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## FIRST FORUM OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE JUDICIARY ON COOPERATION AGAINST CORRUPTION



MINISTERIO  
DE ASUNTOS EXTERIORES, UNIÓN EUROPEA  
Y COOPERACIÓN



# PROJECT BACKGROUND

Importance of involving the **JUDICIARY** in the fight against corruption



Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (**AECID**)



Prioritized lines of work set in the Fifth **SPANISH COOPERATION MASTER PLAN**



creation of a forum to  
**PROMOTE THE DIALOGUE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR  
EFFECTIVE MUTUAL COOPERATION**  
among judiciaries in order to increase effectiveness  
in combating corruption

# CONFERENCE DURING THE FORUM

October 3, 2019, in Buenos Aires, Argentina

Series of panel sessions featuring anticorruption specialists



**ATTENDED BY:** Approximately 120 people, including ambassadors, Supreme Court presidents, and senior officials from the host country.

# 1. “Importance of International Legal Cooperation in Pursuing Acts of Corruption: The Role of Prosecutors”

## OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Establishing a dialogue on the role of prosecutors in pursuing acts of corruption.
- ▶ Underscoring the importance of international cooperation among prosecution services.
- ▶ Identifying good practices, areas of opportunity, challenges, and prevailing trends in the region.



## 2. “The Role of Federal Judges in Prosecuting Acts of Corruption in Argentina”

### OBJECTIVES

- ▶ Establishing a dialogue to emphasize the importance of international legal cooperation in pursuing and prosecuting acts of corruption.
- ▶ Identifying good practices, areas of opportunity, challenges, and prevailing trends in the Argentine Republic



# 3. “Prosecution of Acts of Corruption in the Ibero-American region: The Role of Judges”

## OBJECTIVES

▶ Establishing a dialogue on the role of judges in corruption proceedings.



▶ Identifying good practices and areas of opportunity and, in horizontal cooperation between states, the difficulties existing in fighting that scourge and the mechanisms available.

# 4. “Cooperation Mechanisms for Strengthening Justice – including Anticorruption Efforts – in the Region”

## OBJECTIVE

▶ Enabling the participants to learn in greater detail about the work being carried out by different networks and cooperation agencies in Ibero-America to promote cooperation among judiciaries in combating corruption, including bolstering judicial integrity and training judicial operators.



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# PRESENTATIONS BY PARTICIPATING STATES



# Presentations based on the Recommendations Formulated by the Committee of Experts of the MESICIC



sharing, with their peers, developments and/or best practices related to strengthening the judiciary in anticorruption efforts.

**STATES  
PRESENTING  
DEVELOPMENTS  
AND BEST  
PRACTICES**



- Argentina
- Chile
- Colombia
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Guatemala
- Nicaragua
- Paraguay
- Spain



**IN THE NEXT SLIDE:** some examples of what was presented by the States

- Argentina: Regarding the recommendation on statements of net worth, it reported that the presentation of those statements had been regulated and that they are now available to the public.



Chile: Shared, as a good practice, the absence of intermediaries: the public can consult with the courts and obtain lists of the topics and matters that are to be dealt with that day, those topics and matters that were going to be addressed but, for whatever reason, were removed from the docket, and other developments that encourage transparency.



Ecuador: Cited, as a good practice, the involvement of its Supreme Court in the campaign “United Against Corruption” to bring about a culture of transparency and integrity.



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# WORKING TABLES

The  
representatives of  
the judiciaries were  
assigned one of  
**THREE THEMATIC  
WORKING TABLES**

▶ Modernizing judicial systems

▶ The role of new information and communications technologies

▶ Training judicial operators

# CONCLUSIONS AND REFLEXIONS OF THE WORKING TABLES



## Among the conclusions:

- Need to establish an informal forum for judicial cooperation
- Accompany each judicial reform with the relevant training for all judicial operators
- Chile offered to work with those countries wishing to share experiences with their criminal proceedings

# PUBLICATION OF COMPENDIUM with information on

- ▶ Project background
- ▶ Activities carried out at the First Forum of Representatives of the Judiciary on Cooperation against Corruption, presentations and conclusions
- ▶ Appendix containing **DEVELOPMENTS AND BEST PRACTICES** from those **COUNTRIES THAT DID NOT ATTEND THE FORUM**

# SUBMISSION OF INFORMATION

If your State's judiciary would like to submit developments and/or best practices related to the fight against corruption for its inclusion in the Compendium's appendix:



SEND TO **LEGALCOOPERATION@OAS.ORG**

No later than **MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020**



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