



FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN  
CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION  
Thirty-Second Meeting of the Committee of Experts  
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## **MINUTES OF THE THIRTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS OF THE FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER- AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION**

### **I. BACKGROUND**

In keeping with the schedule for the Fifth Round of Review agreed upon by the Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism on the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC), the Committee's Thirty-Second was held at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., from March 11 to 14, 2019.

This meeting was attended by the following representatives of the Vanessa Moe (Antigua and Barbuda); Laura Geler, Leonardo Limanski (Argentina); Franklyn Williams (The Bahamas); Laura Andrea Frampton (Belize); Melvy Rosario Jaramillo Ortiz (Bolivia); Elizabeth Cosmo, Socorro Janaina Maximiano Leonardo, Eduardo Mauat Da Silva, Fabrizio Garbi, Anamara Osório Silva, Aurelio Romanini de Abranches Viotti, Gustavo Favero de Souza (Brazil); Douglas Breithaup (Canada); Verónica Orrego, Mayra Johana Zambrano (Chile); Mónica Rueda Rodríguez (Colombia); Miguel Cortés Chaves (Costa Rica); Santiago Santander Jiménez (Ecuador); Emb. Carlos Alberto Calles, Wendy Jeannette Acevedo, Orlando Israel Rivas (El Salvador); Marriane Tousaint, Kellen McClure, Kalli Beck, Helaina Stein, Andrew Stevenson, Patrick Shepherd, Karen Gorman, Christopher Leo, Jeremy McCray, AnnaLau Tirol, Jennifer Clarke, Victor Salgado, Emily Ruppel (United States); Marco Antonio Archila Cabrera, Emb. Rita Claverie de Sciolli, Libna Bonilla, Tatiana Lucero-Barahona, Mauricio Benard (Guatemala); Yvlore Pigeot, Sandra Toussaint Joseph, Elie Jean Philippe, Robert Conand Massé, Carl Henry Richard Beupin (Haiti); Roy Pineda Castro, Jorge Medina, Melissa Paz (Honduras); Stephanie Forte (Jamaica); Alejandro Martínez Peralta, Emb. Jorge Lomónaco, Mariana Olivera West, Ximena Mariscal Alba, Dálida Cleotilde Acota Pimentel, Laura Bertipaglia (Mexico); Antonio Lam (Panama); Teresa Rojas, Emb. Elisa Ruiz Díaz, Justo Apodaca, Sergio González Velilla (Paraguay); Emb. Ana Rosa Valdivieso, José Marcos Rodríguez, Yesica Fonseca, Virna Ruiz (Peru); Ramón Revi Matos (Dominican Republic); Vincent Byron, Simone Bullen Thompson (Saint Kitts and Nevis); Juliet Mallet Phillip (Saint Lucia); Jaundy O.R. Martin (Saint Vicente and the Grenadines); Juanita Cleopatra Santusha Lont (Suriname); Ian Rampersad (Trinidad and Tobago); Ricardo Gil y Carlos Rodríguez Brianza (Uruguay).

### **II. PROCEEDINGS**

The OAS Secretary for Legal Affairs, Jean Michel Arrighi, made some welcoming remarks at the start of the meeting.

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

Turning to item 2 on the agenda, the Technical Secretariat reported on the note received from the Permanent Mission of Argentina to the OAS nominating the lead expert of that State, Laura Geler, as Chair of the Committee.

Proceeding to item 3 on the agenda, the Committee considered the preliminary draft country reports on United States, Antigua and Barbuda, Haiti, and Saint Kitts and Nevis, in that order.

In considering the preliminary draft country reports, the Committee adhered to the provisions of Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure. Thus, in each case, the review subgroup delivered a presentation on the contents and scope of the draft; then, the State Party under review made a statement on the draft report; next, the Committee considered the draft report, with the experts making comments and observations, keeping to the order of the draft's different chapters and sections.

For each of the draft reports considered, the Committee agreed on changes to be made and gave instructions with respect to those changes and the presentation of a revised version of each report to be submitted for consideration and final approval.

