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## **I. Introduction**

*The Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) was established in 1927, following an initiative adopted by the Fourth Pan American Child Congress held in 1924, endorsed by a group of experts headed by the Uruguayan pediatrician Luis Morquio, and has since been based in Montevideo, Uruguay. In 1949, it became one of the specialized organizations of the Organization of American States.*

*The main purpose of the Institute is to cooperate with the governments of the Member states, their institutions and authorities, as well as with other agencies in the inter-American system, international organizations and entities of civil society working on children's rights in the region, in order to develop technical activities and instruments for their integral protection, to raise an alert awareness and social responsibility on all related issues that affect them and to provide advice in the search for solutions.*

*Its work, conducted by the Director General at headquarters, is governed by the Directing Council which is made up of delegates from the Member states and approves and monitors the implementation of the technical cooperation programs of the Institute.*

*Pursuant to the recent revision of its Statute, its activities are framed in the following guidelines:*

- a. *To promote activities aimed to privilege the best interest of the child as a full holder of rights;*
- b. *To watch over the creation of spaces for the free expression and participation of children on all matters of their concern and according to their needs and possibilities;*
- c. *To promote the cooperation with governments, child-related national and international institutions, and civil society entities on:*
  - i. *The research concerning the nature and significance of the various problems affecting children and the family in the Americas;*
  - ii. *The determination of the most effective methods and procedures for their solution and their dissemination among the states in the Americas, and*
  - iii. *The ongoing training of technical and administrative staff—in both the public and private sector—involved in national child systems in order to improve their effectiveness and efficiency for the integral protection of children;*
- d. *To assist the governments of the Member states in their efforts to create adequate National Protection Systems for the promotion and advocacy of the rights of the child and the family, by providing advice and technical cooperation;*

- e. *To provide technical assistance at the request of the General Assembly, the Permanent Council, the General Secretariat, or other agencies, organs, and specialized OAS organizations, and*
- f. *To support inter-American cooperation programs in areas of its competence as approved by the General Assembly.*

## **II. Considerations by the Director General**

As from 2000, the Strategic Plan has provided the IIN a logic operational structure, program consistence and a methodological idiosyncrasy that have defined over time the new IIN personality as an specialized organization, without disrupting the unity and uniqueness of its institutional history.

A component of this new relating style with public and private operators working on child affairs has consisted on avoiding competition or effort overlapping so as not to waste the scarce resources allocated to address one of the major issues throughout the region.

One further essential component of the strategy has been the delivery to the countries of technical tools allowing for the promotion of changes from the perspective of children and families' right protection, and for the creation of true National Child Systems.

Thus, the Strategic Plan actually became a governing plan and a strength that enabled the Instituted to develop high-impact coordinated actions. Nevertheless, the 2000-2004 Plan –now completed– is currently subject to a participatory assessment as the previous step towards the establishment of a new four-year road map.

We are convinced that our approach of the mission to be fulfilled by the IIN remains valid. The scope of the socioeconomic problems that affect our countries –even worsened in some sub-regions– has increasingly reduced the resources allocated to children-related issues. This confirms the urgent need for a systematic intervention through policies and programs with a deeper technical, integral and preventive approach in order to strengthen the family as the natural context and priority basis for the protection children's human rights.

The IIN has positioned itself as a forum for dialogue that fosters the design of inter-sector and participatory policies, convenes encounters for the promotion of successful proposals, encourages the establishment of public-private and inter-American-universal alliances, and moves ahead towards the compliance with the mandates received from both the OAS and the Directing Council.

In brief –and considering the scarce human and material resources of the IIN which are not alien to the financial crisis experienced by the OAS– we understand that the magnitude of its contribution has been truly significant. But we are also aware of matters that are still pending in order to be able to respond with equity and justice to all issues identified with children's rights in the Americas.

### **III. Program activities**

Pursuant to the 2000-2004 Strategic Plan, IIN technical activities are programmed as per the following structure:

#### **III.1 Inter-American Child and Family Information Program - PIINFA**

Purpose:

- a. To promote an information-based management culture;
- b. To develop promotion and monitoring instruments on the Rights of the Child;
- c. To capture and disseminate information on the Rights of the Child.

Its governing principles aim to recovering the original identity of the region, promoting inter-country horizontal cooperation, democratizing the use of information, decentralizing access to knowledge, and building bridges between governments and civil society by means of information.

The strategy in place has involved the development of products, technical training and assistance, assurance of project sustainability, and ongoing monitoring and evaluation of all undertakings.

It has promoted and implemented the creation of National Information Centers and Child Information Systems, even developing its own software as in the case of SIPI – Child Information System– which is already in place in several countries.

It provides technical assistance on the use of information for child policy design.

It is responsible for the development and maintenance of a Child Information Network (RIIN) made up of 79 Centers in 18 countries.

It develops Monitoring systems on the enforcement of Children’s Rights; it coordinates the Virtual Link among the IIN governing bodies; it provides a Regional Information Service through Internet that offers a Database of organizations (11,500 organizations), Projects (2,000 regional projects), and documents (80,000 documents).

It manages the Legal Database (BADAJ), a Newsletter, the Dr. Luis Morquio face-to-face and at-distance Library, and the IIN Web page.

Its latest products include the development of a Series of Videotapes on the Rights of the Child and related issues that are currently broadcasted in most part of the Americas and the Caribbean; a pilot experience on the participation of adolescents in the media and an innovating Child Action Coordination Site dealing with the specific violation of children’s rights in situations involving more than one country.

### **III.2 Legal Program - PROJUR**

Purpose:

- a. To provide technical assistance on child legislation for the purpose of strengthening child and family legal protection;
- b. To develop and implement Legal Prototypes addressing child risk areas; four prototypes have been developed up to date:
  - Child labor
  - Sexual Exploitation
  - Disability
  - Drug Prevention
- c. To support and promote the ratification of international juridical provisions in order to strengthen legal protection in the region;
- d. To develop a comparative and applied research on the Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- e. To provide ongoing technical updating on the Legal Database as well as face-to-face and at-distance training;
- f. To assist the Director General's Office in complying with the mandates of the Directing Council and the OAS on such specific issues as the International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents and other matters requiring expert coordination.

### **III.3 Program for the Integral Promotion of Children's Rights (PRODER)**

As provided for in the 2000-2004 Strategic Plan, during 2003 – 2004 the Program for the Integral Promotion of Children's Rights (PRODER) continued its cooperation activities on Child Labor, Sexual Exploitation, Drug Prevention and Children with Different Capabilities. It also carried out actions in the areas of children in/of the street, violence and gender.

Purpose:

- a. To design, implement and assess the Prototype of Targeted Public Policies.
- b. To provide face-to-face and at-distance training at different levels to the various agents involved in the areas addressed by the Prototype, such as professionals, planners, and political decision-makers, as well as Child Program Managers and Operators.
- c. To promote horizontal cooperation in the region on the various issues addressed by the Program.
- d. To provide technical and methodological cooperation by means of child-related products and services offered by the IIN, aiming to participatory education and community mobilization as the links between the promoted Child Policies and Civil Society.

### **III. 4 Most outstanding activities in the period**

The following first-rank activities accomplished during the period covered by this Report are summarily noted:

*Development of the Internet Site for Child Action Coordination* aimed to coordinate the action of all competent areas whenever the rights of a child are violated with the involvement of more than one state; it included the organization of the *II Training Workshop on the Site for Coordination* held in Costa Rica with the participation of representatives from Belize, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and the host country.

*Workshops on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child*, jointly organized with Save the Children –Sweden- in Lima and Santo Domingo with the participation of 18 countries and the Committee members Norberto Liwsky and Rosa María Ortiz.

