attendees' commitment and ensure their participation, with specific consequences in case of non-compliance. To this end, we drafted some Regulations for the Inter-American Training Programme, and a Participant Data Sheet and Letter of Commitment as requirements of the selection process.</p>	<p>1. Deliver the IATP's regular range of courses.</p> <p>1.1. Publish the range of courses offered by the IATP through all of the IIN's means of communication.</p> <p>1.2. Work together with the States, through the Directing Council, on the call for and selection of candidates.</p> <p>1.3. Select candidates who applied in response to our open call.</p> <p>1.4. Deliver tutoring for the courses .</p> <p>1.5. Draft the Annual Performance Report on the IATP.</p> <p>2. Maintain the courses we offer in English (3).</p>

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>3. Identify, design and deliver courses (online or blended) beyond the regular supply, according to topics prioritized in the Action Plan, or at the request of the States (if applicable).</li><li>4. Maintain links with the Portal of the Americas (OAS).<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4.1. Establish agreements for the mutual dissemination of courses offered.</li><li>4.2. Create a self-administered course as part of the IATP range of courses on the Portal Platform, if resources are sufficient.</li></ol></li><li>5. Continue to coordinate with the Mercosur's Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights, in order to join forces in training proposals for the lines prioritized in the Action Plan.</li></ol>
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<p>3. Maintain the courses we offer in English (3).</p> <p>4. Identify and develop new online courses in line with the issues prioritized in the Action Plan, or at the request of the States (if applicable).</p> <p>5. Offer blended courses to the States with which agreements are reached and counterparts established.</p>	<p><b>171 candidates</b> enrolled (115 nominated by the States, 41 from the open call and 15 from organizations with agreements), reaching a total of <b>26 States</b>: Argentina, Austria, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Jamaica, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Spain, Suriname, Uruguay, Venezuela.</p> <p>The States were informed of the candidates selected through Note DG 27/17 (May 2017).</p> <p><b>101 persons approved the courses.</b> (75 postulated by the States, 24 by the opened call, and 2 from organizations we have signed agreements)</p> <p>The States were informed of the performance of their students in the first semester through Note DG 67/17 (August, 2016).</p> <p><b>Second Semester: Ongoing</b></p> <p>The following courses will be delivered during the second semester: Youth in Conflict with Criminal Law; Child Rights and the Media; The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children; Protecting Child Rights in Disaster Risk Management (in Spanish and in English), and International Child Abduction (in English).</p> <p>We are in the process of calling for applications, pre-selecting, selecting and enrolling candidates.</p> <p>We are working with International Children's Villages on the design of a course on <i>Violence and Child Rights... Building Peaceful</i></p>	
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<p><b>6.</b> Maintain links with the Portal of the Americas (OAS).</p> <p>6.1. Establish agreements for the mutual dissemination of courses offered.</p> <p>6.2. Create a self-administered course as part of the IATP range of courses on the Portal Platform, if resources are sufficient.</p> <p><b>7.</b> Enter into work agreements with the Mercosur's Institute of Public Policies on Human Rights, in order to join forces in training proposals for the lines prioritized in the Action Plan.</p> <p><b>8.</b> Jointly organize the 7th Colloquium of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Education in Human Rights (RedLaCEDH). Montevideo, 14, 15 and 16 September 2017. This activity involves the Human Rights Institute, the network of universities for human rights and governmental authorities from different countries of the region.</p>	<p><i>Environments.</i> Its implementation is planned for the remainder of the year.</p> <p>An annual report on IATP will be submitted at the end of the year.</p> <p><b>3. Completed</b> The IATP includes three courses in English: Introduction to Child Rights; Protecting Child Rights in Emergencies and Disasters; and International Child Abduction.</p> <p><b>4. Completed</b> In the frame of the project of construction of a network of childhood correspondents of the IIN (see details in the section on Participation), a virtual workshop is designed for children and teenagers whom the States have appointed as correspondents. 19 children representing 8 States participated: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Mexico, Paraguay, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay.</p> <p>At the request of the Ministry of Tourism of Uruguay, we are designing a proposal for a blended course on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the context of travel and tourism. No progress has been made regarding agreements.</p> <p><b>5. Ongoing</b> In agreement with the Protagonist Participation Directorate of Paraguay's National Children's Secretariat, we are implementing the second blended course on Promoting Child Participation, with 26 participants.</p>	
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**6. Deferred**

The agreement on the mutual dissemination of courses entered into last year has not been put into practice. There was no progress on designing a self-administered IATP course on the Portal Platform. Contact will be resumed next year.

