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INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT,
AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN,
“CONVENTION OF BELÉM DO PARÁ”

THE THIRTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
COMMISSION OF WOMEN,

HAVING SEEN resolutions CIM/RES. 229 (XXXII-O/04), “Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, ‘Convention of Belém do Pará,’” and AG/RES. 2162 (XXXVI-O/06), “Mechanism to Follow Up on Implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, ‘Convention of Belém do Pará’;”

RECOGNIZING:

That the Convention of Belém do Pará, adopted in 1994, states that “the elimination of violence against women is essential for their individual and social development and their full and equal participation in all walks of life;”

That the Convention of Belém do Para is the only specific, binding international legal instrument on gender-based violence and has become an important driving force for the states parties thereto to undertake to implement policies, laws, and national and regional action programs to eradicate violence against women;

CONSIDERING:

That for over a decade the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) has been including gender-based violence among the priority topics on its agenda;

That one of the essential topics for the CIM is to generate, accompany, and continue supporting initiatives to strengthen the efforts under way in member states to combat gender-based violence, especially in those countries where such violence has taken the form of increasing murders of women;

BEARING IN MIND:

That, in fulfillment of their commitments, the states parties to the Convention of Belém do Pará adopted, on October 26, 2004, the Mechanism to Follow Up on Implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, "Convention of Belém do Pará, MESECVI;"

That the OAS General Secretariat, through the Permanent Secretariat of the CIM, serves as the Secretariat to the organs of the MESECVI, with advice, where appropriate, from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; and

That, during the First Meeting of Experts, on August 24, 2005, regulatory instruments were adopted to govern the work of the Committee of Experts of the MESECVI;

WELCOMING:

The fact that, to date, 29 states parties have appointed experts, 27 have designated competent national authorities, and the time frames and actions agreed to by the states parties and the experts are being adhered to, demonstrating the governments' commitment to this evaluation process and to hemispheric cooperation in fighting gender-based violence; and

That the first multilateral evaluation meeting of the Committee of Experts of the MESECVI was held on July 24, 2006,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the report of the technical secretariat (CIM/doc.10/06) on the activities of the Mechanism to Follow Up on Implementation of the Convention of Belém do Pará (MESECVI) and to express its conviction that this exercise will significantly advance the achievement of the aims established in the Convention.

2. To thank the governments for their valuable contributions to the Mechanism, in both financial and human resources, and to invite states parties to persist in their efforts to achieve the objectives of the Convention by implementing the MESECVI.

3. To reiterate its gratitude to the Permanent Secretariat of the CIM for its support of the states parties during the process of adopting the MESECVI and thank it for performing its important role as Secretariat of the Mechanism, and to thank it and the MESECVI Committee of Experts for their contributions to furthering the fulfillment of the objectives of the Convention of Belém do Pará, and to urge them to continue with the same level of dedication.

4. To call upon the member states that have not already done so to consider signing and ratifying, ratifying, or acceding to the Convention of Belém do Pará.

5. To invite all states parties and states not party to the Convention, permanent observers, international financial organizations, and public and private national and international entities to contribute to the specific MESECVI fund established in the OAS to finance its operations.

6. To urge states parties and especially their principal delegates to advance the implementation and development of national initiatives in order to promote the aims of the Convention by implementing the MESECVI in legislative, judiciary, and other government institutions and in local governments, as well as academic and civil society institutions, so as to increase awareness of the Mechanism in the widest possible dissemination of information and thereby strengthen the human and financial commitment in each country to fighting gender-based violence.

7. To request the support of the principal delegates of the states parties that have not already done so to urge their governments to appoint an expert and a competent national authority and to submit their responses to the MESECVI questionnaire, in order to facilitate the full implementation of the Convention and the success of the Mechanism.