*Fifth Meeting of First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama and the Dominican Republic*, where the participants issued a Declaration containing a commitment to promote and join efforts against child malnutrition in the member countries of the Central American Integration (SICA): Belize, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and the Dominican Republic.

*Workshop on Campaigns related to birth registration*, organized and funded by the Regional Office for the Americas of PLAN International. Panama.

*General Cooperation Agreement –of a regional scope– with the U.S. Embassy to Uruguay* that allows for the development of an important project addressing child sexual exploitation in the MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile.

*First Regional Planning Workshop on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet, and Regulatory Frameworks in the MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile* that took place at the IIN headquarters in Montevideo with the participation of experts from the six countries involved.

*First Sub-regional Inter-parliamentary Workshop on Child Legislation and Child Labor in Central America*, with the cooperation of the Canadian International Development Agency and the participation of 18 parliament members from Central America.

*Meeting for the Follow-up of the Second World Congress against the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children*, held in Costa Rica with the participation of UNICEF, ECPAT International, IPEC/ILO.

*Forum on “Child Maltreatment: data on the actual situation in Uruguay”*, organized by the competent national entity, INAU, the Child Judiciary, the Child Police Division, and the National Association of Non Governmental Organizations (ANONG).

***Sub-regional Public Hearing on “The Situation of Abandoned Children and the Adoption System”*** organized by the IIN, the Ministry for Women and Social Development (MIMDES) and the Peruvian Congress, with the participation of Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia.

***Workshop on the “Institutional Strengthening” of the National Secretariat for Children of Paraguay***

***XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN***, held in Solís, Uruguay, with the participation of representatives from member centers in 17 countries in the Americas.

***Sub-regional Workshop on Public Policies for the Educational and Social Inclusion of Children with Different Capabilities***, which took place in Lima with the participation of Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela.

***Joint Activities with the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy*** including the broadcasting of the video “The Democratic Charter” through TV channels and the production of illustrated book for children on the Inter-American Democratic Charter.

***Launching of the Portuguese version of the IIN-produced promotional videos***, with the presence of the President of Brazil, “Lula” Da Silva, and the performance of the well-known singer and current Minister of Culture, Gilberto Gil.

At a second level, the following activities should also be noted:

***Presentation on the Protection of Children’s Rights within the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights***, delivered by the IIN Coordinator of Legal Affairs at the Ghent University.

***Management and coordination of the donation of microcomputers made by the Government of Korea to the public schools of Guatemala for the promotion of a culture of respect for the rights of the child***, encompassing 15 Departmental Centers and 20 in the Central Region, in the city of Guatemala and its surroundings, where the required infrastructure for the use of computers is available.

***Presentation of the promotional video “I want to play” in Chile***, which was produced by the IIN and funded by the Government of Chile. This video aims to promote the right of children to play and leisure.

***Follow up of the tertiary education program with the Latin American Human Economics Center, CLAEH, in Uruguay***, including Master degrees on Public Policies concerning various child-related areas, with face-to-face and at-distance curricular activities through Internet.

***Meeting at the IIN headquarters in Montevideo with the participation of congressmen from all the Uruguayan political parties on children and youth in Uruguay***, having as a central theme “Elections 2004 – A political approach to reality and actions related to children and youth in Uruguay”.

*Eloísa de Lorenzo Award, together with the Beach Center of the Kansas University,*  
awarded in Mexico during the 79th Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN.

<b>III.5 IIN presence in the Member states</b>				
<i>Activities based in the countries or with their direct involvement</i>				
<b>Member state</b>	<b>Ongoing activity</b>	<b>Events</b>	<b>Projects, either executed or in process</b>	<b>National counterparts</b>
<b>Antigua and Barbuda</b>	<p>Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>	<p>At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)</p>	<p>At-distance Education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a></p>	<p>Office of National Drug Control &amp; Money Laundering (ONOCP)</p>
<b>Argentina</b>	<p>Participation in the Project on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile IIN – Embassy of the United States to Uruguay. November 2003 – September 2004</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Information Center on Children’s Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Participation in the First Sub-regional Workshop on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile. Montevideo, 23-24 March, 2004</p> <p>Participation in the Training Workshop on Research Methodologies on Child Pornography on the Internet Montevideo, 25-26 March, 2004</p> <p>Development of the three National Surveys – Publication of all Project documents in the Project Web page</p> <p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p> <p>Participation in the Regional Conference of the Project on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile Montevideo, 23-24 September, 2004</p> <p>Participation in Workshops on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from 18 countries</p>	<p>Participation of the National Research Team in the MERCOSUR-Bolivia-Chile Project.</p> <p>National and Regional Project Follow up Activities</p> <p>Project Web site: <a href="http://www.iintpi.net">www.iintpi.net</a></p>	<p><i>Consejo Nacional Niñez, Adolescencia y Familia</i></p>

Actividad permanente	Eventos	Proyectos en ejecución o gestión	Vínculos Nacionales	
		and Committee members.		
<b>Bahamas</b>	<p>Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>	<p>Two Reports on National Training and Prevention Activities developed in 2003-2004 Publication in the Project Web page</p> <p>At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)</p>	<p>At-distance Education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a></p>	<p>Ministry of Health Bahamas National Drug Council</p> <p>Department of Social Services, Ministry of Social Services &amp; Community Development</p>
<b>Barbados</b>	<p>Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>	<p>Report on National Training and Prevention Activities developed in 2003-2004 Publication in the Project Web page</p> <p>At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)</p>	<p>At-distance Education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a></p>	<p>National Council on Substance Abuse (NCSA)</p>
<b>Belize</b>	<p>Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Internet Site for Action Coordination aimed to coordinate the competent areas whenever violations to children's rights are detected with the involvement of more than one state</p>	<p>Report on National Training and Prevention Activities developed in 2003-2004 Publication in the Project Web page</p> <p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p> <p>At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)</p> <p>Participation in the II Training Workshop on the Site for Child Action Coordination held in Costa Rica</p> <p>Participation in Workshops on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from 18 countries and Committee members</p>	<p>At-distance Education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a></p>	<p>National Drug Abuse Control Council (NDACC)</p>

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		Participation in the V Meeting of First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama and the Dominican Republic. The participants signed a Declaration undertaking to promote and join efforts against child malnutrition in the member countries of the Central American Integration System (SICA)	
<b>Bolivia</b>	<p>Completion of the Specialization Certificate on Drug Addiction – IIN – <i>Universidad Mayor de San Simón</i>. Cochabamba, Bolivia</p> <p>Participation in the Project on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile IIN – Embassy of the United States to Uruguay. November 2003 – September 2004</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Information Center on Children’s Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Participation in the First Sub-regional Workshop on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile Montevideo, 23-24 March, 2004</p> <p>Participation in the Training Workshop on Research Methodologies on Child Pornography on the Internet Montevideo, 25-26 March, 2004</p> <p>Development of the three National Surveys – Publication of all Project documents in the Project Web page</p> <p>Participation in the Regional Conference of the Project on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile Montevideo, 23-24 September, 2004</p> <p>Participation in Workshops on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from 18 countries and Committee members</p>	<p>Participation of the National Research Team in the MERCOSUR-Bolivia-Chile Project.</p> <p>National and Regional Project Follow up Activities</p> <p>Project Web site: <a href="http://www.iintpi.net">www.iintpi.net</a></p> <p><i>Viceministerio de la Juventud y Tercera Edad</i></p> <p>COPRE/SEDES-Cohabamba SEDEGES</p> <p><i>Honorable Alcaldía de Cochabamba</i></p> <p><i>Rectorado de la UMSS</i></p> <p><i>FUNDACIÓN PROCAL</i> La Paz</p>
<b>Brazil</b>	<p>Participation in the Project on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile IIN – Embassy of the United States to Uruguay. November 2003 – September 2004</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p>	<p>Participation in the First Sub-regional Workshop on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile Montevideo, 23-24 March, 2004</p> <p>Participation in the Training Workshop on Research Methodologies on Child Pornography on the Internet Montevideo, 25-26 March, 2004</p>	<p>Participation of the National Research Team in the MERCOSUR-Bolivia-Chile Project.</p> <p>National and Regional Project Follow up Activities</p> <p>Child Information System (SIPI)</p> <p><i>Secretaria Especial dos Direitos Humanos, SEDH</i></p>