**7. Completed**

On the basis of an agreement with the Mercosur's IPPDH, it is decided to include a specific module on child rights and public policies in its *International Course on Public Policies on Human Rights*, to be designed by the IIN.

A required and complementary reading list has been produced and online tutoring will take place during the relevant week.

**8. Completed**

The IIN is jointly organizing the 7th Colloquium of the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Education in Human Rights (RedLaCEDH) (Montevideo, 14-16 September 2017) and is responsible for the organization of the focal point on: Childhood and Youth.

Objective: To promote agreements with the States for the methodological transfer and installation of national capacity to deliver courses		
Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Promote the installation of national training systems in States that request it and/or with those with which agreements and counterparts are established.</p>	<p><b>1. Ongoing</b> In February, Mexico requested the IIN to deliver a course on Introduction to Child Rights, on an exclusive basis, and asked about the possibility of starting up a process for training trainers. The lack of financial and human resources prevented us from offering a specially tailored course at the time, so we suggested combining both requests and that they should appoint future trainers to participate in the regular course. Once they had completed it, begin with them the process of adapting the course content to the situation in Mexico. Under this agreement, 6 persons took part in the course, and 3 of them completed it satisfactorily. The adaptation process begins in August with these and other persons appointed for the task. We anticipate delivering the course in 2018.</p>	<p>1. Promote the installation of national training systems in States that request it and/or with those with which agreements and counterparts are established.</p> <p>1.1. Continue working with Mexico, through the DIF, on implementing the adjusted course on <i>Introduction to Child Rights</i>.</p> <p>1.2. Work with Mexico's National Human Rights Commission on the design and/or implementation of a course on Child Rights adapted to their institutional needs.</p>
Objective: To promote knowledge and awareness of the Inter-American System and its reality in issues relating to child rights to advanced students and/or professionals in the region		
Activities planned for 2017	Progress over Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Ongoing contact with the OAS's Internship Programme, should it continue.</p>	<p><b>1. Completed</b> The IIN is in permanent contact with the Internship Programme of the OAS's Department of Human Resources. The programme is organized in 3 periods (Feb-May, Jun-Aug, Sept-Dec), with only one trainee selected per period.</p>	<p>1. Maintain constant contact with the OAS Internship Programme and select trainees through the programme, according to the needs of the Institute as regards</p>

<p>2. Send out a call for trainees at the initiative of the IIN.</p> <p>3. Conduct internship programme.</p> <p>3.1. Determine the needs of the Institute in relation to human resources for each period of the internship programme.</p> <p>3.2. Evaluate, interview and select at least 6 candidates from the applications received to the internship programme.</p> <p>3.3. Trainee management.</p> <p>3.3.1. Induction in the IIN's field of work.</p> <p>3.3.2. Jointly identify the objectives of the internship.</p>	<p><b>2. Completed</b> The IIN's Internship Programme was formalized, with two yearly periods: April-July and August-November. A call was sent out for both periods through the website and social networks, between the months of January and March, and a total of 21 applications were received. For further information, see: <a href="http://iinadmin.com/public/convocatoria-pasantias-2017/">http://iinadmin.com/public/convocatoria-pasantias-2017/</a></p> <p><b>3. Completed</b> All of the stages planned to select and support 8 trainees have been met. Trainees selected are: 2 trainees from the OAS Internship Program, from: Uruguay (resident of the United Kingdom) and Venezuela (resident of Spain). 6 trainees from the IIN's Internship Programme, from: Chile, France (resident of Uruguay), Uruguay and Venezuela.</p>	<p>human resources for each period.</p> <p>2. Implement the IIN's Internship Programme and select trainees, according to the needs of the Institute as regards human resources for each period.</p> <p>3. Conduct internship programme.</p> <p>3.1. Induction of trainees in the IIN's field of work.</p> <p>3.2. Jointly identify the objectives of the internship.</p> <p>3.3. Support each trainee during his/her internship.</p>
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3.3.3. Support each trainee during his/her internship.		
<b>Objective: To promote the continuing training of the IIN's technical team in subjects considered relevant for the development of the Action Plan</b>		
<b>Activities planned for 2017</b>	<b>Progress over Reporting Period</b>	<b>Activities planned for 2018</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Strengthen the training of the IIN's technical team in gender issues, through new training activities.</li> <li>2. Draft an institutional position paper on the subject of gender, from the perspective of children and youth.</li> <li>3. Promote training activities for the IIN's technical team in new issues, which will improve our institutional practices.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Deferred</b></li>   <li><b>2. Ongoing</b> The paper is in its final stages. It is being validated by means of discussions with regional experts.</li>   <li><b>3. Completed</b> The IIN's technical team took part in a training session on <i>Teen Motherhood and Social Inequalities</i>, led by Drs Carmen Varela and Alejandra López Gómez (31 August 17).</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Promote training activities for the IIN's technical team, which will improve our institutional practices.</li> </ol>