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FIGHTING THE CRIME OF TRAFFICKING IN PERSONS, ESPECIALLY WOMEN,
ADOLESCENTS, AND CHILDREN

THE THIRTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
COMMISSION OF WOMEN,

BEARING IN MIND resolutions CIM/RES. 225/02 (XXXI-O/02), "Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons, especially Women, Adolescents, and Children" and CIM/RES. 236 (XXXII-O/04), "Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons, especially Women, Adolescents, and Children," as well as resolutions AG/RES. 1776 (XXXI-O/01), "Support for the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime;" AG/RES. 1948 (XXXIII-O/03), AG/RES. 2019 (XXXIV-O/04), "Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons, especially Women, Adolescents, and Children;" AG/RES. 2240 (XXXVI-O/06), "Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere;" and AG/RES. 2256 (XXXVI-O/06), "Hemispheric Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons: Conclusions and Recommendations of the First Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons;"

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that resolution AG/RES. 2240 (XXXVI-O/06) recognizes "the efforts on the matter already under way in various organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization and in other forums, in particular [...] the coordination strategy which is being developed by the Department for the Prevention of Threats against Public Security in coordination with the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) on trafficking in women and children for purposes of sexual exploitation in the Americas;"

RECALLING the conclusions and recommendations of the Sixth Meeting of Ministers of Justice or of Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas, as they pertain to trafficking in persons, especially women and children (REMJA-VI/doc.21/06);

RECALLING FURTHERMORE the commitment assumed by the member states, during the First Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons, held on Isla Margarita in the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela from March 14 to 17, 2006, to consider signing and ratifying, ratifying, or acceding to, as the case may be, and implementing as soon as possible, the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and other relevant international instruments on the subject;

CONSIDERING the grave economic, social, and human repercussions of the crime of trafficking in persons in the Hemisphere;

That social exclusion, inequity, and poverty are factors that increase the vulnerability of people, especially women and children, to becoming victims of trafficking; and

That trafficking in persons violates the human rights of the victims and affects society as a whole by breaking up families and communities, facilitates the growth of organized crime and other illicit activities, deprives countries of human capital, and thus inhibits development, increases public health costs, and undermines observance of the law, which is exacerbated when resources are lacking and in cases where corruption exists; and

CONSIDERING ALSO that in recent years, within the OAS, the CIM has played the leading role in projects combating trafficking in persons in the Hemisphere,

BEARING IN MIND that the resolution AG/RES. 2256 (XXXVI-O/06) requests that the Permanent Council continue, through the Committee for Hemispheric Security, to consider this topic taking into account its comprehensive and cross-cutting nature,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm its commitment to fight the crime of trafficking in persons, by means of a comprehensive approach that takes into account the prevention of trafficking, prosecution of its perpetrators, protection of and assistance to its victims and respect for their human rights, as well as the strengthening of international cooperation in the area and implementation of the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, and of other relevant international instruments.

2. To urge the States that have not already done so to consider ratifying, acceding to, or accepting, as the case may be, of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and its Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, as well as other initiatives and actions designed to prevent trafficking in persons, prosecute its perpetrators, and provide protection and assistance to its victims.

3. To congratulate the Permanent Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) on its pioneering work to combat trafficking in persons in the Hemisphere and, especially, the support it has provided to national initiatives to prevent trafficking in women, adolescents, and children.

4. To urge the OAS Committee for Hemispheric Security and the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization engaged in efforts to combat trafficking in persons to include on their agendas and give priority to incorporating a cross-cutting gender equity perspective in their programs and projects.

5. To urge the Department for the Prevention of Threats against Public Safety to continue to strengthen collaboration with the CIM and the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) in order to support its efforts to combat the trafficking of women, adolescents, and children in the hemisphere.

6. To urge the Principal Delegates of the CIM to promote appropriate follow-up to and implementation of the Conclusions and Recommendations of the First Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons, AG/RES. 2256 (XXXVI-O/06), "Hemispheric Efforts to Combat Trafficking in Persons: Conclusions and Recommendations of the First Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons."