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<b>Canada</b>	<p>Completion of the IIN-CIDA on Child Labor.</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>		<p>Final Report of the IIN-CIDA Project on Child Labor</p>	<p>Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)</p> <p>Health Canada</p>
<b>Chile</b>	<p>Participation in the Project on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile IIN – Embassy of the United States to Uruguay. November 2003 – September 2004</p>	<p>Participation in the First Sub-regional Workshop on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile. Montevideo, 23-24 March, 2004</p>	<p>Participation of the National Research Team in the MERCOSUR-Bolivia-Chile Project.</p> <p>National and Regional Project Follow up Activities</p>	<p><i>Servicio Nacional de Menores (SENAME)</i></p> <p>Police Bureau of Investigations, Chile</p>

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<p><b>Colombia</b></p> <p>Computerized publication of the National Reports and Final Declaration of the Sub-regional Workshop on Public Policies for the Educational and Social Inclusion of Children with Different Capabilities. IIN – MIMDES – CONADIS – July 2004</p>	<p>Participation in the Sub-regional Workshop on Public Policies for the Educational and Social Inclusion of Children with Different Capabilities. IIN – MIMDES – CONADIS – Lima, Peru, 19-20 July, 2004</p>		<p>ICBF</p> <p>Manizales University</p>

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<b>Costa Rica</b>	<p>Computerized publication of the National Reports and Final Declaration of the Sub-regional Workshop on Public Policies for the Educational and Social Inclusion of Children with Different Capabilities. IIN – MIMDES – CONADIS – July 2004</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Internet Site for Action Coordination aimed to coordinate the competent areas whenever violations to children's rights are detected with the involvement of more than one state</p> <p>Information Center on Children's Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Congress on Child Sexual Exploitation – Follow up of the Montevideo and Yokohama commitments – IIN-UNICEF-PANI, San Jose 24 –27 May, 2004</p> <p>Participation in the Sub-regional Workshop on Public Policies for the Educational and Social Inclusion of Children with Different Capabilities. IIN – MIMDES – CONADIS - Lima, Peru, 19-20 July, 2004</p> <p>Participation in the V Meeting of First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama and the Dominican Republic. The participants signed a Declaration undertaking to promote and join efforts against child malnutrition in the member countries of the Central American Integration System (SICA)</p> <p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p> <p>II Training Workshop on the Site for Child Action Coordination, with the participation of Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, and the Dominican Republic, besides the host country</p> <p>Participation in Workshops on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the</p>		<p>PANI UNICEF</p> <p>Representative of the United Nations Committee for a Convention on the Human Rights of Persons with Disabilities</p>

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		<p>participation of representatives from 18 countries and Committee members</p> <p>Participation in the First Sub-regional Inter Parliamentary Workshop on Child Legislation and Labor in Central America with the cooperation of the Canadian International Development Agency and the participation of 18 parliament members from Central American countries</p> <p>Participation in the Sub-regional Public Hearing on the “Situation of Abandoned Children and the Adoption System”, organized by the IIN, the Ministry for Women and Social Development (MIMDES) and the Peruvian Congress</p>	
<b>Dominica</b>	<p>Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>	<p>Report on National Prevention Activities developed in 2003- 2004. Published in the Project Web page</p> <p>At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)</p>	National Drug Prevention Unit
<b>Ecuador</b>	<p>Computerized publication of the National Reports and Final Declaration of the Sub-regional Workshop on Public Policies for the Educational and Social Inclusion of Children with Different Capabilities. IIN – MIMDES – CONADIS – July 2004</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Information Center on Children’s Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Participation in the Sub-regional Workshop on Public Policies for the Educational and Social Inclusion of Children with Different Capabilities. IIN – MIMDES – CONADIS - Lima, Peru, 19-20 July, 2004</p> <p>Participation in Workshops on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from 18 countries and Committee members</p> <p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	Child Information System (SIPI)  CONAMU <i>Area Atención a Población Vulnerable y Menos Protegida</i>

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		Participation in the Sub-regional Public Hearing on the “Situation of Abandoned Children and the Adoption System”, organized by the IIN, the Ministry for Women and Social Development (MIMDES) and the Peruvian Congress	
<b>El Salvador</b>	<p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Internet Site for Action Coordination aimed to coordinate the competent areas whenever violations to children’s rights are detected with the involvement of more than one state</p> <p>Information Center on Children’s Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Participation in the V Meeting of First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama and the Dominican Republic. The participants signed a Declaration undertaking to promote and join efforts against child malnutrition in the member countries of the Central American Integration System (SICA)</p> <p>Participation in the II Training Workshop on the Site for Child Action Coordination held in Costa Rica</p> <p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p> <p>Participation in Workshops on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from 18 countries and Committee members</p> <p>Participation in the First Sub-regional Inter Parliamentary Workshop on Child Legislation and Labor in Central America with the cooperation of the Canadian International Development Agency and the participation of 18 parliament members from Central American countries</p>	Child Information System (SIPI)
<b>United States of America</b>	<p>Sponsorship of the Project of Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in the MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>		
			<p>Embassy of the United States to Uruguay</p> <p>U.S. Department of State</p>

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<p><b>Grenada</b></p>	<p>Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>	<p>Report on National Prevention Activities developed in 2003- 2004. Published in the Project Web page</p> <p>At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)</p>	<p>At-distance Education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a></p>	<p>Drug Control Secretariat of Grenada</p>
<p><b>Guatemala</b></p>	<p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Internet Site for Action Coordination aimed to coordinate the competent areas whenever violations to children's rights are detected with the involvement of more than one state</p> <p>Information Center on Children's Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Participation in the V Meeting of First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama and the Dominican Republic. The participants signed a Declaration undertaking to promote and join efforts against child malnutrition in the member countries of the Central American Integration System (SICA)</p> <p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p> <p>Participation in Workshops on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from 18 countries and Committee members</p> <p>Management and coordination of the donation of microcomputers made by the Government of Korea to the public schools in Guatemala for the promotion of a culture of respect for children's rights, encompassing 15 Departmental Centers and 20 in the Central Region, city of Guatemala and its surroundings</p> <p>Participation in the First Sub-regional Inter Parliamentary Workshop on Child Legislation and Labor in Central America with the cooperation of the Canadian International Development Agency and the participation of 18 parliament members from Central American countries</p>		<p><i>Secretaria de Bienestar Social Presidencia de la República Programa de Explotación Sexual Comercial</i></p>

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<b>Guyana</b>	<p>Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>	<p>Two Reports on National Prevention Activities developed in 2003- 2004. Published in the Project Web page</p> <p>At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)</p>	<p>At-distance Education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a></p>	<p>National Council for Drug Education, Rehabilitation and Treatment</p> <p>Ministry of Labor, Human Services and Social Security</p>
<b>Haiti</b>	<p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>			<p>Foreign Office of Haiti</p> <p><i>Comision Nationale de Lutte contre la Drogue (CONALD)</i></p>
<b>Honduras</b>	<p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Internet Site for Action Coordination aimed to coordinate the competent areas whenever violations to children's rights are detected with the involvement of more than one state.</p> <p>Information Center on Children's Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Participation in the V Meeting of First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama and the Dominican Republic. The participants signed a Declaration undertaking to promote and join efforts against child malnutrition in the member countries of the Central American Integration System (SICA)</p> <p>Participation in the II Training Workshop on the Site for Child Action Coordination held in Costa Rica</p> <p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p> <p>Participation in Workshops on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from 18 countries and Committee members</p> <p>First Sub-regional Inter Parliamentary Workshop on Child Legislation and Labor in Central America with the cooperation of the Canadian International Development Agency and the participation of 18 parliament members from Central America.</p>	<p>Child Information System (SIPI)</p>	<p><i>Comisión Interventora Instituto Hondureño de Niñez y Familia INFA</i></p>