## Strengthening the Directing Council

The Directing Council during the period of this report has maintained a high rotation of the representatives.

Work has been done on the orientation and incorporation of new representatives, sharing their interests and promoting the continuity of existing work agreements. It should be noted that there are important changes in the region in reference to the institutions that address the issues of childhood in the different States.

In this sense, the place traditionally defined as "the highest childhood authority of the State" has been modified. In a number of States, the emergence of Protection Systems or the inclusion of Child Directorates within ministries that address broader social issues mean that representation to the Directing Council can emerge from different institutional spaces.

Particular interest has been devoted to working with the Caribbean. This emphasis has allowed a greater participation of the States of the sub-region in some thematic areas such as the enrolment in the PIC courses, the presence through articles in the IINfancia Bulletin and the identification of "Good practices" on the eradication of violence.

However, we must recognize that participation and communications with the Caribbean States are slow and laborious, aiming to achieve a greater level of dialogue in the coming year to identify and respond to the needs of the States of the sub region.

It is hoped that the 92nd Meeting of the Directing Council in Barbados and the availability of resources for a greater presence of the IIN will contribute to the construction of a scenario with greater presence and dialogue with the Caribbean states.

Strengthening the Directing Council		
Objective: To expand participation of an increasing number of States of the Inter-American System in the IIN's activities		
Activities planned for 2017	Achievements over the Reporting Period	Activities planned for 2018
<p>1. Update and introduce new representatives whenever new appointments are made by the States.</p> <p>2. Promote online meetings with members of the Directing Council, organized by sub-region.</p>	<p><b>Completed</b> The credentials of State representatives have been updated, with a special focus when there has been a change of authorities.</p> <p><b>Completed</b> Regular contact established with representatives, with a priority on those who recently joined the Directing Council (Argentina, Canada, Chile, Guatemala, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, United States).</p> <p><b>Deferred</b> The number of changes taking place among representatives has hindered this activity.</p> <p><b>Ongoing</b> The States have been consulted and information is being processed.</p> <p><b>Completed</b> An agreement has been reached with the Uruguayan Agency for International Cooperation (AUCI).</p> <p><b>Completed</b> The full-time dedication of a senior specialist allows for improved coordination.</p>	

	<p>A specific work proposal has been made for the Caribbean. Caribbean specialists were included in the first two issues of the <i>IINfancia</i> Newsletter.</p> <p><b>Completed</b> The scope of the amendment to article 6 was widely circulated among the members of the Directing Council.</p>	
<p><b>Objective: To establish representatives to the DC as links between the IIN and their respective countries during periods between meetings</b></p>		
<p><b>Activities planned for 2017</b></p>	<p><b>Achievements over the Reporting Period</b></p>	<p><b>Activities planned for 2018</b></p>
	<p><b>Completed</b> All representatives joining the Directing Council are informed of the job profile and formal requirements.</p>	<p>Continue with the information to the new members of the Directing Council</p>

### III. Summary of the Status of the Action Plan

Thematic Line	Activities Planned for 2017	Concluded	Ongoing	Scheduled	Postponed
Violence and violations of child rights in different settings and at different cycles of life	12	8	2	2	-
Early Childhood	11	5	6	-	-
Sexual Violence and Sexual Exploitation	21	13	7	1	-
Juvenile Justice	4	2	2	-	-
International Child Abduction	4	2	1	1	-
Migrant Children	6	2	2	1	1
Promoting Child Rights in Disaster Risk Management	2	1	1	-	-
Institutional Communication Strategy	13	11	1	-	1
Strengthening our relationship with the Committee on the Rights of the Child	2	2	-	-	0
Formalizing and strengthening the IIN's Human Resources Training Programme	14	11	2	1	-
Strengthening the Directing Council	5	4	1	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>



## IV. Financial Report

Funding for the Inter-American Children’s Institute derives mainly from two sources: **1) The Regular Fund** and **2) Specific Funds**.

