

FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM TO THE BELÉM DO PARÁ CONVENTION (MESECVI)
FOURTH SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES

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AGREEMENTS OF THE FOURTH EXTRAORDINARY CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BELÉM DO PARÁ CONVENTION (MESECVI)

The States Parties to the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, "Belém do Pará Convention", gathered virtually at the Fourth Extraordinary Conference of the States Parties to MESECVI on February 27, 2025;

RECALLING that, in order to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention, on October 26, 2004, the First Conference of States Parties was held at the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS), where the "Statute of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, Belém do Pará Convention" (MESECVI) was approved;

REITERATING the importance of MESECVI as a body that contributes to the implementation of the Belém do Pará Convention, while respecting the diversity of countries in the region;

REAFFIRMING the need to strengthen mechanisms for cooperation and the exchange of information and best practices among the States Parties to the Convention, especially between Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as with non-Party States, Permanent Observers to the OAS, and other entities addressing violence against women at the subregional, regional, and international levels;

URGING the States Parties to continue designating Experts within MESECVI, ensuring the representation of all regions and strengthening the monitoring and evaluation work of the Mechanism;

RECALLING that AG/RES. 3028 (LIV-O/24) on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights, approved by the OAS General Assembly on June 28, 2024, urges States Parties, OAS Member States that have not yet ratified the Convention, Permanent Observer States, and other donors to make voluntary contributions to the specific fund dedicated to financing MESECVI's activities, including offering to organize and host meetings of its bodies.

AGREE TO:

- 1. Welcome the appointment of Minister Aparecida Gonçalves, representative of Brazil, as President of the Conference of States Parties to the MESECVI; Minister Mayra Jiménez, representative of the Dominican Republic, as First Vice President; and Minister Arianna Tanca Macchiavello, representative of Ecuador, as Second Vice President. Likewise, to acknowledge Minister Cindy Quesada, representative of Costa Rica, as Rapporteur by acclamation.;
- 2. Take note of the report of the Presidency MESECVI-IV-CE/inf.29/25 and commend the progress achieved during this period;
- 3. Express gratitude to Minister Antonia Orellana for her contribution to this Mechanism as President of the Conference of States Parties, and congratulate the Government of Chile for its leadership;
- 4. Congratulate the States Parties that have designated Experts and National Competent Authorities in 2025 and urge States Parties that have not yet done so to appoint their Experts, whether principal or alternate, in accordance with the rules established in the Statute of the Mechanism; and
- 5. Welcome the States that made voluntary contributions in 2023, particularly Chile, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the States that, in 2024, contributed to the proper functioning of MESECVI, specifically the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Colombia. Furthermore, urge the States Parties that have not yet done so to make such contributions in 2025.