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<b>Jamaica</b>	<p>Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>	<p>Reports on National Prevention Activities, March 2004. Published in the Project Web page</p> <p>At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)</p>	<p>At-distance Education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a></p>	<p>National Council on Drug Abuse (NCDA)</p>
<b>Mexico</b>	<p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Information Center on Children's Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p> <p>79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IIN Directing Council</p> <p>Organization of the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress, the highest forum in the Americas on Children and the Family, under the central theme: "The Family: Basis for the Integral Development of Children and Adolescents"</p>		<p>DIF</p>
<b>Nicaragua</b>	<p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Internet Site for Action Coordination aimed to coordinate the competent areas whenever violations to children's rights are detected with the involvement of more than one state</p> <p>Information Center on Children's Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Participation in the V Meeting of First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama and the Dominican Republic. The participants signed a Declaration undertaking to promote and join efforts against child malnutrition in the member countries of the Central American Integration System (SICA)</p> <p>Participation in the II Training Workshop on the Site for Child Action Coordination held in Costa Rica</p> <p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p> <p>Participation in Workshops on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from 18 countries and Committee members</p>		<p>CONAPINA</p>

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		First Sub-regional Inter Parliamentary Workshop on Child Legislation and Labor in Central America with the cooperation of the Canadian International Development Agency and the participation of 18 parliament members from Central American countries		
<b>Panama</b>	<p>Completion of activities for the application of the Prototype of Targeted Public Policies on Child Labor, Sexual Exploitation and Children in/of the Street MINJUMNFA – IIN</p> <p>PRODER – IIN presentation to the new Government</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Information Center on Children’s Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Workshop on Negotiation and Resource Mobilization Strategies IIN-MINJUNMFA-Dirección de Niñez</p> <p>Development of the Post Graduate Course on Drug Addiction, face-to-face and at-distance USMA – IIN</p> <p>Seminar on Drug Addiction Treatment and Rehabilitation. USMA – IIN, February 2004</p> <p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p> <p>Participation in the II Training Workshop on the Site for Child Action Coordination held in Costa Rica</p> <p>Participation in Workshops on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from 18 countries and Committee members</p> <p>Workshop on campaigns related to birth registration, organized and funded by the Regional Office for the Americas of PLAN International</p>	<p>Completion of the IIN-CIDA Project on Child Labor</p> <p>Feasibility study of the second stage of the Project</p> <p>Preparation of the Certificate of Specialization on Child Public Policies – IIN – USMA (at-distance)</p>	<p><i>Ministerio de la Juventud, la Mujer, la Niñez y la Familia (MINJUMFA)</i> <i>Dirección de Niñez</i></p> <p>USMA</p> <p>OPTAR Panama</p>
<b>Paraguay</b>	Participation in the Project on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile IIN – Embassy of the United States to Uruguay, November 2003 – September 2004	Participation in the First Sub-regional Workshop on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in the MERCOSUR, Bolivia, and Chile Montevideo, 23-24 March, 2004	Participation of the national research team in the MERCOSUR-Bolivia-Chile Project  National and Regional Project Follow up Activities	<i>Secretaría Nacional de la Niñez y la Adolescencia (SNNA)</i>

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<b>Peru</b>	<p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Computerized publication of the National Reports and Final Declaration of the Sub-regional Workshop on Public Policies for the Educational and Social Inclusion of Children with Different Capabilities. IIN – MIMDES – CONADIS – July 2004</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Information Center on Children’s Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Training Workshop on the Integral Care of Children with Different Capabilities. IIN – MIMDES – CONADIS - Lima, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2004</p> <p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p> <p>Workshop on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela, besides Committee members</p> <p>Sub-regional Public Hearing on the “Situation of Abandoned Children and the Adoption System”, organized by the IIN, the Ministry for Women and Social Development (MIMDES) and the Peruvian Congress</p>	MIMDES CONADIS
<b>Dominican Republic</b>	<p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Internet Site for Action Coordination aimed to coordinate the competent areas whenever violations to children’s rights are detected with the involvement of more than one state</p> <p>Information Center on Children’s Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and</p>	<p>Participation in the V Meeting of First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama and the Dominican Republic. The participants signed a Declaration undertaking to promote and join efforts against child malnutrition in the member countries of the Central American Integration System (SICA)</p> <p>Participation in the II Training Workshop on the Site for Child Action Coordination held in Costa Rica</p> <p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	DEPRIDAM <i>Secretaría de Relaciones Exteriores</i>

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	Family Information Network, RIIN	Workshop on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from Argentina, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay and Venezuela, besides Committee members	
<b>Saint Kitts and Nevis</b>	Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention  Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas  Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks	At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)	At-distance education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a>  Ministry of Social Development, Community and Gender Affairs  National Council on Drug Abuse Prevention
<b>Saint Lucia</b>	Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention  Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas  Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks	Report on National Prevention activities – April 2004. Published in the Project Web page  At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)	At-distance education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a>  Substance Abuse Advisory Council Secretariat  Ministry of Health Human Services & Family Affairs and Gender Relations
<b>Saint Vincent and the Grenadines</b>	Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention  Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas  Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks	Report on National Prevention activities – March 2004. Published in the Project Web page  At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)	At-distance education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a>  The Advisory Council on the Misuse of Drugs  Ministry of Health and Environment
<b>Suriname</b>	Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention  Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the	Report on National Prevention activities – April 2004. Published in the Project Web page	At-distance education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a>  National Anti-Drugs Council (NAR)

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	<p>Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>	<p>At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)</p>		
<b>Trinidad and Tobago</b>	<p>Follow up of the Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p>	<p>Report on National Prevention activities – March 2004. Published in the Project Web page</p> <p>At-distance Training Course: Drug Prevention Educator (DPE)</p>	<p>At-distance education Caribbean Web site: <a href="http://www.cariin.org">www.cariin.org</a></p>	<p>National Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Program (NADAPP)</p>
<b>Uruguay</b>	<p>Application of the Prototype of Targeted Public Policies for the Eradication of Child Labor. CETI-MTSS IIN – CIDA Project</p> <p>Second Issue of the Certificate of Specialization on Drug Prevention (face-to-face and at-distance) IIN – University of the Republic, Northern Region – OPTAR - IZCALI</p> <p>Completion of the First Certificate of Specialization on Drug Prevention (face-to-face and at-distance) IIN – University of the Republic, Northern Region – OPTAR - IZCALI</p> <p>Completion of the First Certificate of Specialization on Drug Prevention (face-to-face and at-distance) IIN –CLAEH University Institute</p> <p>First Master Degree Program on Child Policies for Drug Prevention (face-to-face and at-distance) IIN –CLAEH University Institute</p> <p>Participation in the National Committee for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Sexual Exploitation (CONAPES)</p> <p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p>	<p>Training and Follow up Workshop on the Planning of Targeted Public Policies for Children with Disabilities. IIN-MINCAD</p> <p>Follow up of the National Plan of Action for the Eradication of Child Labor IIN-CETI</p> <p>XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN, held in Solís, Uruguay, with the participation of representatives from its member centers in 17 countries in the Americas</p> <p>Technical Secretariat of the Inter-institutional Group on Children with Different Disabilities</p> <p>Preparation of curricula (25 credits each) for the Certificate and Master Degree on Child Policies for Drug Prevention (face-to-face and at-distance)</p> <p>First Sub-regional Workshop on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in the MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile Montevideo, 23-24 March, 2004</p> <p>Participation in the Training Workshop on Research Methodologies on Child Pornography on the Internet Montevideo, 25-26 March, 2004</p>	<p>Participation of the national research team in the MERCOSUR-Bolivia-Chile Project</p> <p>National and Regional Project Follow up Activities</p> <p>Project Web site: <a href="http://www.iintpi.net">www.iintpi.net</a></p> <p>Completion of the IIN-CIDA Project on Child Labor</p> <p>Advice in the preparation of the National Plan on Sexual Exploitation of the recently established CONAPES</p> <p>Child Information System (SIPI)</p>	<p><i>Mesa Interinstitucional sobre Niñez con Capacidades Diferentes</i></p> <p><i>Comité Nacional para la Erradicación del Trabajo Infantil – Ministerio de Trabajo y Seguridad Social</i></p> <p>INAU</p> <p><i>UNIVERSIDAD DE LA REPUBLICA</i></p> <p>OPTAR</p> <p>IZCALI</p> <p><i>Instituto Universitario CLAEH</i></p>

