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DRAFT RESOLUTION

STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY

(Agreed upon by the General Committee at its virtual meeting of October 20, 2020,
and referred to the plenary)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

REAFFIRMING the norms and general principles of international law as well as those contained in the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS);

AWARE that the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes in its preamble “that representative democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace and development of the region” and that one of the essential purposes of the Organization is “[t]o promote and consolidate representative democracy, with due respect for the principle of nonintervention”;

RECALLING resolution AG/RES. 2931 (XLIX-O/19) and all previous resolutions adopted on this topic;

HAVING SEEN the “Annual Report of the Permanent Council to the General Assembly June 2019-October 2020” (AG/doc.////20 add. 1), in particular the section on the activities of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP); and

CONSIDERING that the programs, activities, and tasks set out in the resolutions under the purview of the CAJP help to further the essential purposes of the Organization enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of American States,

I. ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Permanent Council, the General Secretariat, and the other bodies referred to in Article 53 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) to continue working on the implementation of the applicable current mandates set out in previous General Assembly resolutions assigned to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, except as stated otherwise in any resolution.

2. To urge member states to continue contributing to the attainment of the objectives established in said resolutions through the development and execution of activities, submission of reports, exchange of information, and adoption of measures and policies, as well as through cooperation, support, and mutual assistance; and to instruct the General Secretariat to provide necessary support to those ends.

ii. Strengthening cadastre and property registry in the Americas in the face of COVID-19

CONSIDERING the sections “Strengthening cadastre and property registry in the Americas” in AG/RES. 2927 (XLVIII-O/18) and AG/RES. 2931 (XLIX-O/19), “Strengthening Democracy,” which recommend that the General Secretariat, through the Department for Effective Public Management, continue supporting efforts by member states that so request to strengthen their cadastre and property registry management and to share experiences and good practices that will advance the regional agenda on this matter;

MINDFUL of the multidimensional effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the need to contend with a diminished local economy, and provision of public services to citizens, including cadastre and property registry;

TAKING NOTE of the 2019 activities report of the Inter-American Network on Cadastre and Property Registry (RICRP), delivered at its Fifth Assembly in Buenos Aires, Argentina on October 9, 2019, and at the meeting of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs in Washington, D.C. on December 5, 2019; and

THANKING the Government of Argentina for holding in 2019 the Fifth Conference and Assembly of the RICRP, organized in collaboration with the World Bank and the OAS General Secretariat, as well as Peru, as Chair, and Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, and Dominican Republic, as representatives on the Executive Committee of the RICRP for 2020,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat, through the Department for Effective Public Management (DEPM), to continue its support in its role as Technical Secretariat of the Inter-American Network on Cadastre and Property Registry (RICRP), promoting activities, programs, and projects to strengthen cadastre and property registry in the Americas in the face of COVID-19 and creating partnerships and cooperation to implement them, including training for cadastre and property registry agencies in the region and the exchange of experiences and knowledge among them, and the exchange of experience on the theme of remote care for citizens and the virtualization of cadastres and registers.

2. To reaffirm the importance of augmenting efforts for promotion and sharing of experiences among national cadastre and registry agencies with a view to advancing cadastre and registry management. Together with the effort to improve territorial cadastre-registry databases, considering the maintenance and constant updating of cadastres and registries in the region; and urging member states to contribute to the creation of basic regional guidelines to support them on property formalization and urban cadastre, and the DEPM to support the creation of those guidelines.

3. To urge cadastre and registry institutions in member states to participate in the development of initiatives to meet the objectives set forth in this resolution, through the sharing of experiences to strengthen cadastre and registry management in the face of COVID-19; and to instruct the Department for Effective Public Management to conduct the biannual survey of cadastre and property registry and to report its findings to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs.

4. To renew the invitation for all member states to attend the Sixth Annual Conference and Assembly of the Inter-American Network on Cadastre and Property Registry, which is to be held virtually from December 1 to 4, 2020, with support from the Commission for the Formalization of Informal Properties (COFOPRI) of Peru as RICRP Chair.

II. FOLLOW-UP AND REPORTING

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat, through the areas responsible for follow-up and implementation of activities connected with the purpose of this resolution, to submit in due course its 2020-2021 plan of activities for consultations or proper oversight by member states.

2. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first regular session on the implementation of this resolution. Execution of the activities envisaged in this resolution will be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.