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CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION
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MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH 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 Sixth 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-Eighth Meeting was held virtually from September 12 to 15, 2022.

This meeting was attended by the following representatives of the States Parties: Vanessa Moe (Antigua and Barbuda); Luis Villanueva, Déborah Hafford, Omar Sosa, Yanina Ariotti, Natalia Bistolfi, Natalia Pereyra, Fernanda Terán (Argentina); Cesar Ross (Belize); Julia Susana Ríos Laguna, Bayardo Martínez Villarroel, Sergio Rodrigo Plata Careaga, Oscar Daniel Silva Guzmán (Bolivia); Elizabeth Cristina Marques Cosmo, Mônica Bulhões e Silva, Pedro da Silveira Montenegro, Carlos Guiherme Sampaio Fernandes, Gustavo Carneiro, André Zaca Furquim, Sarah Caroline Siquiera Cabral Naiser de Moura, Fabiano Emídio de Lucena Martins, Alexandre Camões Bessa, Ellen Cristina Borges Londe Mello (Brazil); Erin Cassidy, Maude Kostine (Canada); Daniella Caldana, Julio Torres, Felipe Kipreos, Bernardo Pérez, Roberto Villegas, Hernán Fernández Aracena, Yelica Lusic Nadal, Mayra Zambrano, Jorge Luis Norambuena Carrillo, Carolina González, Israel Fernández, Karina Ruiz, Marlene Valles, Carolina Álvarez Gaete (Chile); Armando José Navarro Burgos, Marcelo Buendía Vélez, Angela Patricia Acosta Gutiérrez, Juan Pablo Aristizábal Ramírez, Liliana García Restrepo, Mery Angélica Mantilla García, María del Carmen Rozo C., Alexandra Ladino Pinzón, Gustavo Andrés Gómez Gaona, Roberth Nicolás Valencia Sierra, María Paula Vargas Rodríguez, Claudia María Gaviria (Colombia); Lissy Dorado Vargas, Kimberly Sánchez Carrillo (Costa Rica); Emb. Josué A. Fiallo, Berenice Barinas Ubiñas, Nael Boutokan, Emb. Anabel Bueno, Emb. Erika Álvarez Rodríguez (Dominican Republic); Patricio Lloret Cordero, Benjamín Marcelo Vásquez García (Ecuador); Karina Guadalupe Burdos de Olivares, Gerardo Arístides Márquez Reyes, Elmer Humberto Castro Hernández, Gerardo Alberto Ramos Ruíz, Gonzalo Ernesto Martínez Tejada, Samadhy Martínez, Francisco Guillermo Zura, Gabriela María García Alas, Ana Gisela Martínez de Rivas, Carlos David Aguilar Cerna, Douglas Osmín Cruz Bonilla, Edgar Romero, Ulises Ramón Arce, Héctor Naún Martínez García, Claudia María Orozco Aguilar, Marvin Esau Sorto, Fidel Antonio Mendoza Vaquerano, Néstor Antonio Guzmán, Orlando Israel Rivas Ávila, María del Pilar Escobar Pacas, Josee Alberto Zamora Leiva, Víctor Manuel Cárcamo Martínez (El Salvador); Oscar Miguel Dávila Mejicanos, Eunice Lemus (Guatemala); Gail

Teixeira (Guyana); Hans Jacques Ludwig Joseph, Yvlore Pigeot, Ronald Mathurin (Haiti); Roy Pineda Castro, Jorge Medina, Melissa Paz (Honduras); Marlene Malahoo-Forte, Wayne Robertson, Michelle Walker, Ryan Evans, Sherise Gayle, Shelly-Ann Thompson (Jamaica); Luis Enrique Pereda Trejo, Valentina Valdez Jasso, Martha C. Vázquez Vázquez, Mariana Yáñez López, Emb. Elena Baños Rivas, Martín Muñoz-Ledo (Mexico); Elsa Fernández Aguilar, Tania Vásquez, Astrid González, Adrián José Hernández, Eric Alberto Vergara Gordón, Agustín Almario, Brunilda Paez, Dilia Palma (Panama); María Soledad Machuca Vidal, René Milciades Fernández Bobadilla, Melissa Benítez Cattebeke, Juan Federico Martín Hetter Garay, Fabio López, Tony Orlando Ferreira, Raul Martínez Villalba (Paraguay); Ítalo Alberto Laca Ramos, Carlos Augusto Villena Changanaguí (Peru); Tina Louison, Kozel Creese (Saint Lucia); Sieglien Aviankoi, Juanita Lont, Rashna Babolall, Valery Pique, Effendi Djoeneri (Suriname); Ian Rampersad (Trinidad and Tobago); Kellen McClure, Teddi Shihadeh-Bouffard, Nikhita Godbole, Alejandro Garcia, Hermes Grullon, Andrew Stevenson, Amanda Hickman (United States); María Susana Signorino (Uruguay); and José Hernández (Venezuela).

