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**MINUTES  
OF THE FORTY-SECOND MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS OF  
THE FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION**

**I. BACKGROUND**

In accordance with the schedule for the Sixth Round of Review agreed upon by the Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism for the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention against Corruption (MESICIC), the Committee's forty-second meeting was held on September 9 to 12, 2024.

This meeting was held on-site at OAS headquarters in Washington, D.C., United States.

The following persons were present at the meeting to represent the States Parties: Vanessa Moe (Antigua and Barbuda); Deborah Hafford, Yanina Ariotti (Argentina); Julia Rios (Bolivia); Ricardo Andrade Saadi, Rafael Ramos Da Luz, Bernardo Antonio Machado, Rafael Carneiro, Rafael Galera (Brazil); Maude Kostine (Canada); Ambassador Sebastian Kraljevich, Jorge Norambuena Carrillo, Karen Jara Cisterna, Macarena Martinez Rivera, Alexandro Alvarez Alarcon (Chile); Ambassador Luis Ernesto Vargas Silva, Andrea Alarcon Mayorga, Jhon Jairo Camargo, Andres Ricardo Echeverri Durango (Colombia); Ambassador Alejandra Solano Cabalceta, Lissy Dorado, Paola Madriz (Costa Rica); Berenice Barinas, Alice Guerra Ramirez, Fernando Paino Henriquez Dajer, Carlos Pimentel (Dominican Republic); Alisva Beatriz Coronel Vázquez, Emilie Paulina Roman Alvarado (Ecuador); Ambassador Wendy Acevedo Castillo, Carla Rivera Sanchez (El Salvador); Jorge Daniel Calderon, Carlos Bautista (Guatemala); Rae Thomas (Grenada); Joseph Hans Jaques, Yvlore Pigeot, Mathurin Ronald (Haiti); Joann Bond, Kavita Bhowani (Guyana); Jorge Gustavo Medina, Melissa Paz (Honduras); Ambassador Luz Elena Baños Rivas, Mónica Montano Bermudez, Valentina Valdez (Mexico); Osiris Vanegas (Panama); Ambassador Raul Alberto Florentin Antola, Luis Jeronimo Sann Irun (Paraguay); Jose Roberto Rodríguez Bustamante (Peru); Abdullah Skerritt (Saint Kitts and Nevis); Antonia Charlemagne (Saint Lucia); Rosilda Jeroe, Eline Amania (Suriname); Kenrah Newry (The Bahamas); Ian Rampersad, Joshua Singh (Trinidad y Tobago);

Nikhita Godbole, Alejandro García (United States); Gabriela di Longo Lorenzo y Gabriela Mendiguibel (Uruguay).

## II. PROCEEDINGS

The meeting began with opening and welcoming remarks from the OAS Secretary for Legal Affairs, Jean Michel Arrighi, and the Chair of the Committee, Berenice Barinas Ubiñas.

Under the first item on the meeting's agenda and schedule (Annexes I and II), Jorge García González, the Director of the Department of Legal Cooperation of the OAS Secretariat for Legal Affairs, in its capacity as the Technical Secretariat, presented a report on the topics on the meeting's agenda.

Under item 2 on the agenda, the Committee considered, in order, the preliminary draft country reports on Colombia and Grenada.

The consideration of those countries' draft preliminary reports proceeded in accordance with the provisions of Article 25 of the Rules of Procedure. Thus, in each case, the review subgroup presented the content and scope of its preliminary draft report; then, the State Party under review made a brief statement in regard to the draft report; and, finally, the Committee examined the corresponding draft report, with the experts offering observations and comments on the chapters and sections in order.

For each draft report it examined, the Committee agreed on modifications, and it gave instructions for the corresponding changes to be made and for the revised versions to be submitted to the plenary for consideration and final approval.

Then, under item 3 of the agenda, the Committee discussed the revised version of the "Proposed Indicators to Prevent, Detect, and Reduce Impunity related to results in the Protection of Whistleblowers and Witnesses of Acts of Corruption," prepared by the Technical Secretariat as agreed at the forty-first meeting of the Committee of Experts in March 2024.

To that end, the meeting examined the notes containing the observations and proposed changes sent in advance by the delegations that the Committee had not yet considered, and decisions were adopted until a complete review of the document had been completed.

In connection with the proposal, the Committee agreed to ask the Technical Secretariat:

1. To prepare a revised version incorporating the agreements reached on the text examined at this meeting, to adapt the document's introduction as regards the background and scope of the indicators, and to include an invitation to the States to disseminate them as widely as possible among their authorities with competence in the matters addressed, so that they can benefit from their consideration and implementation in accordance with their legal and institutional frameworks.
2. To distribute that new revised version in advance of the forty-third meeting of the Committee of Experts, for consideration and final adoption at that meeting.

3. To prepare an initial proposal of indicators covering the matters set out in the methodology adopted by the Committee for the third phase of the indicator development process, which deals with indicators aimed at helping States determine the factors that have an impact on the results of the investigation, prosecution, adjudication, and criminal punishment of acts of corruption, and to present that proposal to the Committee's forty-third meeting.

Item 4 on the agenda involved the holding of a special session titled *Open Contracting to Prevent Corruption*. The special session comprised two parts. During the first, representatives of the Open Contracting organization, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the World Bank, the Organization of American States (OAS), the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), and Transparency International shared developments in open contracting for the prevention of corruption. Electronic copies of the presentations received by the MESICIC Technical Secretariat will be posted on the [Mechanism's web page](#) to ensure their ongoing dissemination.

During the second part of the special session, presentations of developments in this area were given by the representatives of the States that had previously expressed their intention to do so: Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Guyana, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname and Uruguay. Files containing the PowerPoint presentations given at the special session will be posted on the [Mechanism's web page](#) to ensure their ongoing dissemination.

Given its importance, the special session was transmitted by webcast over the official OAS Facebook and YouTube accounts and the official MESICIC Twitter account.

Then, under agenda item 5, presentations on best practices were made by the representatives of the States that had previously sent the MESICIC Technical Secretariat the standard form with the corresponding information, in accordance with the methodology for presenting best practices adopted by the Committee. The following States shared best practices: Argentina, Bolivia, Brasil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, and Trinidad and Tobago.

In order to maximize the dissemination of the best practices presented, use was made of information and communication technologies to transmit the session by webcast over the official OAS Facebook and YouTube accounts and the official MESICIC Twitter account.

The electronic versions of the forms and their annexes previously sent to the MESICIC Technical Secretariat covering the best practices presented at this meeting, together with the PowerPoint presentations made, will be published on the [Mechanism's web page](#), in accordance with the methodology adopted by the Committee.

Under item 6, the Committee discussed the final review of the draft country reports on Colombia and Grenada, which were adopted by consensus. The adopted texts of those country reports are included as an annex to these minutes (annexes III and IV) and will be published on the MESICIC web page.

Under agenda item 7, "other business," no new information was presented.

Before ending the meeting, the Technical Secretariat read out these minutes, which were then unanimously approved by the plenary of the Committee, together with all the annexes that form an integral part thereof.

Washington, D.C., September 12, 2024

<b>ANNEXES</b>	
<b>No.</b>	<b>Document</b>
<b>I</b>	Agenda of the Meeting ( <a href="#">English</a> )
<b>II</b>	Meeting Schedule ( <a href="#">English</a> )
<b>III</b>	Report on Colombia ( <a href="#">English</a> )
<b>IV</b>	Report on Grenada ( <a href="#">English</a> )