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GENDER MAINSTREAMING IN HEMISPHERIC POLICIES
AND IN THE SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

THE THIRTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
COMMISSION OF WOMEN,

BEARING IN MIND that gender mainstreaming is the decisive strategy of the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality (IAP), adopted by means of resolution AG/RES. 1732 (XXX-O/00), for attaining the ultimate goal of promoting and protecting women's human rights and gender equity and equality and for achieving equality of rights and opportunities between women and men; and

CONSIDERING:

The commitment made by the Organization of American States (OAS) in the aforementioned resolution to facilitate integration of a gender perspective into the work of all its organs, agencies, and entities, by developing training programs and disseminating information on women's human rights, and to support governments in the systematic compilation and dissemination of statistical data disaggregated by sex;

The endorsement of the IAP by the Heads of State and Government in the Plan of Action of the Third Summit of the Americas, held in Quebec City, and their commitment, expressed in the Declaration of Nuevo León of the Special Summit of the Americas, held in Monterrey, to continue promoting gender equity and equality and the mandates of the Summits of the Americas on this matter;

The role of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) as the principal forum for generating hemispheric policy on gender equity and equality and the promotion of women's human rights; for promoting sector-wide gender mainstreaming in the areas of labor, justice, education, science and technology, and peace and security; and for following up on the pertinent mandates of the Summits of the Americas process, including the Fourth Summit of the Americas, held in Mar del Plata, Argentina;

The mandate conferred in the Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, including Migrant Workers and their Families to conduct research on female migration and its impact on family structure, the labor market, and migration control and initiatives undertaken in coordination with other areas of the OAS;

BEARING IN MIND ALSO:

The efforts of the Department of Sustainable Development to integrate the gender perspective into natural disaster reduction programs, in accordance with the mandate of the OAS General Assembly;

The activities carried out by the General Secretariat, in coordination with the CIM, to train OAS staff in the systematic integration of a gender perspective in the policies, programs, projects, and activities of the Organization; and

That, in order to achieve full implementation of the IAP, the CIM needs to continue strengthening its activities and initiatives aimed at establishing true gender equity and equality,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) to continue implementing and monitoring the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality (IAP):

- a) By ensuring continuity in the work of the CIM as the principal forum for generating hemispheric policy on gender equity and equality and the promotion of women's human rights;
- b) By promoting the inclusion of the gender perspective in the programs, policies, and day-to-day operations of the inter-American system;
- c) By supporting the efforts of the organs, agencies, and entities of the OAS in the follow-up to and implementation of the Inter-American Program, including activities to continue promoting gender mainstreaming in the ministerial meetings on labor, justice, education, science and technology, and in the issue of peace and security; and
- d) By also supporting follow-up on the mandates of the Summits of the Americas process, in particular, the Fourth Summit of the Americas, and the Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, including Migrant Workers and their Families, as well as other OAS processes;

2. To request the Permanent Secretariat of the CIM to continue working, together with international, governmental, and civil society organizations, on ways to achieve the effective implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of policies, programs, and projects for promoting gender equity and equality and women's human rights in the Hemisphere.

3. To recognize and support the efforts of member States to integrate a gender perspective in government policies, projects, programs, and strategies, particularly those directed at the advancement of women.

4. To urge member States to promote the adoption of laws and ensure the enforcement of existing legislation for the protection of women's human rights and gender equity, including equality of opportunity for women and men at all levels.

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PARITY AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN DECISION-MAKING

(Presented by the Delegation de Chile with comments of the Working Group held on 11-2-06)

THE THIRTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN,

HIGHLIGHTING the need to continue advancing towards gender parity in different fields of political decision-making and representation;

RECALLING that the efforts made for more than a century on behalf of women's rights have contributed to strengthen our democracies, even though improving the conditions that would enable women to play an effective role in political and social processes is still a pending task;

EMPHASIZING that one of the deficiencies of current democracies is that they do not reflect equal political participation between men and women in their institutions, which is a concrete manifestation of the existing de facto inequality;

CONSIDERING that it is essential to strengthen and institutionalize gender equity and equality, and therefore gender parity, in women's political participation at national and hemispheric level, as established by:

The Plan of Action the Inter-American Women Commission (CIM) on Women's Participation in Power and Decision-making Structures (CIM/RES. 198 XXIX/98)

The Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality (PIA), adopted by the OAS General Assembly and supported by the Quebec Summit in 2000, and

The Beijing Platform for Action, CEDAW, the Mexico Consensus (ECLAC- Ninth Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean, 2004) and other relevant international agreements;