Actividad permanente	Eventos	Proyectos en ejecución o gestión	Vínculos Nacionales	
	<p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Information Center on Children's Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Development of the three National Surveys – Publication of all Project documents in the Project Web page</p> <p>Regional Conference of the Project on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks in the MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile Montevideo, 23-24 September, 2004</p> <p>At-distance international courses through the IIN Web page</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to Child Policies for Drug Prevention</li> <li>- Integral Care of Children with Different Capabilities</li> <li>- Integral Care of Children Victims of Sexual Exploitation</li> <li>- Gender, Children and Citizenship</li> </ul> <p>Workshop on the Systematization of Reports to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, jointly organized with Save the Children – Sweden in Lima and Santo Domingo, with the participation of representatives from 18 countries and Committee members</p> <p>Forum on “Child Maltreatment: Data on the actual situation in Uruguay”, organized by the governing national entity, INAU, the Child Judiciary, the Child Police Division and the National Association of Non Governmental Organizations (ANONG)</p> <p>Meeting at the IIN headquarters in Montevideo with the participation of congressmen from all the Uruguayan political parties on the situation of children and youth in Uruguay, having as central theme "Elections 2004 – A political approach on reality and actions related to children and youth in Uruguay"</p>		

Actividad permanente	Eventos	Proyectos en ejecución o gestión	Vínculos Nacionales
<b>Venezuela</b>	<p>Annual Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Situation of Sexual Exploitation in the Americas</p> <p>Hemispheric Report to the OAS Permanent Council on Child Trafficking and Regulatory Frameworks</p> <p>Information Center on Children's Rights, participation in the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p>Participation in the XV Regional Workshop of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network, RIIN</p>	<p><i>Consejo Nacional de Derechos del Niño, Niña y Adolescente</i></p>

#### **IV. Activities within the framework of the IIN mandates**

##### **IV.1. AG/RES 1951 (XXXIII-O/03), AG/RES 1915 (XXXIII-Ooo/03) and AG/RES 1925 (XXXIII-Ooo/03)**

During the period covered by this Report the IIN developed several activities in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Costa Rica, Chile, Uruguay, Paraguay, Panama and Peru addressed to strengthening the systems for the protection of children's human rights on such key aspects as the monitoring of public actions for child protection against sexual violence, the investigation of child trafficking, child pornography on the Internet, the study of related regulatory frameworks in force, the strengthening of national protection systems, the design of targeted public policies for the recovery of rights violated in child labor, sexual exploitation, children in/of the street, drugs and disability, face-to-face and at-distance training of planners, managers and operators of child affairs in both the state and non governmental sectors, as well as the management, execution and mobilization of resources for the benefit of children. At-distance training involved professionals from more than 15 countries in the OAS system.

##### **IV.2. AG/RES 1951 (XXXIII-O/03): AG/RES. 1667 (XXIX-O/99)**

Preparation and presentation to the OAS Secretary General of the Fifth Report on the Situation of Combat against Sexual Exploitation in the Member states that allowed for collecting direct information from 25 Member states which, added up to the four previous surveys, amount to 31 out of the 34 OAS Member states.

##### **IV.3. AG/RES 1951 (XXXIII-O/03), CD/RES. 08 (78-R/03), AG/RES 1853 (XXXII-O/02) and AG/RES 1883 (XXXII-O/02)**

Pursuant to the mandate on the implementation of the Inter-American Program on the Rights of Women and Gender Equity and Equality, as well as on the inclusion of gender perspective in the IIN programs and projects, a training process was undertaken in 2003 for the integration of the human right and the gender perspectives that resulted in a series of face-to-face and at-distance courses encompassed in a Seminar on "Human Rights, Gender, Children and Citizenship" addressed to child program managers and operators. Two of such seminars took place in 2004 with a great success.

##### **IV.4. AG/RES 1951 (XXXIII-O/03), CD/RES. 08 (76-R/01) and CD/RES. 14 (76-R/01), CD/RES. 11 (78-R/03)**

Preparation and promotion of Prototypes of Targeted Public Policies on Child Labor, Sexual Exploitation, Disability, and Drug Prevention as per the following details:

###### **IV.4.1. Prevention and Eradication of Child Labor**

In 2002 the IIN started implementing the Prototype of Targeted Public Policy (TARGETED PUBLIC POLICIES) in connection with Article 32 in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, within the framework of the Project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Follows the description of the progress achieved in those countries where the IIN worked during the period covered by this Report.

## **Uruguay**

- Participation as advisory body in the meetings of the National Committee for the Eradication of Child Labor (CETI).
- Institutional strengthening of the CETI aimed to the consolidation of the National Plan of Action on Child Labor.
- Recruitment of the Coordinator of the National Plan of Action on Child Labor of the CETI, as an advisor to the IIN.
- Management and funding of the CETI Web site: [www.cetinf.org](http://www.cetinf.org)
- Participation in resource mobilization strategies for the Plan of Action.

## **Panama**

- Fourth Follow-up Mission to review the 2003 agenda provided for in the Plans of Action of the Targeted Public Policies on Child Labor, Sexual Exploitation and Children in/of the Street in Panama, accomplished in December 2003 for training purposes on the mobilization of resources for such plans. Counterpart: *Ministerio de la Juventud, la Mujer, la Niñez y la Familia (MINJUMNFA)* (Ministry of Youth, Women, Children and the Family).
- Development of local consulting at the end of the term of office of the MINJUMNFA Director for Children and contact development with the new governmental authorities.
- Visit to the new governmental authorities in order to explore the feasibility of maintaining IIN cooperation – December 2004.

## **Paraguay**

- Negotiation Mission vis-à-vis the new authorities of the *Secretaría Nacional de la Niñez y la Adolescencia (SNNA)* (National Secretariat for Children) – February 2004.
- Workshop on the SNNA Institutional Strengthening with a view to its consolidation as the governing entity of Targeted Public Policies – June 2004.
- Follow-up Workshop on the SNNA Institutional Operational Plan – August 2004.
- Support to the SNNA on the occasion of the fire at the Ycuá Bolaños Supermarket where 200 children died.
- Follow-up of the activities post Ycuá Bolaños and the SNNA institutional strengthening – October 2004.
- Cooperation for the Design and Introduction of the National Child Protection System and the 2005-2006 SNNA Institutional Operational Plan – December 2004.

