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CIM Presents its Annual Report to the OAS General Commission With a Call to Strengthen Alliances and Collective Action

- The report highlights the main advances of 2024: political leadership training, support to states, new publications, and an expanded network of women's organizations.
- This presentation is the first step in the accountability process, which will continue during the OAS General Assembly to be held in Antigua and Barbuda.

Washington D.C., June 11, 2025. The Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) presented its 2024 Annual Report on Wednesday to the General Committee of the Organization of American States (OAS) as part of the annual accountability process.

In sharing the main advances of the year, the Executive Secretary of the CIM, Alejandra Mora Mora, recalled that the institution was born at a time when women did not have the right to vote, but with the firm conviction that they could govern. She affirmed that this legacy continues today to drive a hemispheric agenda to promote, protect, and defend the equality agenda built by women.

The report highlights a year marked by institutional milestones, including the commemoration of the 30th anniversary of the Belem do Para Convention and the 20th anniversary of its Follow-up Mechanism (MESECVI), as well as strategic expansion. In 2024, the CIM trained more than 180 women through its courses for candidates, in addition to offering specific training for indigenous women from Latin America and the English-speaking Caribbean.

Throughout the year, the CIM consolidated a network of over 1,500 women's organizations across the region, developed training processes and capacity-building initiatives, and shared tools for advocacy, project development, and fundraising.

The report also highlights the process of creating four new inter-American model laws on parity, financial inclusion, labor market insertion, and technology-facilitated gender-based violence, which will be presented in 2025.

During 2024, the CIM worked with rural women, Afro-descendant women, foreign ministries and women's ministers in processes of diplomacy for equality; with private sector companies in coresponsibility for care, and with universities throughout the region in the production and exchange of knowledge.

Through various partnerships and territorial action, the CIM, including MESECVI, visited 16 Member States, published 10 specialized studies, and promoted technical training for almost 200 government and OAS officials.

"Equality does not go backwards if we walk together," said Mora Mora, who also stressed that, on the eve of the centennial of its founding, the CIM will continue to coordinate efforts, build alliances and develop instruments to support the States "so that equality ceases to be a promise and becomes a lived reality for all the women of the Americas".

The presentation of this report to the General Committee marked the beginning of the formal accountability process, which will continue with the participation of the President of the CIM and Minister of Women's Affairs of Panama, Niurka Palacio Urriola, at the OAS General Assembly to be held in late June in Antigua and Barbuda.

You can download the CIM Annual Report 2024 by clicking here.

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About CIM/OAS

The Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS) is the principal hemispheric forum dedicated to the promotion and protection of women's human rights and gender equality. Founded in 1928, the CIM has been a pioneer in identifying the barriers faced by women in the social, economic, and political spheres, and in formulating policies and programs to overcome those barriers. CIM collaborates with OAS Member States, civil society organizations, and other key stakeholders to advance the gender equality agenda in the Americas.

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