For 2017, the allocation of funds is as follows:

**Table 1. IIN’s General Budget**

Type of Fund	Amount (USD)
Regular Fund – Obj. 1 (OAS staff)	494,700
Regular Fund – Obj. 2 to 9	218,300
Sub-total Regular Fund	713,000
Sub-total Specific Fund	52,500
<b>Total Funds</b>	<b>765,500</b>

### Regular Fund

- ➔ The regular fund approved for 2017 amounted to **USD 713,000**.
- ➔ Object 1 represents Human Resources Staff (OAS personnel), with a total of **USD 494,700**.
- ➔ The budget allocated to objects 2 to 9 amounts to **USD 218,300<sup>4</sup>** and represents the regular fund resources that the IIN uses for contracts, operating expenses, technical missions, outreach, and other expenses.

**Table 2. Specific Funds executed and to be executed in 2016**

Execution Period:	Cooperating Agency	Thematic Area	Amount (USD)
2017	World Vision	Network of Teenage Promoters in using the Internet safely - Dominican Republic	12,500
2017	Spain (AECID)	Inclusion and protection of child rights on the Internet	40,000
<b>Total</b>			<b>52,500</b>

In 2017, the IIN coordinated the implementation of a project, *Guidelines for the empowerment and protection of child rights on the Internet in Central America and the*

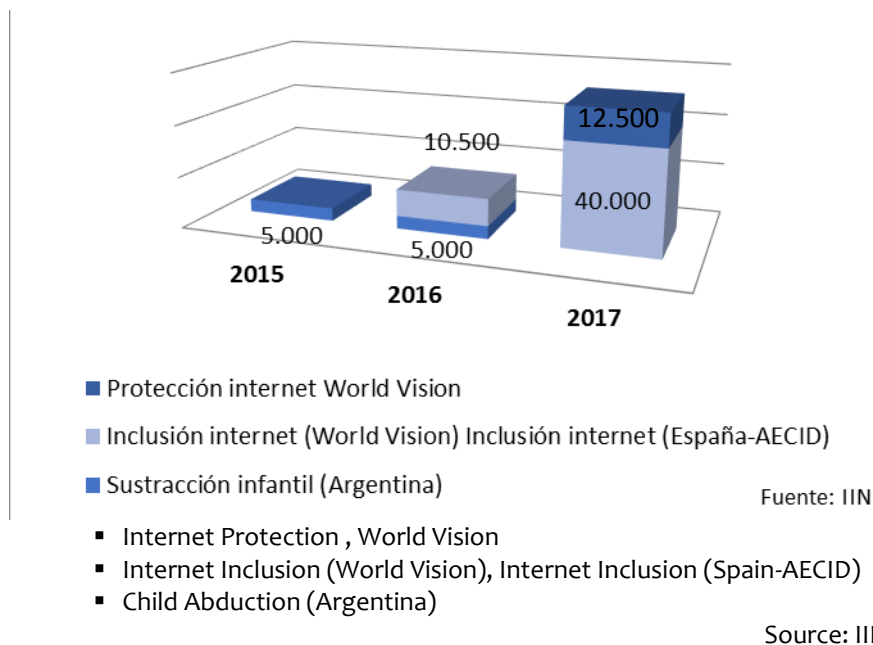
<sup>4</sup> According to the OAS’s nomenclature, Object 2 represents staff benefits; 3, grants; 4, travel; 5, documents; 6, equipment; 7, buildings; 8, contracts; and 9, other. This budget item is used for the Institute’s current operations. Object 1 items represent OAS Staff wages.

Dominican Republic with the Department of Social Inclusion, Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, OAS. The cooperating agency is the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID). The project closed this year and the sum effectively executed by the IIN in 2017 amounted to USD 40,000.

