

TRIBUTE TO DR. LUIS MORQUIO

(Adopted at the Third Plenary Session, held on September 20, 2017)

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,**CONSIDERING:**

That September 24 of this year marks 150 years since the birth of Dr. Luis Morquio, renowned medical pediatrician, professor and founder of the Uruguayan Society of Pediatrics.

RECALLING;

The consistent contribution of Dr. Luis Morquio to the recognition and exercise of the human rights of children and adolescents;

That Dr. Luis Morquio, during the Second American Children's Congress held in Montevideo in 1919, proposed the creation of the International American Office for the Protection of Children which was established in 1927, through the signing of the constitutive Act of the International American Institute for the Protection of Children, today called the Inter-American Children's Institute of the Organization of American States, a specialized organization of the Organization of American States in the human rights of children and adolescents;

That during the constitutive Act of the Institute Dr. Luis Morquio presented what was called the Charter of the Rights of the Child, which is considered as one of the first antecedents to the Convention on the Rights of the Child in the Americas;

That the development, dedication and work as the precursor of Human Rights of Children and Adolescents in the region led to his appointment as the first Director General of the Inter-American Children's Institute from 1927 to 1935;

That in recognition of this distinguished career the IIN Directing Council designated the Institute's library the "Professor Dr. Luis Morquio Library",

RESOLVES:

1. To mark and to pay tribute, on the 150th anniversary of his birth, to the work accomplished by Dr. Luis Morquio to promote recognition for the promotion and protection of children and adolescents' human rights, and for the establishment of the Inter-American Children's Institute.

2. To instruct the Director General that every year in the month of September, during the week of his birth, to carry out activities which highlight and disseminate information on his thoughts and the work he accomplished.