II. PROCEEDINGS

Pursuant to Article 34(b) of the Rules of Procedure and within the deadline established in the schedule for the Sixth Round, the Committee received documents from two civil society organizations. These organizations are “Fundación Democracia, Transparencia, Justicia” [Democracy, Transparency, Justice Foundation] of El Salvador, and “Fundación para el Desarrollo de la Libertad Ciudadana” [Foundation for the Development of Civic Liberty] of Panama.

In light of the above and the provisions of Article 35 of the Committee's Rules of Procedure, before beginning the formal meeting, the experts of the MESICIC member states met informally with a representative of the organization “Fundación para el Desarrollo de la Libertad Ciudadana” [Foundation for the Development of Civic Liberty]. Due to last minute unforeseen circumstances, the representative of “Fundación Democracia, Transparencia, Justicia” [Democracy, Transparency, Justice Foundation] of El Salvador was unable to take part in that meeting.

Following the informal meeting with the civil society organization from Panama, the formal meeting of the Committee began, with a speech by the Secretary for the OAS Secretariat for Legal Affairs, Jean Michel Arrighi.

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

Under agenda item 2, the Committee considered, in order, the preliminary draft country reports for Panama, Chile and El Salvador.

The Committee proceeded to review the preliminary draft country reports in accordance with Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure. Thus, in each case, the review subgroup presented the content and scope of its preliminary draft report; then, the State Party under review made a brief statement in regard to the draft report; and, finally, the Committee examined the corresponding draft report, with the experts offering observations and comments on the chapters and sections in order.

For each draft report it reviewed, the Committee agreed on modifications, and provided instructions for the corresponding changes to be made and for the revised versions to be submitted to the plenary for consideration and final approval.

As envisaged under item 3 on the agenda, a Special Meeting was held on Anticorruption Training and Education Programs. That special meeting was divided into two parts. During the first panel discussion, representatives of the OAS School of Governance, the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the International Anticorruption Academy (IACA), and American University shared information about anticorruption training and education programs provided by their organizations. The electronic copies of those presentations received by the Technical Secretariat of the MESICIC are attached to these minutes (Annexes III, IV, V, and VI).

During the second part of this special meeting, presentations were made by those States that had previously informed the Technical Secretariat that they wished to share with other members of the Committee information regarding the anticorruption training and education programs provided by them. Presentations were given by Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The presentations used during the special session, will be posted on [the Mechanism's web page](#) to ensure their continued dissemination. On account of its importance, the special session was transmitted by webcast over the official OAS Facebook and YouTube accounts and the official MESICIC Twitter account.

Then, in compliance with agenda item 4, voluntary presentations on best practices were given by the representatives of those States that had previously submitted the standard forms with the relevant information to the MESICIC Technical Secretariat, in keeping with the methodology for the presentation of best practices adopted by the Committee. Best practices were shared by Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Guyana, Mexico, Panama, and Trinidad and Tobago.

In order to maximize the dissemination of the best practices presented, this session was transmitted by webcast over the official OAS Facebook and YouTube accounts and the official MESICIC Twitter account.

The forms that were previously sent to the MESICIC Technical Secretariat on the best practices presented at this meeting, together with their annexes and the presentations used, are to be published on [the Mechanism's web page](#), in accordance with the methodology adopted by the Committee.

Subsequently, under item 5 on the agenda, the Technical Secretariat presented the "Proposed Indicators to Prevent, Detect and Reduce Impunity related to the Results in the Protection of Whistleblowers and Witnesses of Acts of Corruption in Criminal Matters," prepared by the Technical Secretariat in accordance with the methodology adopted by the Committee in this regard. Following initial considerations by a number of delegations, it was agreed that the representatives of the States would submit to the Technical Secretariat any specific proposals that they might have regarding the texts of the proposed indicators by no later than November 15, 2022.

Based on any proposed changes that the Technical Secretariat receives from the delegations, it shall prepare a revised version of the proposed indicators and distribute it prior to the next meeting of the Committee, to be considered at said meeting. The Committee then addressed the final review of the draft country reports for Panama, Chile, and El Salvador. Following considerations regarding each of









those reports, they were adopted by consensus. The approved texts of these country reports are attached to these minutes (Annex VII).


Under item 6 on the agenda, “other matters”:

- 1) The Lead Expert of the United States:
 - a. Announced that his country would host the International Anticorruption Conference (IACC), being organized together with “Transparency International”, to be held from December 6-10, 2022. He invited the delegations to participate in that conference and said that they would be receiving the corresponding formal invitations.
 - b. He proposed that the Technical Secretariat present a report on the financial state of the MESICIC at the next meeting of the Committee of Experts.
- 2) The Panamanian expert reported that her country would host the meeting of the Transparency Network, to be held on November 7, 8, and 9, 2022.

Before ending the meeting, the Technical Secretariat read out these minutes, which were then unanimously approved by the plenary of the Committee, together with all the annexes that form an integral part thereof.

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APPENDIX		
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