An awareness-raising and training project for the promotion and protection of rights in the use of the Internet by children and youth in the Dominican Republic is being executed together with World Vision. World Vision contributed USD 12,500 to the IIN's execution of this project.

**Chart 1** Evolution of specific funds

**Financing through Specific Funds (USD)**



The funds that the Republic of Argentina contributes to the IIN every year towards work in the field of international child abduction (ICA), amounting to USD 5,000, have not yet been received this year (2017) by the Institute.

**Budget for Objects 2 to 9**

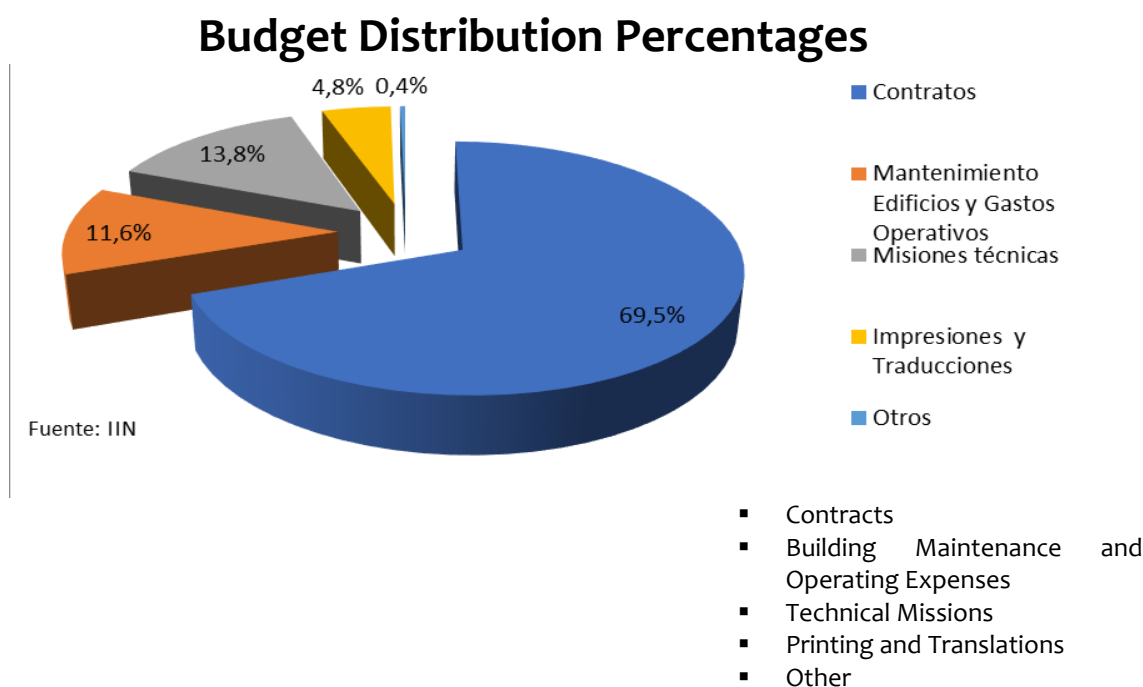
The total resources currently earmarked for items 2 to 9 amount to USD 270,800 (218,300 regular fund, obj. 2 to 9, plus USD 52,500 from specific funds).

The resources already executed in items 2 to 9, plus the year-end projection show the following distribution:

**Table 3.** Execution and expenditure projection for items 2 to 9, 2017

Item	Amounts - USD	%
<b>Contracts</b>	236,726	69.5%
<b>Building Maintenance and Operating Expenses</b>	39,524	11.6%
<b>Technical Missions</b>	46,980	13.8%
<b>Printing and Translations</b>	16,367	4.8%
<b>Other</b>	1,203	0.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>340,800</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Chart 2** Distribution percentages by item (objects 2 to 9)



Source: IIN

During 2016, the General Directorate of the IIN agreed with the General Secretariat (SG) on making budgetary reinforcements to items 2 to 9, derived from item 1, with the purpose of keeping active, under a results-based contract, the P2 position responsible for coordinating the Promotion and Protection of Rights Area, which fell vacant when Víctor Giorgi became the Director-General of the Institute. However, during 2017 it was not possible to resort to the budget reinforcement we had agreed upon, which will lead to a budget deficit at the end of the financial year equivalent to the cost of this position,

amounting to close to USD 70,000. Such is the deficit that emerges when comparing resources to be used in objects 2 to 9 (USD 270,800) and expenditure (USD 340,800).

