



**Participation of children and adolescents in institutional spaces.**

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**THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,**

**WHEREAS:**

That, Article 7 of the Statute of the IIN establishes that "Children younger than 18 years of age from all member states, through their representatives, as provided for in the Rules of Procedure of the Institute."

That, Article 10 of the aforementioned Regulations provides that in the whole exercise of their right to participation, children and adolescents may be part of the official delegations to both the Pan American Child Congress and the Directing Council, with the aim to express themselves, advise their delegations and share the experience in their country with the different groups of children and adolescents. As far as possible, participation should be facilitated by the States to provide the Council with a new and ever-renewed vision of the reality of childhood in the region.

That, Resolution CD/RES. 10 (92-R/17) requested the General Directorate of the IIN to "develop guidelines and methodology to promote the participation of children and adolescents in the Regular Meetings of the Directing Council and other institutional spaces."

That, resolution CD/RES. 07 (93-R/18) approved the "methodology for the participation of children and adolescents in the meetings, instances, and activities of the Inter-American Children's Institute."

That, resolution CD/RES. 07 (93-R/18) recognizes "the progress made in the region in the exercise of the right to participation of children and adolescents, among other ways, through the consolidation of consultative councils, networks, and other organizational ways"

Taking into account the installation of the Network of Child and Adolescent Correspondents (RED CORIA) in 2017, the Southern Network of Children and Adolescents (REDSURCA) in 2018, and the Network of Children and Adolescents of Central America, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic (REDNNACEM) in 2021, henceforth regional networks linked to the IIN, as actions and proposals that seek to enhance and prioritize the promotion of child and adolescent participation, driven and accompanied by the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in recent years;

That, since the 93rd Regular Meeting, this Directing Council has maintained a space for exchange with children and adolescents, taking note of their opinions and recommendations.



That, in this 96th Ordinary Meeting of the Directing Council, for the first time, an intergenerational dialogue was held in the thematic tables of this Council, aiming to take into account what was expressed for future actions and activities to be developed by the Institute, and to consider them as inputs for the development of public policies for the promotion and protection of rights.

That children and adolescents point out "the need for more networks, spaces or international discussion committees that guarantee the effective participation of children and adolescents from all the countries of the Americas. Dynamic and friendly spaces for the participation of children and adolescents.

### RESOLVE<sup>1</sup>:

1. To recognize children and adolescents representing the regional networks linked to the IIN, for their participation and dialogue at the 96th Meeting of the Directing Council.
2. To request the IIN's General Directorate to take into consideration the opinions and agenda items shared by children and adolescents in the design of the forthcoming IIN Action Plan and other relevant instances.
3. To request the General Directorate of the IIN to continue advancing and consolidating the promotion of child and adolescent participation through subregional networks.
4. To entrust the IIN to continue with the development and enhancement of guidelines and methodologies that promote the operation of Intergenerational Technical Tables with appropriate model for children and adolescents having as a reference the working document "Methodological Proposal for the Intergenerational Dialogue," elaborated to promote the participation in the institutional spaces, including the Directing Council.

<sup>1</sup> Guatemala abstains.