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Resolution Nº 1

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(Presented by the Delegation of the Republic of Peru)

The XX Pan American Child Congress,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolutions of the Directing Council of the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) CD/RES. 05 (82-R/07), approved in Cartagena de Indias, Colombia on July 26-27, 2007 and CD/RES. 07 (83-R/08), approved in Ottawa, Canada on October 15-16, 2008, both entitled: "XX Pan American Child Congress;"

Resolution of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (OAS) CP/RES. 949 (1688/09) dated April 21, 2009, entitled "XX Pan American Child Congress;"

OAS General Assembly Resolution AG/RES 2458 (XXXIX -O/09) "XX Pan American Child Congress," approved at the 39th Regular Session of the General Assembly held in San Pedro Sula, Honduras on June 3, 2009.

CONSIDERING:

That the 1989 Convention on the Rights of the Child has now been in force for twenty years and has had a positive influence on the lives of children in the hemisphere. In particular, it has promoted notable reforms in the legal and comprehensive protection systems of the signatory Member States of the Inter-American System. For this reason, Member States that have not yet ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child and related Inter-American Conventions concerning this matter, should consider doing so.

That the Inter-American Democratic Charter is an instrument to foster the values of a democratic system, and to promote peace and development in the nations of this Hemisphere;

That Member States, in accordance with their different legal systems and with international human rights treaties to which they are parties, recognize that children are subject of rights

inter alia the right to special protection, and that Member States have the duty to ensure the respect for said rights;

That international cooperation contributes important resources, and plays a key role in strengthening national and regional capacities to support the integral development of children in the Americas;

That the IIN Directing Council, by Resolution CD/RES. 07 (83-R/08), decided to address the following topics: a) Commemoration of the 82nd anniversary of the founding of the IIN, the 60th anniversary of the IIN's status as a specialized organization of the Organization of American States (OAS), and the 20th anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; b) The participation of children in building civic-mindedness and its impact on public policies; c) Public policies in systems for comprehensive protection, including local systems; and d) Development of international, regional, and bilateral cooperation in public policies;

That pursuant to the agreements of the Meeting of the Working Group for Preparatory Consultation on the Participation of Children in the context of the XX Pan American Congress, held in Quito, Ecuador in February 2009, in compliance with Resolution CD/RES.07(83-R/08), the IIN is called upon to organize the First Pan American Forum for Children, a space dedicated to dialogue and an exchange of views among children of the Americas;

That the different modalities of children's participation contribute to strengthening democracy and are a decisive factor in building national, state and/or local systems, as appropriate, for comprehensive protection based on the exercise of their rights as human beings;

That the XX Pan American Child Congress was convened to foster an exchange of experiences and knowledge among the peoples of the Americas on issues of concern to the Institute and to make recommendations related to those issues;

RECOGNIZING:

That the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) is a specialized organization of the Organization of American States (OAS) for matters related to children and that in its work it embraces the principles of international human rights law, and especially the Convention on the Rights of the Child and relevant Inter-American Conventions pertaining to these matters.

That the IIN, as a specialized organization of the Organization of American States (OAS), is made up by all its Member States, and represents the framework of permanent and historic commitment oriented to the defense, promotion and the welfare of children of the Americas. Therefore, it will celebrate its 82nd anniversary and the 60th anniversary of its incorporation as a specialized organization of the OAS.

That the Pan American Child Congress is an organ of the Inter-American Children's Institute;

RESOLVES:

1. To invite Member States to renew their efforts to ensure that their domestic legislation best protects children, in accordance with their international obligations
2. To welcome the conclusions of the First Pan American Forum of Children, viewing the Forum as a qualitative advance in the exercise of their rights on the commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
3. To take note of the recommendations of the dialogue groups of the XX Pan American Child Congress as well as recommendations of the Forum for Civil Society, in an effort to advance joint activities for the defense and protection of rights.
4. To urge Member States to renew their commitment to children by strengthening comprehensive protection systems for children, through close coordination among institutions and sufficient, timely resources to improve their conditions for development and social inclusion and to ensure that their rights are fully respected.
5. To urge Member States to adopt special measures to ensure the comprehensive development of children, including the maintenance and intensification of efforts to provide early childhood development in the context of a world economic crisis, which exacerbates the conditions of inequality and social exclusion of the most vulnerable sectors and affects children most.
6. To urge the Member States to promote the implementation of educational programs targeted to children, that promote and strengthen the consolidation of democracy and in particular the respect for human rights.
7. To urge Member States to implement systems for reviewing public policies related to children, and follow up on the status of their living conditions and produce timely information so that programs, projects, and activities can be continuously improved.
8. To urge Member States to promote the participation of children in the effective implementation of plans, programs, and projects on issues that concern them in their daily lives.
9. To recognize the contributions of international, regional, and bilateral cooperation, and to promote greater and closer coordination of efforts, so that they can effectively promote and protect the rights of children in different situations in the Member States.
10. To urge Member States, through the Directing Council, to institutionalize the Pan American Forum of Children as a space for the participation of children in the Pan American Child Congress.
11. To instruct the Inter-American Children's Institute to monitor the progress made in regards to the commitments made in this resolution, and present an evaluation at the XXI Pan American Child Congress, through information presented by the Member States.



12. To recommend that this resolution be published on the IIN web site and to call for its dissemination by the competent information services of the Secretariat of the Organization of American States and of Member States.