BEARING IN MIND that a basic condition for gender parity is the proportionate representation of men's and women's interests, since it embodies the plurality of existing perspectives in society and also encourages the full participation and the exercise of leadership by all the citizens, women and men;

HIGHLIGHTING that it is necessary to create and strengthen strategies to produce a clearly defined and profound change in the political culture of the countries, with a view to consolidate gender parity;

RECOGNIZING that gender parity, as a manifestation of equality between the sexes can be reached through several corrective mechanisms such as positive action measures and quota laws, and

BEARING IN MIND that gender equality and women's political participation in decision-making is a priority issue for this Assembly and that it is of hemispheric interest to persevere in the efforts to sensitize and promote a consensus among all citizens about the need to advance towards gender parity in accordance with the aforementioned international agreements;

RECOGNIZING that shared responsibilities between men and women in the workplace and at home foster a greater participation of women in public life. (Colombia)

RESOLVES:

1. To promote, whenever they do not exist, the adoption of positive action measures embodying the principle of gender parity to access to high-level public positions, with special emphasis on those that establish a quota system.

2. To promote or improve in the Member States, as the case may be, corrective mechanisms using the gender parity principle to access positions of popular election.

3. To encourage the sharing of information about best practices which have been useful to advance the inclusion of women in power structures in both governmental and private sectors of their respective countries.

3bis . To promote equal opportunity and non-discrimination policies in order to create the conditions to reconcile the private and public spheres so that women can fully build and develop civic mindedness (Mexico).

4. To request the 2006-2008 Executive Committee to promote:

- a) Conditions to favor achieving or consolidating a national and regional consensus regarding the ~~concept~~ of **importance of fostering (Mexico)**, gender parity so as to give visibility to the fact that women and men are equally capable of making decisions and that they deserve the same opportunity to be elected.
- b) Common strategies for all Member States, aimed at correcting current imbalances in men's and women's participation in politics through the adoption, as appropriate, of positive action measures with high visibility, or of measures to strengthen and/or correct those already adopted.
- c) Among the Member States ~~and Permanent Observers~~ (Ecuador), the development of measures to overcome existing structural obstacles so as to give more transparency and access to women's participation.

- d) The appointment of women to decision-making positions at the OAS General Secretariat **and its specialized bodies** (El Salvador)
To urge the OAS General Secretariat to appoint a greater number of women to decision making posts (México)
- e) Greater collaboration between the CIM and NGOs in the Member States to coordinate actions to promote women's leadership at all levels of political life.

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CIM WORK PROGRAM FOR THE 2006-2008 BIENNIUM-
PROGRAM GUIDELINES

THE THIRTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
COMMISSION OF WOMEN,

HAVING SEEN document (CIM/doc.5/06) entitled draft Biennial Work Program of the CIM
2006-2008 – Programmatic Orientations,

CONSIDERING that the Biennial Work Program contains guidelines that serve as the basis
for implementing the work of the Inter-American Commission of Women for the period 2006-2008;
and

That coordinated programming must be guaranteed in order to serve the strategic areas of
action appropriately, based on the mandates of the Assembly of Delegates of the CIM, the General
Assembly of the OAS, REMIM, and where appropriate, the Summit of the Americas,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Biennial Work Program of the Inter-American Commission of Women 2006-2008– Program Guidelines, contained in the appendix to this resolution.
2. To inform the Executive Committee of the CIM on the implementation of this workplan.

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DECLARATION OF EL SALVADOR:
 GENDER, VIOLENCE, AND HIV

The Principal Delegates to the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the OAS, gathered in San Salvador, El Salvador, at the Thirty-third Assembly of Delegates of the CIM,

1. CONSIDER that HIV is one of the greatest challenges facing the international community of nations, and that, due to the increased vulnerability of women and girls because of social, cultural, economic and biological factors, it is essential and urgent to develop HIV related initiatives with a gender focus, in coordination with existing international organizations, especially the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) and the United Nations Program, UNAIDS.

