

AG/RES. 2770 (XLIII-O/13)

PROMOTION OF WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS AND
GENDER EQUITY AND EQUALITY AND STRENGTHENING OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN

(Adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 5, 2013)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING the importance that the Organization of American States (OAS) has ascribed to women's human rights, gender equity and equality, and strengthening the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in order to support its full realization;

CONCERNED that, despite progress in terms of the promotion of women's human rights in the region, many women are still unable to exercise those rights on an equal footing with men, free from discrimination and violence;

HAVING SEEN:

The Declaration of San José on the Economic and Political Empowerment of the Women of the Americas [CIM/DEC. 14 (XXXVI-O/12) rev.1] and the Triennial Program of Work 2013-2015 of the CIM, adopted by the Thirty-sixth Assembly of Delegates of the CIM in San José, Costa Rica, on October 29 and 30, 2012;

Resolution AG/RES. 2709 (XLII-O/12) [PER: and all the earlier resolutions on this matter], which take note of the outcomes of the actions undertaken to follow up on implementation of the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality (IAP) by the organs, agencies, and entities of the OAS;

Resolution AG/RES. 2710 (XLII-O/12) and all the earlier resolutions on this matter], which encourage member states and the OAS General Secretariat to strengthen the CIM, allocating it the necessary personnel and resources to carry out its mandates and including its projects and programs in the list of priorities presented with a view to raising funds from external donors;

The Report of the Secretary General on the Implementation of the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality Pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 2709 (XLII-O/12) to the forty-third regular session of the General Assembly (CP/doc.4829/13);

The Report of the Secretary General on the Implementation of resolution AG/RES. 2710 (XLII-O/12), "Strengthening the Inter-American Commission of Women" to the forty-third regular session of the General Assembly (CP/doc.4828/13); and

The Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission of Women to the forty-third regular session of the General Assembly (CP/doc.4827/13) in which the Chair of the CIM presents the progress made by the CIM in implementing its 2011-2016 Strategic Plan;

RECALLING that, through the adoption of the IAP by resolution AG/RES. 1732 (XXX-O/00), the governments of the Hemisphere committed to developing decisive strategies to promote women's human rights [USA: and] integrate a gender perspective in all spheres of public life in order to attain equality of rights and opportunities between women and men; and

CONSIDERING that, despite the progress made by the CIM in consolidating a hemispheric work program to advance women's human rights and gender equality in the areas of democracy, human rights, development, and security, the human and financial resources allocated to the CIM remain insufficient for it to carry out all its mandates effectively,

RESOLVES:

1. To continue to support the work of the CIM, as the principal forum for generating hemispheric policy on women's human rights and gender equity and equality, an] to follow up on the goals set in the IAP, particularly with respect to gender equity and equality mainstreaming, at ministerial meetings convened by the Organization of American States (OAS) and in the follow-up for the mandates of the Summits of the Americas.

2. To support the CIM in addressing relevant new and emerging areas, within available financial resources, and request the Executive Secretariat of the CIM to submit periodic reports to the Permanent Council of the OAS and its respective organs on specific and relevant aspects of the situation of women in the Americas.

3. To urge the member states to:

- a) Harmonize their laws with those set down in international treaties and conventions USA: to which they are a party, particularly the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, "Convention of Belém do Pará," as appropriate, in order to advance the full exercise of women's rights and the attainment of gender equality;
- b) Continue their efforts to ensure that, where they exist, such laws are enforced and such policies fully implemented and monitored; and
- c) Support the CIM in the full realization of the goals of the IAP, allocating it financial, human, and in-kind resources.

4. To urge the Secretary General to:

- a. Continue, with support from the CIM, promoting and working on full implementation of the IAP so as to succeed in mainstreaming women's human rights and a gender equity and equality perspective in all OAS programs, activities, and policies;

- b. Promote the inclusion of women's human rights and gender equity and equality in reports published by the OAS;
- c. Provide the CIM, as a specialized agency of the OAS, with sufficient human and financial resources to enhance its capacity to carry out its mandates, particularly those recognized as priorities by member states; and
- d. Report, through the Permanent Council, to the General Assembly at its forty-fourth regular session on the implementation of this resolution.

5. Execution of the activities envisaged in this resolution will be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

