



FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION
Thirty- First Meeting of the Committee of Experts
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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS OF THE MECHANISM FOR FOLLOW-UP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION

I. BACKGROUND

In keeping with the schedule for the Fifth Round of Review agreed upon by the Committee of Experts of the Mechanism for Follow-up on Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC), the Committee's thirty-first meeting was held at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., from September 10 to 13, 2018.

This meeting was attended by the following representatives of the States Parties: Vanessa Moe (Antigua and Barbuda); Laura Geler, Leonardo Limanski, Maria Lorena Capra (Argentina); Kenrah Newry (The Bahamas); Stacy Martinez (Belize); Diego Jiménez Guachalla, Brayan Jhelmar Tintaya Laruta (Bolivia); Tatiana Petry, Aurelio Romanini De Abranches Viotti, Gustavo Favero De Souza (Brazil); Gregory Koster, Marie-Josée Gingras (Canada); Mila Francisco (Chile); Luisa Ferreira Peralta (Colombia); Miguel Cortés (Costa Rica); Eduardo Mendoza Paladines, Pablo Dávila Jaramillo, Juan José Morillo, Santiago Santander Jiménez (Ecuador); Ambassador Carlos Calles, Wendy Acevedo, José Enrique Vasquez Romero (El Salvador); Kellen McClure, Patrick Shepherd (United States); Mauricio Benard (Guatemala); Yvlore Pigeot (Haiti); Ricardo Rodríguez, Jorge Medina (Honduras); Nicoles Foster-Pusey, Ambassador Audrey Marks, Dean L. Williams (Jamaica); Alejandra Rascón, Javier Gonzalez, Jorge Lomonaco, Mariana Olivera, Ximena Mariscal, Luis Quirarte, María Teresa de Luna Moreno (Mexico); Angélica Maytin Justiniani, Antonio Lam (Panama); Soledad Machuca (Paraguay); Ambassador Ana Rosa Valdivieso, José Rodríguez, Oliver Valencia, Yésica Fonseca, Virna Ruiz (Peru); Tashna Williams Powell (San Kitts and Nevis); Sieglen Aviankoi, R. Gravenbeek, Juanita Lont (Suriname); Ian Rampersad (Trinidad and Tobago); Ricardo Gil, Carlos Rodríguez Brianza (Uruguay).

II. PROCEEDINGS

The OAS Secretary for Legal Affairs, Jean Michel Arrighi, opened the meeting with a word of welcome to participants.

Pursuant to the first item on the Agenda and the schedule for this meeting (Appendices I and II), the Technical Secretariat presented a report on the MESICIC agenda and operations.

Under item 2 on the agenda, the Committee reviewed the preliminary draft reports for The Bahamas, Suriname, and Belize, in that order.

In considering the preliminary draft country reports, the Committee abided by the provisions of Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure. Thus, in each case, the representatives of the review subgroups attending the meeting delivered a presentation on the contents and scope of their preliminary draft report. Next, the State Party reviewed took the floor to talk about the draft report. The Committee then considered that draft report, with the experts making comments and observations, keeping to the order of the chapters and sections in each draft.



For each of the draft reports considered, the Committee agreed on changes to be made and gave instructions with respect to those changes and the presentation of a revised version of each report to be submitted for consideration and final approval.

Pursuant to item 3 on the agenda, presentations were delivered on offers by the following institutions to provide training on matters related to preventing and combating corruption: the International Anti-Corruption Academy (IACA), represented by Elena Helmer; the Anti-Corruption Program at American University Washington College of Law, represented by its Director, Nancy Boswell; and the OAS School of Governance, represented by the Director of the Department of Effective Public Management, María Fernanda Trigo. The electronic versions of these presentations were delivered to the Technical Secretariat of the MESICIC and are appended to these minutes (Appendix III).

Under item 4 on the agenda, presentations on best practices were delivered by the representatives of the following states that had previously sent the Technical Secretariat of the MESICIC the standard form containing the requisite information, as provided for in the methodology for the presentation of best practices adopted by the Committee: Argentina, Panama, the United States, Mexico, Ecuador, Bolivia, and Brazil.

The electronic versions of the forms sent in advance to the Technical Secretariat of the MESICIC and their appendices on the best practices presented at this meeting will be posted on the [web page of the Mechanism](#), as provided for in the methodology adopted by the Committee.

Pursuant to item 5 on the agenda, presentations on international anti-corruption mechanisms were delivered by the following institutions: the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), represented by Leah Ambler; the Council of Europe's Group of States against Corruption (GRECO), represented by Gianluca Esposito; the United Nations, represented by Elsa Gopala Krishnan; the MESICIC, represented by Jorge García González, and the Secretary for Public Ethics, Transparency and the Fight against Corruption in charge of the Anti-Corruption Office of the Argentine Republic and Chair of the G20 Anti-Corruption Working Group. The electronic versions of these presentations were delivered to the Technical Secretariat of the MESICIC and are appended to these minutes (Appendices IV, V, VI, VII, and VIII).

The Committee then undertook a final review of the draft country reports for The Bahamas, Suriname, and Belize, which, following comments on each of them, were approved by consensus. The approved texts of those three country reports are attached as appendices to these minutes (Appendices IX, X, and XI).

Under item 6 on the agenda, regarding financial strengthening of the MESICIC, several delegations spoke in support of it and of the adoption of relevant decisions to achieve that goal.

Pursuant to item 7 on the agenda, on the Commitment of Lima “Democratic Governance against Corruption” emanating from the Eighth Summit of the Americas, presentations were made by the Permanent Representative of Peru to the OAS, Ambassador Ana Rosa Valdivieso and by the Secretary for Hemispheric Affairs of the OAS General Secretariat, James Lambert, who both answered a number of questions put to them regarding matters mentioned in their presentations.

Next, under agenda item 8, “Other business”:

1. In light of the recent accession of Dominica and Saint Lucia to the MESICIC, States were randomly selected to form part of their respective review subgroups, pursuant to the rules agreed upon for that purpose by the Committee. The resulting subgroups were comprised as follows: For Dominica,



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the review subgroup is composed of Saint Kitts and Nevis and Mexico; for Saint Lucia, the subgroup comprises Antigua and Barbuda and Belize.

2. Bearing in mind that Dominica and Saint Lucia joined the MESICIC this year, agreement had to be reached on an additional Fifth Round meeting, in order to be able to review those States at that meeting.
3. In order to avoid Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (which, together with Guatemala and Trinidad and Tobago, becomes one of the three States to be reviewed during the penultimate meeting) being simultaneously a member of the review subgroup for Trinidad and Tobago and a State under review, it was agreed that Belize will replace Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in the review subgroup for Trinidad and Tobago and that Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will in turn replace Belize in the review subgroup for Nicaragua.
4. As regards the States to be reviewed at the last meeting, it was agreed that this group would comprise Dominica and Saint Lucia, as countries that have just recently joined the MESICIC, and by Nicaragua and Venezuela, in accordance with the agreement already reached at their request that they be reviewed at the end of the Round.
5. In light of the above, the Committee authorized the Technical Secretariat to prepare and distribute the revised versions of the documents on the composition of the subgroups, and the sequence and schedule for the Fifth Round of Review.
6. As proposed by the Delegation of Argentina, the Committee approved by consensus a motion of congratulations and support for the Technical Secretariat of the MESICIC, in recognition of the excellent work it does.

Before declaring the meeting closed, the Technical Secretariat read these minutes out loud. They were adopted by the plenary of the Committee by consensus, together with all their appendices, which are an integral part thereof.

Washington, D.C., September 13, 2018



APPENDICES		
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