2. RECOGNIZE our commitment to contributing to the fulfillment of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action, the declaration of commitment to fighting HIV titled "Global Crisis-Global Action" adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 2001 and the Political Declaration on HIV/AIDS of the same Assembly approved in 2006, the HIV-related goals contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration of 2000, and the commitments arising from the Summits of the Americas, and the Regional HIV/STI Plan for the Health Sector 2006-2015 of the World Health Organization (WHO).

3. RECOGNIZE regional initiatives, such as the 2002-2006 Caribbean Regional Strategic Framework of the Pan-Caribbean Partnership Against HIV/AIDS (PANCAP), Recommendation 01/06 of the Council of the Common Market of MERCOSUR, "HIV/AIDS Cooperation in the Region," of July 20, 2006, the REMSAA Resolution XXVII/409 of Ministers of Health and Social Protection of the members states of the Andean region held in March, 2006, and the Meso-American Program for Epidemiological Monitoring of HIV/AIDS and the Meso-American Project for a Comprehensive Approach to Transient Populations, of 2004, among others.

4. TAKE NOTE of the XVI International AIDS Conference, held in Toronto, Canada, August 13-18, 2006, under the theme "*Time to Deliver.*"

5. RECOGNIZE that the HIV pandemic is a threat to the stability and security of communities and States, as stated in the Declaration on Security in the Americas from the Special Conference on Security held in Mexico City in October, 2003.

6. REITERATE that HIV pandemic is a possible threat to individual, economic, and social progress

7. EXPRESS our concern about the existing association between gender-based violence and HIV, which indicates an increased risk of infection for women, adolescents and children. At the same time, we also express our concern that an HIV positive status may increase a woman*s vulnerability to gender-based violence.

8. [RECOGNIZE also that populations destabilized by the effects of **armed conflict, situations of generalized violence**, human rights violations, or natural disasters— especially women, adolescents and children— may be at increased risk of HIV infection and of not having access to appropriate prevention, care, and treatment.] [Colombia requests deletion of this paragraph]

9. **RECOGNIZE that for those affected by HIV, the stigma associated with the HIV the pandemic may also affect the there is bias in the full exercise of fundamental rights of victims, such as the right to life, the right to the highest attainable standard of health, the right to non-discrimination, the right to work, among others; and that it is the obligation of States to promote and protect such rights.** (US, Chile, St. Lucia will develop new paragraph)

10. ARE AWARE that poverty, accompanied by a lack of education and productive resources, multiplies the likelihood that women and girls will be vulnerable to commercial sexual exploitation and increases their exposure to becoming infected with HIV.

11. RECOGNIZE that in many parts of the world the spread of HIV/AIDS is a cause and consequence of poverty, and that effectively combating HIV/AIDS is essential to the achievement of internationally agreed development goals and objectives, including the Millennium Development Goals;

~~——— EXPRESS our deep concern over the fact that HIV/AIDS disproportionately affects women and girls in our Hemisphere, in terms of both new infections and, in particular, the increased socio-economic burden in the cases of households headed by women, especially with relation to the unpaid care of the sick and other dependents.~~

12. ARE CONCERNED because the vulnerability of women, adolescents and girls is greater due to their unequal legal, economic, and social status, as well as other cultural and physiological factors, and because of gender-based violence.

13. AFFIRM that **gender equity and equality, and the empowerment of women and girls and the protection of their human rights are fundamental elements for reducing their vulnerability to HIV and are essential for reducing the pandemic.**

14. [RECOGNIZE that **gender-based** inequalities which contribute to harmful norms and practices not only perpetuate women’s vulnerability to HIV but also continue to fuel the HIV epidemic.] US

ENCOURAGE all OAS member states:

1. To develop policies with a gender perspective to improve lives, health, and wellbeing of women.

2. ~~To intensify efforts to eliminate the inequalities that arise from the different~~

~~roles of men and women and their unequal power relations and the consequences that this has in the life, health and wellbeing of women.~~

2. To intensify efforts to eliminate discrimination against women and girls in relation to HIV, including through challenging gender stereotypes, stigma and discrimination against women living with or affected by HIV and gender inequalities and to encourage the active involvement of men and boys in this regard.-US

3. To promote measures for the prevention and elimination of all forms of violence against women and girls, including ~~harmful traditional and customary practices~~, abuse, early and forced marriage, rape, including marital rape, other forms of sexual violence, battering, and trafficking in women and girls, and to ensure that violence against women is addressed as an integral part of the national HIV response.