After exploring a number of alternatives in an attempt to resolve the situation, the only feasible option appeared to be to make use of the Institute's capital funds, which amounted to USD 76,900.85.

This action began to be implemented, in consultation with the President of the IIN, ad referendum of the Directing Council, and its overall use will be submitted to the consideration of the Directing Council during its regular meeting of 2017.

### Contributions with no monetary transfer of resources

**Table 4.** Contributions with no transfer of resources for the IIN's technical assistance in various forums and activities. September 2016 - August 2017

Activity	Estimated Amount (USD)
Seminar – Using the Internet; Potential and Threats. A Regional overview – The National Communications Body of Argentina. Payment of fares for technical mission.	500
Forum: The Rights of Children and Youth in Mexico and the 2030 Agenda. Mexico City. Payment of technical mission.	1,800
Workshop: Comprehensive Child Protection Systems – the National Children's Secretariat of Paraguay paid the fares for the technical mission.	600
Workshop on "Healthy Development in Violence-Free Environments" – Christian Children's Fund Canada paid the fares for two technical mission members, MVD-Asunción.	6,200
Annual meeting of the Global Movement for Children. The Global Movement paid the technical mission fares of one person.	2,000
Latin American Conference of the Latin American Association of Magistrates, Officials, Professionals and Operators in the field of Childhood, Youth and Families. The organization financed the technical mission expenses for one person.	1,200
Cross-Regional Meeting of the Office of the United Nations Secretary-General's Special Representative on Violence against Children. Manila, Philippines. The organization financed the technical mission and representation expenses.	5,000
Contributions from the States to the organization of workshops and technical missions for the Conectad@s project, which targets the promotion of access to and rights protection in the use of the Internet in Central America and the Dominican Republic.	20,000
The regional office of the Organization of Ibero-American States (OEI), based in Asunción, collaborated with the layout and printing for the publication of stories written by children in Guarani.	2,500
<b>Total</b>	<b>39,800</b>

### The Budget in Perspective

In 2017, the IIN’s regular budget underwent a dramatic reduction of close to 33% in comparison with the previous year’s, which led to an above-average decline in its share in the OAS’s overall budget, reducing the IIN’s share in the total budget of the Organization from 1.27% to 0.98%.

Over the course of 2017, the IIN’s General Directorate made efforts to recover the budget lost. At the last General Assembly of the OAS, a budget increase of 49% was approved for the IIN for 2018, which means a return to a budget similar to 2016, and the recovery of the budget we lost in 2017. We have thus avoided the consolidation of a scenario involving critical budget restrictions and will be able to recover the IIN’s work platform, in relation to both human resources and operating expenses, both for missions and for outreach material.

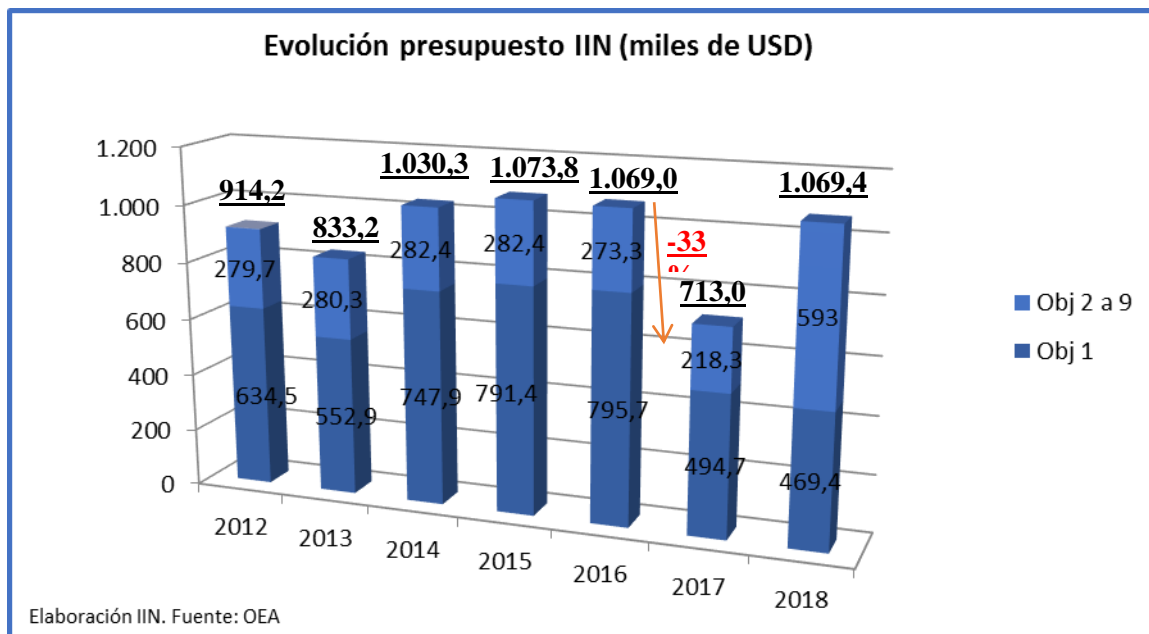
**Table 5.** Budget Evolution of the IIN (in thousands of USD)