## **IV.4.2. Prevention and Eradication of Child Sexual Exploitation**

### **MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile**

The Project on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks for the MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile was jointly undertaken with the Embassy of the United States to Uruguay. Two international workshops took place in March, three surveys were conducted in each of the above mentioned countries between May and August, and a Final Conference was held in September 2004.

A special Project Web site was created containing all the relevant documents: [www.iintpi.net](http://www.iintpi.net)

The Final Conference of the Project was held in September 2004 and consisted of the presentation of national surveys and the three IIN sub-regional reports. A Model Standard on criminal and procedural issues related to the project subject-matter was also presented.

The Proceedings of the Conference were published in both hard copy and magnetic file, and were published in the Project and IIN Web pages.

### **Uruguay**

The Second At-distance Education Seminar on “Integral Care of Victims of Sexual Violence and Exploitation” was held in October-December 2003 with the participation of more than 20 professionals from both state and civil society entities in ten OAS Member countries.

The above mentioned activities are framed in the intervention proposed in the Targeted Public Policies for the victims of sexual exploitation to recover their violated rights.

This work was jointly accomplished with the *Instituto de la Niñez y la Adolescencia del Uruguay* (Uruguayan Child Institute) and was closely related to the creation of the *Comité Nacional de Prevención y Erradicación de la Explotación Sexual de Niños, Niñas y Adolescentes (CONAPES)* (National Committee for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Sexual Exploitation). The IIN was also part of this Committee as a permanent advisor, as provided for in the relevant Executive Act of the Uruguay Government.

#### **IV.4.3. Drug Prevention and Promotion of Mental Health**

In connection with the Prototype of Targeted Public Policy related to Article 33 in the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the IIN focused on the training area. Training was developed at the IIN Web site where the Third Course on “Introduction to Child Public Policies for Drug Prevention” was published between November 2003 and October 2004, with the participation of professionals from state and civil society entities in OAS Member States.

The PRODER Academic Component allowed for completing the first part of the Specialization Program on Drug Prevention, resulting in 18 Uruguayan graduated professionals, while also developing the Master Degree Program on Child Public Policies on Drug Prevention together with the CLAEH University Institute in Uruguay. This Specialization Program is now in the process of completion in Panama, together with the *Universidad Católica Santa María la Antigua* and the *Universidad Mayor de San Simón* in Bolivia.

The second part of the Specialization Program on Drug Prevention was developed in 2004 together with the CLAEH University Institute in Uruguay, as per the following details:

#### **CLAEH University Institute – Uruguay**

##### **SPECIALIZATION CERTIFICATE**

Face-to-face Seminars

- Family Therapy on Drug Addiction – February – one credit
- Thesis Methodology – March 2004 – two credits
- Introduction to Drug Addiction – April–May 2004 – two credits
- Psychological aspects of Alcohol and Drug Consumption – May-June 2004 – one credit
- Family and Drug Addiction – June-July 2004 – two credits
- Primary Drug Prevention – July-August 2004 – two credits
- Secondary and Tertiary Drug Prevention – August-September 2004 – two credits
- Statistics – September-October 2004 – one credit

- Project Design and Assessment – October 2004 – one credit
- Research Methodology I – September 2004 (intensive) – two credits
- Project Design and Assessment – October 2004 – one credit
- Therapeutic Methods II – Gestalt – December 2004 (intensive) – one credit
- Therapeutic Methods IV – Cognitive – December 2004 (intensive) – one credit
- Prevention Practice – September 2004 – three credits
- Treatment and Rehabilitation Practice – October 2004 – three credits

**At-distance Seminars**

- Introduction to Drug Addiction – two credits
- Psychological aspects of Alcohol and Drug Consumption – one credit
- Family and Drug Addiction – two credits
- Primary Drug Prevention – 2 credits
- Strategic Planning and Institutional Strengthening – two credits
- Evolution of the Health Concept and Risk Approach – one credit
- Thesis Methodology – two credits
- Strategic Planning and Institutional Strengthening – two credits

**CLAEH University Institute – Uruguay**

**MASTER DEGREE**

Face-to-face Seminars

- Thesis Methodology – March 2004 - two credits
- Evolution of Drug Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Policies, Plans and Programs in the Americas – April 2004 - two credits
- Toxicology of Abused Drugs – May-June 2004 – two credits
- Child Public Policies and National Child Systems – July 2004 – one credit
- Prevention Methodologies and Techniques – August 2004 - two credits
- Child Protection in the Framework of Human Rights – September 2004 - one credit
- The Therapeutic Community – October 2004 – two credits
- Negotiation Strategies – November 2004 – one credit
- Policy Design and Analysis – December 2004 – two credits
- Research on Drug Addiction II – September 2004 (intensive) – two credits

**At-distance Seminars**

- Thesis Methodology – two credits

**USMA – Panama**

Face-to-face Seminars

- Secondary and Tertiary Drug Prevention – February 2004 – two credits

**At-distance Seminars**

- Introduction to Drug Addiction – two credits
- The Evolution of the Health Concept and the Risk Approach – one credit
- Psychological Aspects of Alcohol and Drug Consumption – one credit
- Primary Drug Prevention – two credits
- Strategic Planning and Institutional Strengthening – 2 credits

## **UMSS – Bolivia**

### At-distance Seminars

- Strategic Planning and Institutional Strengthening – two credits

### **International At-distance Seminars offered at the IIN Web Page:**

- Introduction to Child Public Policies for Drug Prevention – First semester 2004
- Integral Care of Victims of Sexual Exploitation – First semester 2004
- Integral Care of Children with Different Capabilities – Second semester 2004
- Gender, Children and Citizenship – Second semester 2004

#### **IV.4.4. Educational and Social Integration-Inclusion of Children with Disabilities**

The Prototype of Targeted Public Policy applied to Article 23 in the Convention on the Rights of the Child has been developed in Uruguay since 2002 together with the *Mesa Interinstitucional sobre Niñez con Capacidades Diferentes (MINCAD)* (Inter-institutional Group on Children with Different Capabilities). A series of activities of training on and dissemination of the prototype took place in such context. Among them, mention should be made of the face-to-face and at-distance seminar on the “Integral Care of Children with Different Capabilities.” The second at-distance version of this seminar has already taken place at the IIN Web page in the period covered by this Report. The same seminar was held on a face-to-face basis in July 2004 in Lima, Peru, jointly organized with the *Ministerio de la Mujer y del Desarrollo Social (MIMDES)* (Ministry for Women and Social Development) and CONADIS.

Also in connection with the Prototype relevant to Article 23 in the Convention and pursuant to **Resolution CD/RES. 10 (78-R/03) of the IIN Directing Council**, the Third Sub-regional Workshop on Public Policies for the Educational and Social Inclusion of Children with Different Capabilities was developed in Peru, Colombia and Ecuador. It was organized by the IIN together with MIMDES and CONADIS with the participation of the three countries of the Andean sub-region and more than 40 professionals from state and civil society entities. Its purpose was to become acquainted with the status of this issue in the region and to inform on the progress achieved by the IIN on the application of the Prototype of Targeted Public Policy and Article 23 in the Convention. The experts from the sub-region approved a Declaration which is available at the IIN Web page.

#### **IV.5 AG/RES 1951 (XXXIII-O/03), AG/RES. 1787 (XXXI-O/01), CD/RES. 12 (78-R/03) IIN interventions in the English-speaking Caribbean**

The Project on Child Policies for Drug Prevention continued developing in 2004 with the support and coordination of the Government of Suriname. Due to the lack of funding in that period activities were restricted to face-to-face (in the Caribbean countries) and at-distance training (at the Web site managed and coordinated by the IIN) which resulted in the training of more than 100 professionals in the region on the IIN methodology, as well as in the awarding of four Academic Certificates as “Drug Prevention Educator (DPE).”

