



## **INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN**

THIRD MEETING OF MINISTERS OR OF  
HIGHEST-RANKING AUTHORITIES  
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF  
WOMEN IN THE MEMBER STATES (REMIM-III)  
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### **DRAFT RESOLUTION**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS TO BE PRESENTED TO THE FIFTH SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS**

THE THIRD MEETING OF MINISTERS OR OF THE HIGHEST-RANKING  
AUTHORITIES RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF WOMEN IN THE MEMBER  
STATES,

RECALLING that the Summits of the Americas process established in 1992, has recognized the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) as the most important hemispheric forum to promote the human rights of women and gender equity and equality and has established new mandates for the CIM, encouraging it to continue its ongoing work in the promotion of those rights;

REAFFIRMING the commitments made by our governments at the Summits of the Americas regarding the objectives of equal rights and opportunities for men and women, which are also identified as priorities in the United Nations Millennium Declaration, and in international and regional efforts aimed at full and equal participation of women in all spheres of society;

UNDERSCORING the importance of promoting gender equity and equality at the national and hemispheric levels, in accordance with the mandates of 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 endorsed by the Quebec Summit in 2000, the decisive strategy of which is gender mainstreaming to achieve the ultimate goal of equal rights and opportunities for women and men;

CONSIDERING that, although gender equity and equality has become a focal point of attention in the Summits of the Americas process, it still has to be fully integrated as a common issue in all topics covered in these forums;

OBSERVING WITH CONCERN the need to redouble efforts to ensure that the topics in the Declarations and Plans of Actions of the Summits incorporate a gender perspective and stop referring to women in general terms or listing them as one of the most vulnerable segments of the population,

along with children, indigenous peoples, and the poor, and, instead, include them in specific areas of interest, such as protection of human rights; exposure to violence and crime; access to decent work, education, health, and justice; the fight against discrimination and inequality; good governance and citizen participation; clean, accessible, and sustainable energy systems; and responsible use of the environment, among others;

**BEARING IN MIND THAT:**

The Fifth Summit of the Americas, the theme of which will be “Securing our Citizens’ Future by Promoting Human Prosperity, Energy Security, and Environmental Sustainability,” will be held in Trinidad and Tobago in April 2009;

In order to fulfill the objective of this Summit, it is extremely important to ensure that a gender perspective is included in its Declaration of Commitment; and  
**HAVING SEEN:**

The Declarations and Plans of Action adopted by the Heads of State and Government at the First Summit of the Americas (Miami, 1994), the Summit of the Americas on Sustainable Development (Santa Cruz de la Sierra, 1996), the Second Summit of the Americas (Santiago, Chile, 1998), the Third Summit of the Americas (Quebec City, 2001), the Special Summit of the Americas (Monterrey, 2004), and the Fourth Summit of the Americas (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 2005); and

The document “Draft Declaration of Commitment ‘Securing our Citizens’ Future by Promoting Human Prosperity, Energy Security, and Environmental Sustainability’”; (CIM/REMIM/INF. 1/08)

**RESOLVES:**

1. To approve the document “Recommendations of the Third Meeting of Ministers or of the Highest-Ranking Authorities Responsible for the Advancement of Women in the Member States to the Fifth Summit of the Americas”; (CIM/REMIM/doc.6/08)
2. To request the Permanent Secretariat of the CIM to:
  - a. Transmit the recommendations in the above mentioned document to the Summits Implementation Review Group (SIRG) and to the member states of the OAS so that they can be incorporated into the work of that Group;
  - b. Follow-up on this process and report the results to the 2008-2010 Executive Committee; and
  - c. Continue providing the support necessary for ministerial and sectorial meetings regarding the implementation of the Summits mandates and commitments on topics of importance to the CIM.

3. To welcome the offer by the Government of .... to host the Fourth Meeting of Ministers or of the Highest-Ranking Authorities Responsible for the Advancement of Women in the Member States in 2009.

4. To thank the people and Government of Chile for hosting REMIM-III, for their warm hospitality, and for providing the facilities to hold this successful Third Meeting of Ministers or of the Highest-Ranking Authorities Responsible for the Advancement of Women in the Member States.