Year	Obj. 1	Obj. 2 to 9	Total
2012	634.5	279.7	<b>914.2</b>
2013	552.9	280.3	<b>833.2</b>
2014	747.9	282.4	<b>1,030.3</b>
2015	791.4	282.4	<b>1,073.8</b>
2016	795.7	273.3	<b>1,069.0</b>
2017	494.7	218.3	<b>713.0</b>
2018	469,4	593,0	<b>1.069,4</b>

Source: OAS.

**Chart 3 IIN’s Budget Evolution (in thousands of USD)**

Produced by IIN. Source: OAS



## Projects linked to specific funds

A description appears below of the various projects we have executed, or are in the process of executing, for which funds are sought so they can be executed by means of specific funds.

**Table 6.** Projects financed by means of specific funds

<b>Project</b>	<b>Funds</b>
Strengthening technical regulations and capacity for the application of alternative measures and non-custodial penalties in juvenile justice systems.	70,000
Building cross-generation alternatives in the promotion and protection of rights. To be implemented in Guatemala through the OAS.	260,000
Building an intervention model in order to break the cross-generational cycle of poverty. Sent to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.	No estimate
Promoting sexual and reproductive rights through youth participation. Sent to the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.	No estimate
A pilot project to reinforce self-esteem, identity and citizen values in children and youth. Submitted to the Government of Honduras.	19,800
Strengthening central authorities' operations and international coordination in relation to international child abduction. To be sent to the OAS.	70,000
Training cross-generational teams to multiply and promote the safe use of the Internet, as a strategy to reduce violence among children and youth in the educational community. El Salvador	20,000
Communications for the development of a culture of rights.	No estimate
A partnership between ECPAT, ICMEC, the Rapporteur on the Rights of Children of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and the IIN for an online project on violence and sexual exploitation to be submitted to the Fund to End Violence Against Children (associated with the Global Partnership to End Violence against Children).	1,000,000
Children and youth in emergencies and disasters. Training to provide psycho-social support. CARICOM countries. Seeking funds through the OAS.	100,000

## V. Conclusions

The description of the activities which have taken place during this period shows that despite the dramatic budget reduction for the financial year 2017 (33%), we were still able to move forward in the implementation of the Action Plan.

From 94 planned activities, 61 were done, 25 are un process and 6 are scheduled for the rest of the year and 2 were postponed.

To all of which is added the implementation of the project on: “Guidelines for the empowerment and protection of child rights on the Internet in Central America and the Dominican Republic”, in coordination with the Department of Social Inclusion, Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, OAS, and the support of Spanish Cooperation. This includes a number of significant activities which were not initially foreseen for this period, and which may lead to good possibilities of continuity and obtaining specific funds for an issue which gains ground every day in the agenda on child protection.