On its part, the IIN has funded and updated the project Web site: [www.cariin.org](http://www.cariin.org)

#### **IV.6 AG/RES. 2050 (XXXIV - O/04) Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere**

Additionally to the Project on Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet and Regulatory Frameworks for the MERCOSUR, Bolivia and Chile jointly organized with the Embassy of the United States to Uruguay and its reports published in the project Web site: [www.iintpi.net](http://www.iintpi.net), a consultation was made to the other 28 OAS Member states in order to prepare the Report entrusted to the Institute, which was submitted to the OAS Permanent Council on 10 December, 2004.

#### **IV.7 AG/RES. 1915 (XXXIII-O/03) Participation of Civil Society**

Pursuant to the above mentioned resolution on the Deepening and Strengthening of Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities which has been reaffirmed through such specific national coordination mechanisms as National Dialogue for Children resulting from a Peruvian initiative in 2002 and noted in Resolution CD/RES. 03 (78- R/03), the IIN has kept deepening the cooperation and interaction links with entities and organizations of the so-called civil society with the conviction that such action guidelines are an effective contribution to the mainstreaming of the material and human resources available, the involvement of the social body in the empowerment of change process, and an opening to public scrutiny, thus creating networking and links that allow for Transparency and Promotion of Confidence and Security in the Americas, as reflected in the essence of resolution AG/RES. 1967 (XXXIII-O/03).

In such sense, the IIN has concluded specific agreements with a varied scope and purpose and has participated in joint activities with several civil society institutions, entities and organizations.

#### **IV.8 AG/RES. 1919 (XXXIII-O/03) Indigenous Peoples**

Pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 1919 (XXXIII-O/03) on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples the IIN has been particularly thorough as to the contents of the dissemination and promotion material on children's rights (books and videos), emphasizing ethnic and racial plurality in all cases.

The IIN participated in seminars and fora through presentations on "Child Racial and Ethnic Discrimination" and prepared a document entitled "Considerations on the Rights of Children from Indigenous Peoples" aimed to promote a deeper thinking on this issue.

#### **IV.9 AG/RES. 1925, 1948 and 1951 (XXXIII-O/03) Systems for the Protection of Children's Rights**

The IIN Programs have adjusted all their activities to paragraph 18 of the Plan of Action of the Summit of the Americas 2001 on "Children and Youth" establishing that "(...) In order to protect and promote children's rights, develop and implement inter-sector policies and programs, which may include the promotion of civil registration of all children, and allocate appropriate resources to undertake these tasks; establish and support cooperation amongst states as well as with civil society and young people to ensure effective implementation and monitoring of children's rights, including country-appropriate indicators of the health, development, and well-being of children, and through sharing best practices on reporting through national reports by States Parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child (...)", in conformity with resolutions AG/RES. 1925 (XXXIII-O/03) on the Strengthening of Human Rights System Pursuant to the Plan of Action of the Third Summit of the

Americas, AG/ RES. 1948 (XXXIII-O/03) on Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women, Adolescents and Children, and AG/ RES. 1951 (XXIII-O/03) on the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Children in the Americas.

#### **IV.10 AG/RES. 1927 (XXXIII-O/03) Conflict with the Law**

In connection with this resolution on the Study of the Rights and the Care of Persons Under Any Form of Detention and Imprisonment the IIN has mainly focused on the situation of adolescent and juvenile sectors by developing such dissemination and awareness-raising actions as the presentation on “The Situation of Imprisoned Adolescent Parents” (PROJUR). A seminar on “the best caring practices for youth in conflict with the law” and the systematization of the relevant regulatory framework were also organized in coordination with the highest child authorities in the several countries in the region (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Nicaragua).

#### **IV.11 AG/RES. 1957 (XXXIII-O/03) Construction of Democracy**

This resolution on the Promotion and Strengthening of Democracy: Follow-up to the Inter-American Democratic Charter received a prompt response from the IIN Information Program through the production for mass dissemination of a video on the Democratic Charter with the cooperation of the OAS Unit for the Promotion of Democracy (UPD) and also the design of an illustrated child book on the Democratic Charter.

#### **IV.12 AG/RES. 1958 (XXXIII-O/03) International Abduction**

Paragraph 18 –“Children and Youth” – in the Plan of Action of the 2001 Summit of the Americas called for “(...) Encourage cooperation to reduce cases of international abduction of children by one of their parents (...)” had a response in resolution AG/ RES. 1958 (XXXIII-O/03) on the Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Abduction of Children by One of their Parents.

#### **IV.13 AG/RES. 1951 (XXXIII-O/03) Communication and Coordination between the IIN and the IACD**

As provided for in paragraph 6 in this resolution concerning communication and coordination between the IIN and the IACD, the Inter-American Children’s Institute coordinated with the Agency such actions as the Project for the English-speaking Caribbean undertaken in 1998 and funded by CIDI (with resources directly managed by the IIN at that time). Later on, the IACD regulations established that bilateral or multilateral projects should be submitted by the Member states and not by specialized organization such as the IIN. In order to provide for the sustainability of the regional project for the English-speaking Caribbean, the Government of Suriname offered on two occasions to submit this multilateral Project to the IACD, a fact which –as noted by the Director General’s Office– implies a remarkable generosity and solidarity. The IIN expects to establish even closer cooperation links with the IACD allowing for a more fluent management of child-related projects promoted by the IIN in the Americas.

#### IV.14 AG/RES. 1961 (XXXIII-O/03) Pan American Child Congress

Bearing in mind this resolution, supplemented by resolutions CD/ RES. 19 (78-R/03) and CD/ RES. 05 (E/03) concerning the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress, section **VIII** provides a detailed information on the organization of the highest child continental forum, now declared as an Inter-American Specialized Conference.

#### V. Concluded Agreements

Country	Type	Counterpart	Date	Purpose
Uruguay	General Agreement	Embassy of the United States of America to Uruguay	13 January	Implementation of projects on Child Sexual Exploitation, Child Pornography on the Internet and Child Trafficking
Uruguay	General Agreement	International Child Catholic Bureau in Uruguay	4 March	Project on "Child Trafficking, Child Pornography on the Internet, and Regulatory Frameworks for the Marcos, Bolivia and Chile"
Uruguay	Agreement	OAS National Office in Uruguay	5 March	Production of a video on the Inter-American Democratic Charter
Guatemala	Agreement	OAS General Secretariat in Guatemala	8 March	Broadcasting of the video on the Inter-American Democratic Charter through the Guatemalan media
Guatemala	Agreement	Secretariat for Social Welfare, Office of the President of Guatemala	8 March	Installation and use of microcomputers for teaching purposes and the dissemination of the Convention on the Rights of the Child
Brazil	Agreement	Special Secretariat for Human Rights, Office of the President of Brazil (SEDH)	9 March	Ensure cooperation and exchange between the IIN and SEDH for the development of child and family policies and actions in Brazil
Honduras	Agreement	National OAS Office in Honduras	11 March	Dissemination of the video on the Inter-American Democratic Charter through the media of the Republic of Honduras
Honduras	Agreement	Office of the First Lady of the Republic of Honduras	11 March	Installation and use of microcomputers for teaching purposes and the dissemination of the Convention on the Rights of the Child