Then, addressing item 4 on the agenda, the Technical Secretariat referred to the draft Model Law for Preventing Conflicts of Interest prepared pursuant to Recommendation 25 of the Fourth Meeting of the Conference of States Parties of the MESICIC, which had previously been sent to the competent national authorities on the subject, as well as to the lead experts on the Committee and civil society organizations, for their comments and suggestions. The Technical Secretariat then gave the floor to international consultant, Guillermo Jorge, who had been hired to draft the Model Law, for him to give a presentation on his revised version of the draft in light of the comments and suggestions received. After listening to its members' remarks, the Committee decided: (1) to post the observations received from both national authorities and their experts on the Committee on the MESICIC's private web page; and 2) to set March 29 as the deadline by which lead experts shall deliver observations and suggestions to the Technical Secretariat, indicating also what issues should or should not be addressed in the Model Law, with a view to clarifying the scope of that Law.

The meeting then turned to item 5 on the agenda and, in keeping with Article 31 of the Rules of Procedure, representatives of States Parties submitted brief verbal reports on the measures adopted since the thirtieth meeting by their respective states with regard to the recommendations made by the Committee as well as on other progress related to the implementation of the Convention during that period. An electronic copy of those reports received by the Technical Secretariat, drafted in the standard format approved by the Committee, will be published on the Mechanism's web page.

Then, in keeping with item 6 on the agenda, representatives of the following states gave presentations on matters of collective interest and best practices: Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Trinidad and Tobago and Panama. The digital copies of those presentations will be published on the [Mechanism's web page](#).

Next, pursuant to item 7 on the agenda, there was a presentation on the nature and purposes of ISO Standard 37001 on Anti-bribery Management Systems by Worth MacMurray, who helped draft the Standard. The electronic version of that presentation is included in Annex III.

Under item 8 on the agenda, Nicolás Dassen, an IDB official gave a presentation on the Inter-American Development Bank document entitled "Conflict of Interests: Challenges and Opportunities to Implement an Effective System." The electronic version of that presentation is included as Annex IV.

The Committee then undertook a final review of the draft country reports for United States, Antigua and Barbuda, Haiti, and Saint Kitts and Nevis, which, following comments on each, were adopted by consensus. The approved texts of those four country reports are appended as annexes hereto (Annexes V, VI, VII and VIII).








The Committee then turned to item 9 and the agenda. In accordance with Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure, by consensus and acclamation, the Committee elected Laura Geler, Lead Expert of Argentina as Chair, and Ricardo Gil, Lead Expert of Uruguay, as Vice Chair.

Next, under agenda item 10, "Other business":

1. The Technical Secretariat shared information about the current status of financing for the MESICIC and encouraged the experts to urge their governments to keep pushing for more robust financing for this Mechanism through both the Regular Budget of the OAS and voluntary contributions from its States, pursuant to the mandates of the VIII Summit of the Americas and of the OAS General Assembly.
2. The delegation of Mexico, which, together with Japan, are co-chairing the G-20 Anti-Corruption Working Group, reported that the next meeting of that Working Group would be held in Mexico City on May 15-16, along with a parallel event on May 14. It added that it would be sending invitations to the Chair of the Committee of Experts of the MESICIC and to the Technical Secretariat to take part therein,
3. At the suggestion of the delegation of Argentina, the Committee approved by consensus a motion of commendation and support to the Technical Secretariat of the MESICIC for its excellent work.

Before declaring the meeting closed, the Technical Secretariat read these minutes out loud. They were approved by the plenary of the Committee by consensus, together with all their annexes, which are an integral part thereof.

Washington, D.C., March 14, 2019

<b>ANNEXES</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Link</b>
<b>I</b>	Agenda of the Meeting	
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<b>V</b>	Report on United States	
<b>VI</b>	Report on Antigua and Barbuda	
<b>VII</b>	Report on Haiti	
<b>VIII</b>	Report on Saint Kitts and Nevis	