As special achievements, we should note:

- In the conclusions of our last report we pointed out that the principal threat to the IIN’s work was the budget reduction imposed by the OAS, which particularly jeopardized the operating structure of the Institute and its autonomy. In the same sense, we now underscore the 49% increase approved by the General Assembly as from 2018 as our main achievement this year. This not only reverts the steady decline we had been undergoing for several years, but constitutes a reaffirmation of the validity of the IIN as an instrument for the promotion and protection of the rights of children in the Americas.
- This achievement was made possible thanks to efforts to publicize the IIN’s work among State representatives, which was reflected not only in the vote on the budget, but also in the mandates received with regard to our four strategic pillars and in the resolution in relation to migrants (AG/RES. 2881 (XLVI-O/16) and AG/RES. 2883 (XLVI-O/16) respectively).
- A further clear example of the results of the advocacy carried out in the Permanent Council was the adoption of the initiative to declare 9 June as Americas Children and Youth Day, and the criteria for this celebration.
- The consolidation of our relationship with the Committee on the Rights of the Child and the United Nations Special Rapporteur on Violence, Marta Santos Pais. Despite the decrease in the number of committee members from this region, there is a bond which makes it possible to move forward towards greater coordination with the actions of the United Nations System.
- Our relationship with civil society organizations has been strengthened as a result of the IIN’s active presence in the Global Movement for Children. This is expressed through specific agreements with several organizations, which enabled us to implement actions anticipated in the Action Plan, despite our limited resources.
- The strong commitment of States to co-financing various activities that would not have been possible without such partnerships. This is the case of the activity on maras and gang violence in El Salvador, the activity on organized participation in Colombia and the sub-regional meeting of International Abduction that counted on contributions from Mexico and ICMEC added to the Argentine cooperation fund.

- The strengthening of the Inter-American Training Programme (PIC) by diversifying our training proposals aimed at boosting the capacities of the States, not only by training human resources, but through the transfer of methodology in order to generate increasing autonomy in the States' training procedures.
- The search for specific funds has been increased by elaborating proposals presented to different potential donors and establishing alliances to handle large projects.

In this respect, the work we have coordinated with the States and our civil society partners has been a positive strategy in maintaining the IIN's presence in the region despite budget cuts.



## Attachment – The 90th Anniversary of the IIN-OAS

# COMMEMORATIVE ACTIVITIES FOR THE 90th ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE

## Celebrating 90 years

- Founded on 9 June 1927.
- Presentation of the “Charter of Rights”.
- 1949 – joined the OAS as a Specialized Organization in children and youth, becoming known since then as the *Inter-American Children's Institute*.
- In 2004, its Statutes were changed so that its name in Spanish became *Instituto Interamericano del Niño, la Niña y Adolescentes*.

## How to celebrate 90 years of history?

Use this 90th anniversary as an opportunity to:

- Promote a new position for children as social stakeholders.
- Give them a voice and provide opportunities for expression.
- Give the IIN's work visibility within the OAS and position the subject of childhood within the organization.

## Calls for:

## Short stories – “Rights should not be a tall tale”

## Photography – “The Rights Album”

- A call went out to the Member States of the Inter-American System, with the support of civil society organizations, for children to send photographs and stories related to the human rights of children and youth and their relationship with the adult world.
- We received 463 photographs and 1246 stories from the different States of the region.
- 20 photographs are being selected to make up a road show. It will be exhibited initially at OAS headquarters (Washington, DC) and will then travel to the Member States of the OAS. In addition, 20 stories are being selected, to be published in a digital book.



## “Americas and the Caribbean Children and Youth Day”

- With the support of the Permanent Missions of Uruguay, Paraguay and Chile, a draft resolution was submitted to designate 9 June as: **Americas Children and Youth Day**. This was adopted by the Permanent Council of the OAS

as resolution CP/RES. 1081/17 DESIGNATION OF JUNE 9 AS  
“AMERICAS CHILDREN AND YOUTH DAY”

## **CD/RES. 1081/17 Designation of June 9 as “Americas Children and Youth Day”**

In its operative paragraphs, the OAS resolved:

- To encourage that day each year to be turned into a day of reflection and work on the situation of children and youth in the region
- That on a day close to June 9 each year the Permanent Council will meet and include this item on the order of business in order to include the voices and views of children and youth on the situation in the region.
- To instruct the IIN to make the necessary arrangements so that, during its consideration of the topic, the Permanent Council can receive the voices and views of youth organizations...

## Other celebration activities

- The Columbus Library held a photographic and material exhibition of the IIN-OAS in the hall of the Simón Bolívar room at OAS headquarters in Washington, thanks to
- The Organization of Ibero-American States - Regional Office in Paraguay, joined the activity by publishing a volume with 9 stories written by Paraguayan children aged 3 to 7 years.