

FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM  
BELÉM DO PARÁ CONVENTION (MESECVI)  
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**AGREEMENTS OF THE TWENTIETH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS OF THE MECHANISM TO FOLLOW UP THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION TO PREVENT, PUNISH AND ERADICATE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, “BELÉM DO PARÁ CONVENTION” (CEVI)**

The Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism of the “Belém do Pará Convention”, meeting during the XX Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the MESECVI on November 28 and 29, 2023, in a hybrid format, at the headquarters of the Organization of American States and through the Zoom platform,

**AGREE:**

1. Approve the draft agenda and the project for the organization of work, documents: MESECVI/CEVI/doc.282/23; and MESECVI/CEVI/doc.281/23, with the changes suggested by the Chair;
2. Take notes of the presentation of the *Recommendation No. 6 On The Use Of Stereotypes That Compromise The Integrity Of Justice Systems*, document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.284/23 and give a period of 30 days for the Experts to comment on it;
3. Take note of the results of the Coordinated Audit on Gender Violence: State Response in the prevention, protection and reparation of women victims of violence and corruption, and ask the Technical Secretariat of the Mechanism to strengthen synergies and cooperation that allow for the deepening of common issues;
4. Approve the Annual Report on the activities of the Presidency, document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.283/23;
5. Take note of the presentation of the new website, communication and campaigns for the 16 days of activism: child marriage, disability, etc. and congratulate the Technical Secretariat for the work in this regard;
6. Take note of the progress on the the Fourth Multilateral Evaluation Round;
7. Take note of the review of the Report on legislation on gender-based violence against women in the Anglophone Caribbean and establish a deadline until January 30, 2024 for Caribbean experts to submit their comments on the report for its subsequent forwarding to the States for their review and comments, document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.284/23;

8. Approve *ad referendum* the country reports of the following States Parties to the Belém do Pará Convention: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Paraguay and Uruguay, documents MESECVI/CEVI/doc.285/23, MESECVI/CEVI/doc.286/23, MESECVI/CEVI/doc.287/23, MESECVI/CEVI/doc.288/23, MESECVI/CEVI/doc.289/23, MESECVI/CEVI/doc.290/23, MESECVI/CEVI/doc.291/23 y MESECVI/CEVI/doc.292/23, giving a period of thirty days to send the comments to the Technical Secretariat by the corresponding Experts so that they can be sent to the States for their further evaluation and comments;
9. Take note of the presentation and comments made on Recommendation No. 5 on gender-based violence against Afro-descendant women, girls and adolescents in Latin America, document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.293/23, give a period of 30 days to the Experts to send their comments to the Technical Secretariat and include Brazilian civil society organizations in the process. Also, thank UNFPA and the following Civil Society Organizations for their support: Red de Mujeres Afrolatinoamericanas, Afrocaribeñas y de la Diáspora, Fundación Afromexicana Petra Morga AC, Voces de Mujeres Afro Panameñas, Voces Caribeñas, Enlace de Mujeres Negras de Honduras, CEDEMUNEP, Instituto Raza Igualdad y Derechos Humanos, Quilombo Negrocéntricas, Colectiva Mujeres, Asociación de mujeres Afrocolombianas - AMUAFROC, Escuela Regional Afro feminista and Centro de Mujeres Afro - Costa Rica;
10. Take note of the path and progress towards an Inter-American Model Law to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate technology-facilitated gender-based violence against Women and request the Technical Secretariat to advance on a plan of activities and report to all Experts;
11. Approve the Guidelines for MESECVI technical assistance visits to States Parties to the Convention, document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.295/23;
12. Approve *ad referendum* the changes to the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Experts, document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.294/23, including the changes requested by the Experts and notify the States of the changes made;
13. Welcome the election of the new authorities of the Committee of Experts and welcome their appointment: Gloria Camacho, Expert from Ecuador, as President; Sherna Alexander Benjamin, Expert from Trinidad and Tobago and Teresa Inchaustegui, Expert from Mexico, as Vice Presidents of the CEVI;
14. Express our gratitude to the Expert from Peru, Marcela Huaita, for her excellent management as President of the CEVI during 2022 and 2023;
15. Express gratitude to expert Sylvia Meza from Costa Rica, who has left the Committee in 2023, for her contribution to the efforts of recent years; as well as welcome those who joined in this period as experts from Panama, Aracelly de León, Beatriz Schulthess from Costa Rica and Hasani McDonald from Saint Kitts and Nevis.