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**NINTH CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTY**

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## **AGREEMENTS OF THE NINTH CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTIES TO THE FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM ON 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, "Convention of Belém do Pará," gathered at the Ninth Meeting of States Parties to the MESECVI on June 11th and 12th, 2024, in Santiago, Chile;

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

RECOGNIZING the advances and challenges of the regional context on the 30th anniversary of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women and the 20th anniversary of the creation of its Follow-up Mechanism;

REITERATING the importance of the MESECVI as a multilateral instance that contributes to the implementation of the Convention of Belém do Pará while respecting the diversity of the countries in the region; as well as to increase the resilience of the Caribbean through adaptive capacity, including gender-responsive budgeting and costing;

AFFIRMING the need to promote mechanisms for cooperation and exchange of information and best practices among the States Parties to the Convention, especially between Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the non-Party States to the Convention, Permanent Observers to the OAS, and other bodies addressing the issue of

gender-based violence against girls, adolescents, and women at the subregional, regional, and international levels;

REAFFIRMING the importance of dialogue between the National Competent Authorities and the CEVI for the exchange of experiences on progress and obstacles in relevant issues regarding the strengthening, compliance, and dissemination of the Convention of Belém do Pará and the institutionalism of both bodies, with the aim of strengthening the MESECVI and positioning it as a reference in the regional and universal spheres;



CONVINCED that the strengthening of the MESECVI requires the support of the States Parties in terms of human and/or financial resources, as well as the need to find financing alternatives that allow for the proper functioning of the Mechanism;

CONSIDERING that the Strategic Plan of the MESECVI 2018-2023 was approved during the Second Extraordinary Meeting of States Parties, and its validity was extended during the Third Extraordinary Meeting of the States Parties of the MESECVI, with successful implementation; and also considering the obligation to develop a proposal for the new Strategic Plan 2024-2029;

IDENTIFYING that the issue of technology-facilitated gender-based violence against women has become a turning point to evaluate lessons learned from the past and renew commitments for the future considering the new threats emerging from online spaces, as well as for the present;

CONFIRMING the importance of dialogue between the MESECVI and women-led organizations and movements and women's human rights defense organizations, girls, and adolescents;

***AGREE TO:***

1. Request the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI to continue working on the issue of violence against women, adolescents, and girls, taking into account various factors, including, among others, the ethnic origin or race of women, minority or indigenous status, color, socio-economic situation, the condition of living in urban or rural areas, language, religion or beliefs, political opinion, national origin, marital status, motherhood, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability status, refugee or asylum status, internally displaced, or stateless, widowhood, migratory status, deprivation of liberty, trafficking in women and in situations of armed conflict, the use of firearms and organized crime and the stigmatization of women who fight for their rights, particularly women human rights defenders, or any other condition that may make women and girls vulnerable, in accordance with national legislation in various areas of the public and private spheres, to continue promoting the implementation of the Belém do Pará Convention;

2. Request the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI to take note of the issues raised in this space related to technology-facilitated gender-based violence against women and to continue promoting the creation of a Comprehensive Model Law to prevent, punish, and eradicate technology-facilitated gender-based violence against women and tools to ensure its regional regulation;

3. Take note of the main findings of the *Subregional Report: Access to justice, truth, and reparation for women in Latin America*;

4. Take note of the recommendations issued in the *General Recommendation No. 5 of the CEVI: Gender-based violence against Afro-descendant women*;

5. Take note of the main findings of the *Subregional Report on Legislative Advances to prevent and punish violence against women in the Caribbean*;
6. Approve the publication of the document amending the *Rules of Procedure of the Conference of States Parties to the MESECVI*;
7. Approve the publication of the *Strategic Plan of the MESECVI 2024-2029*, which will guide the work of the Mechanism and its component bodies for the next five years;
8. Approve the publication of the *Declaration on Accelerator Strategies for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention to Prevent, Punish, and Eradicate Violence Against Women*;
9. Continue periodically holding dialogues between the National Competent Authorities and the Committee of Experts of the MESECVI on progress and challenges in relevant issues regarding the strengthening, compliance, and dissemination of the Belém do Pará Convention;
10. Continue to encourage and promote the participation of civil society and other social actors in the activities of the MESECVI, within the framework of Article 10.2 of its Statute, taking into account the "Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities", document CP/RES. 759 (1217/99);
11. Implement measures to adapt to climate change with a gender perspective and establish a gender focal point to lead and coordinate the mainstreaming of gender, violence, and climate change issues;
12. Congratulate the States Parties that have appointed Experts in 2024 and urge the States Parties that have not yet done so to appoint the Experts, both titular and/or alternate, in accordance with the rules established in the Mechanism's Statute;
13. To acknowledge the support of the Government of Chile for hosting the Ninth Conference of States Parties and to welcome the invitation of the Government of Brazil to host the Tenth Regular Conference of States Parties, to be held in Belém do Pará in 2025. To accept the invitation of the Government of the Dominican Republic to host the XI Conference of States Parties in 2027.