4. To promote the adoption of educational plans and actions that socially and morally condemn any violence towards women, adolescents, and girls, as the case may be, that increases their conditions of vulnerability to HIV. (Chile)

5. To undertake this commitment by adopting ~~all~~ necessary measures to create an enabling environment for the empowerment of women, to ~~strengthen~~ **support** their economic independence, and to protect and promote their full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms [**including their sexual and reproductive rights**], in order that they may protect themselves from HIV infection throughout their lives. [US and Argentina request time to review]

6. To intensify, **to the extent feasible and where appropriate**, national initiatives and international cooperation for the fulfillment of the commitments undertaken in international forums **regarding HIV such as United Nations, PAHO, PANCAP**, ~~some of which we have identified as essential.~~

6bis To ensure access to information, diagnosis and treatment to reduce vertical transmission of HIV. (Brazil)

7. To expand ~~access to information, diagnoses and treatment~~, in a progressive and sustainable manner, ~~for~~ the prevention and treatment of the opportunistic **infections related to a compromised immune system** and the effective use of antiretroviral medication; and to promote access to low-cost effective drugs and related pharmaceutical products, in particular for women and girls.

7bis. To give priority and ensure access to preventative measures, including male and female condoms, for women and girls. (Brazil)

8. To integrate, **where appropriate, counseling, information and referrals for HIV health care**, HIV prevention, counseling, and **volunteer and provider-initiated** HIV testing into other health services, including sexual and reproductive health, family planning, maternity, and tuberculosis prevention, as well as the provision of services for the prevention and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

9. To provide young men and women with access to information and education, including peer education, **youth-specific and age-appropriate** HIV education, **age-appropriate**

sexual education, and the services necessary for behavioral change and learning to reduce vulnerability to HIV infection.

9bis. To ensure the reproductive sexual rights of people living with HIV and AIDS through specialized services and reproductive planning. (Brazil)

10. **To address the phenomena of the migration of women and children with the objective of assuring respect and protection for their human rights as related to HIV.** [Mexico]

11. To ensure that women and men have ~~equal~~ **equitable** access, throughout their lives, to social services related to health care, **including sexual and reproductive health care**, education, nutrition, food security, and health education programs, especially for women and girls living with, or affected by, HIV.

URGE all OAS member states:

12. **To highlight gender programming, within each country's national HIV resources, as an integral component to combat the disease and to recognize the need to promote and protect the human rights of women and girls.** . (Venezuela) ~~To adopt, together with the international donor community, a gender perspective in all matters of ...and to take measures to ensure that resources commensurate with the impact of HIV/AIDS on women and girls are made available, in particular in funding provided to national HIV/AIDS programs to promote and protect women's human rights and girls~~

13. To enhance their efforts to include a gender perspective in the development of HIV/AIDS programs and policies and in the training of personnel involved in implementing such programs, in particular through focusing on the role of men and boys in addressing HIV.

14. **To guarantee the application of regional, national and international strategies to facilitate access for migrants and men and women workers who migrate/move to other places to find HIV programs, including information on the availability of health services and social services.** . (México)

15. **To continue promoting in geographic communities, regions, and populations, and especially the most vulnerable, the knowledge and exercise of sexual and reproductive health rights within the framework of international human rights treaties.** [Colombia-indigenous communities]

16. To continue to promote the participation and the significant contribution of people living with HIV, young people, and civil society actors in addressing the problem of HIV in all its aspects, including promoting a gender perspective, and also to promote their full involvement and participation in the design, planning, implementation, and evaluation of HIV programs, as well as creating an enabling environment to combat stigmatization.

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THE THIRTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN,

HAVING SEEN that the Executive Committee of the Inter-American Commission of Women for the period 2004-2006, at its third regular session, adopted an agreement initiating a process to review and modify the legal instruments of the CIM, with the purpose of submitting it for consideration by this Assembly of Delegates.

