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To: Assistant Secretary General, the Secretaries and Executives Secretaries, Directors and all other Staff Members

From: Luis Almagro, Secretary General

Subject: Modification of Procurement Contract Rules of the General Secretariat to strengthen protection against human trafficking

The Procurement Contract Rules of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (Executive Order No. 00-1, Corr. 1) are hereby amended to include provisions that strengthen protection against human trafficking in the General Secretariat's procurement of goods and services as follows:

1. Section 4.1.1, Prohibitions Related to Persons, is amended to include the following subsection 12:

“12. Any person, corporation, partnership, association or other business entity, which is known to have engaged in practices inconsistent with international human rights laws and standards that prevent child labor, sexual exploitation and trafficking in human beings.”

2. Chapter VIII, Vendors: Authority, Responsibilities, Bonds and Limitations, is amended to include section 8.7.:

“8.7. Specific provision included in procurement contracts. All procurement contracts shall include the following provision:

‘Vendor warrants that neither it, its parent entities nor subsidiaries or affiliated entities is engaged in any practice inconsistent with international human rights laws and standards that prevent child labor, sexual exploitation and trafficking in human beings. Vendor shall take all appropriate measures to prevent its personnel from engaging in sexual exploitation, child labor and trafficking in human beings.’

This Directive shall enter into force upon the date printed above.