CONSIDERING

That a consultation process was carried out with all the Principal Delegates, based on the preliminary proposals made by the Delegate of Mexico and contained in the document "Reform of the Legal Instruments of the CIM," (CIM/doc.7/06), which proposes amendments to said legal instruments

That the Department of Legal Services of the Organization of American States had no objections to the proposed amendments

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Principal Delegate of Mexico, Ms. Patricia Espinosa, for her kind collaboration and the inputs that facilitated the consultation process.
2. To approve the modification of the Legal Instruments of the CIM according to the proposal contained in document CIM/doc.7/06rev.1.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

VENUE AND DATE OF THE THIRTY-THIRD ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES
OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN

THE THIRTY-SECOND ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
COMMISSION OF WOMEN,

CONSIDERING:

That, upon conclusion of the proceedings, no country has offered to host the Thirty-fourth Assembly of Delegates of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in 2008; and

That, if a member state later offers to host the Thirty-second Assembly of Delegates, the provisions of Article 12 of the CIM Regulations and resolution CIM/RES. 72 (XXII-O/84), "Signing of Agreement for the Holding of Assemblies of Delegates of CIM in Member States," must be borne in mind,

That the Government of, through its Principal Delegate, has offered to host the Thirty-fourth Assembly of Delegates of the Inter-American Commission of Women, to be held in 2008,

RESOLVES:

To hold the Thirty-fourth Assembly of Delegates of the Inter-American Commission of Women at the headquarters of the Organization of American States, in Washington, D.C., in November 2008, unless an offer to hold it elsewhere is received and takes shape in keeping with the provisions of Article 12 of the CIM Regulations.

1. *To express its thanks to the Government for its kind offer.*
2. *To hold the Thirty-fourth Assembly of Delegates of the Inter-American Commission of Women in, in November of 2008.*
3. *To entrust the Executive Committee with following up this offer, in accordance with the provisions of Article 12 of the Regulations of the Commission.*

To entrust the Executive Committee that, when preparing the Thirty-fourth Assembly of Delegates of the CIM, it take whatever measures are necessary to prepare the Assembly in three days, and in as far as possible make its characteristics and structure similar to those of the Thirty-third Assembly of Delegates of the CIM.

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DRAFT RESOLUTION

MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE FOR THE PERIOD 2006-2008

THE THIRTY-SECOND ASSEMBLY OF DELEGATES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN,

BEARING IN MIND that the General Assembly of the OAS, at its eleventh regular session (resolution AG/RES. 536 (XI-O/81), and at subsequent regular sessions, instructed its bodies and entities to schedule their meetings taking budget levels into account and reducing when necessary the number and length of its meetings, regardless of any regulatory provisions to the contrary;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT resolution CIM/RES.54/82 (XXI-0/82) "Meetings of the Executive Committee," adopted by the Twenty-First Assembly of Delegates of the Inter-American Commission of Women which, considering that the financial situation of the Organization of American States warranted austerity measures for all activities financed by the Organization, resolved to authorize the President of the CIM, once only and as an exceptional measure for the 1982/1984 biennium, to call three regular meetings per year of the Executive Committee for 1982/1984;

CONSIDERING:

That since then the CIM, at its subsequent Assemblies, has adopted resolutions that limit the number of sessions of the Executive Committee to three per year, since, due to financial constraints, it is impossible to comply with the Regulations, which establish a greater number of regular meetings per year;

That Article 39 of the Regulations of the Inter-American Commission of Women, adopted at the Twenty-Ninth Assembly of Delegates of the CIM through CIM/RES. 201 (XXIX-O/00) of 18 November 1998, stipulates that: "*the Executive Committee shall hold a regular meeting every three months at the headquarters of the Commission, or in any country of the Americas if it so decides, for as long as it deems advisable. It may also hold special meetings when the President or at least four of its members so request.*"

That the critical financial situation of the OAS which led to the adoption of austerity measures for all the activities financed by the Organization continues;

RESOLVES:

1. To suspend application of Article 39 of the Regulations of the Inter-American Commission of Women until such time as the Assembly takes a decision to the contrary.
2. To authorize the President of the CIM to convene up to four regular meetings of the Executive Committee of the CIM per biennium.