Honduras	Agreement	Institute for Children and the Family of Honduras (IHNFA)	12 March	Use of the “Site for Child Action Coordination”
United States of America	Agreement	Unit for the Promotion of Democracy (UPD)	15 March	New book of the illustrated series on the Rights of the Child and production of a digital version of the whole series for its publication in the UPD and IIN Web sites, as well as a CD ROM containing graphics that may be re-printed in the countries in the region.
Mexico	Agreement	National System for Family Integral Development (DIF)	30 March	Organization of the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress
México	Agreement	OAS National Office in Mexico	31 March	Dissemination of the video on the Inter-American Democratic Charter through the Mexican media
Peru	Agreement	OAS National Office in Peru	15 April	Dissemination of the video on the Inter-American Democratic Charter through the Peruvian media.
Dominican Republic	Agreement	National Child Council (CONANI)	6 April	Use of the “Site for Child Action Coordination”
Uruguay	Agreement	National Child Institute (INAME)	28 April	Mass printing of the illustrated book “Children and their Rights” addressed to the Republic of Uruguay
Uruguay	Agreement	Embassy of the United States to Uruguay	3 May	Research and Regional Conference on Child Sexual Exploitation, Child Pornography and Child Trafficking in the Mercosur
Belize	Agreement	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Defense and National Emergency Organization of Belize	25 May	Basis for the use of the “Site for Child Action Coordination”
Uruguay	Agreement	National Child Institute (INAME) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Uruguay	27 May	Training and technical support to INAME and the Ministry in the use of SMD 1.0 for developing the Report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child in Geneva
Uruguay	Agreement	International Child Catholic Bureau (BICE)	2 June	Creation of the Child and Family Information Center at the BICE Office in Uruguay, which will act as User Center of the IIN Information and Coordination Services

Colombia	Addendum	Colombian Institute for Family Welfare (ICBF)	16 June	Creation of a National Child and Family Information Center as a focal point of the RIIN Network and Coordinating Center of the National Child and Family Network of the Colombian Government
Mexico	Agreement	National System for Family Integral Development (DIF)	21 July	Addenda to the Cooperation Agreement for the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress to be held in Mexico City, on 27-29 October, 2004
OAS System	Agreement	Inter-American Women Commission (CIM)	23 August	Establishment of the Child and Family Information Sub-center as a RIIN Center
Paraguay	Agreement	National Child Secretariat - Paraguay	27/October/04	Agreement for the development of the Project on "Integral Care of Children Victims of Ycuá Bolaños".

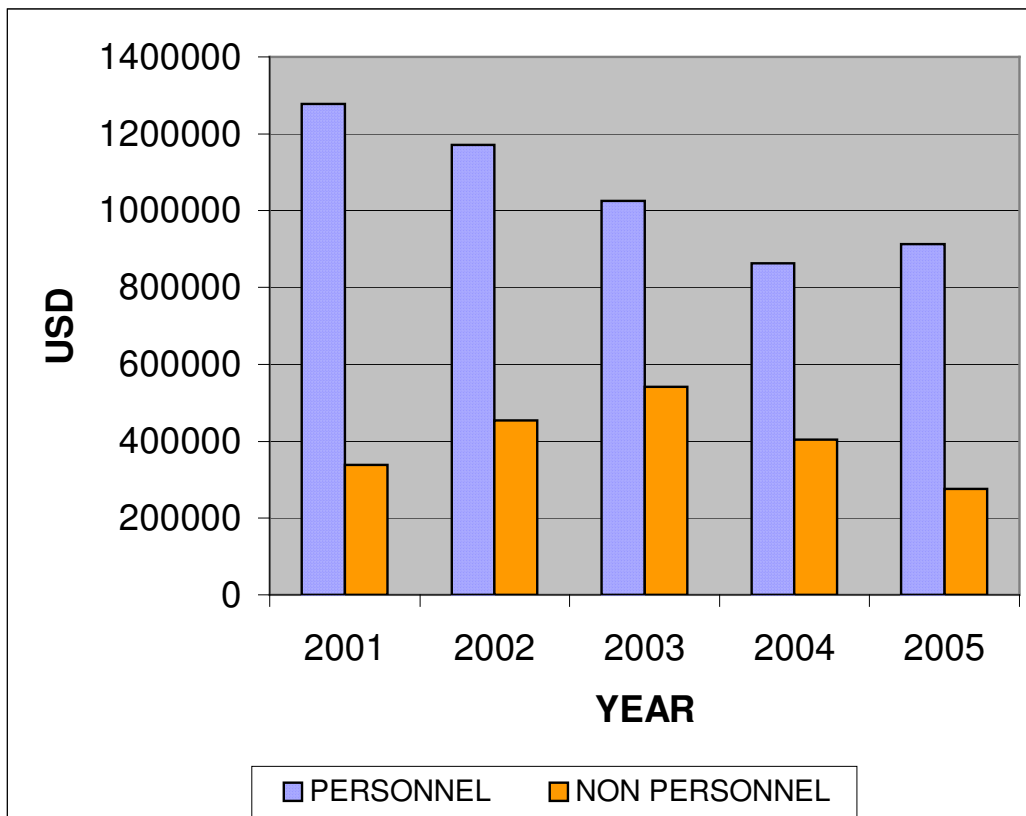
## VI. Financial situation

### VI.1 Funding Sources

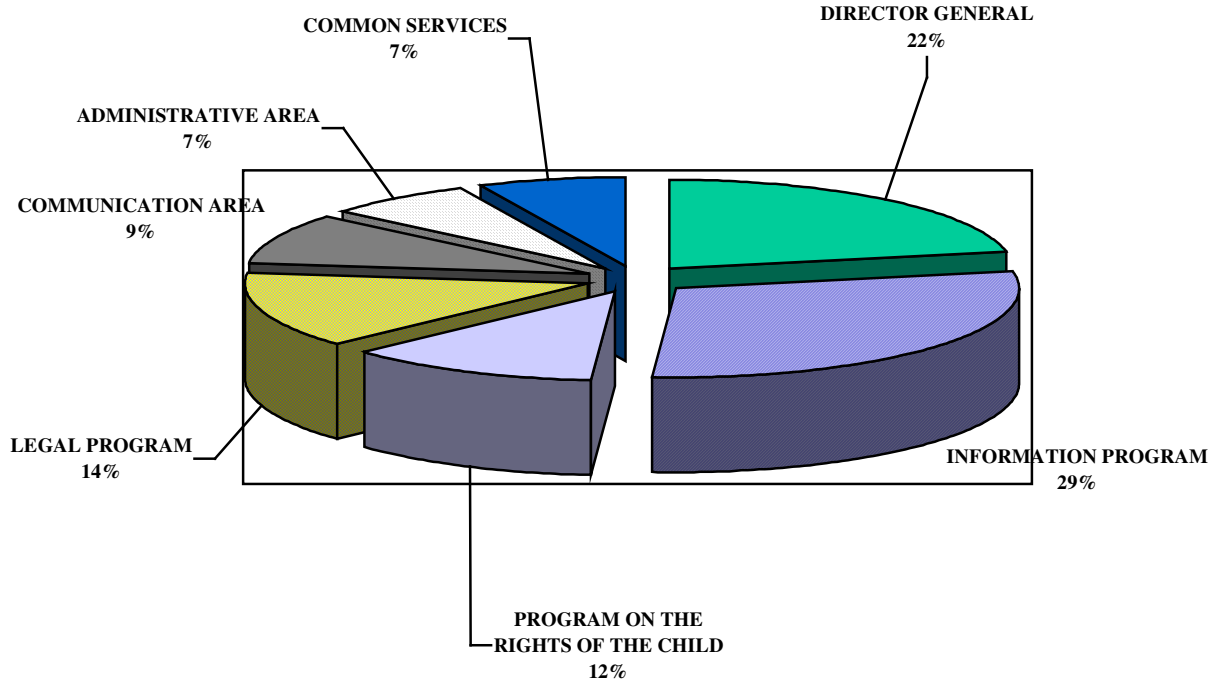
The IIN –a Specialized Organization of the OAS– is included in the Regular Fund of the OAS Program-Budget. In 2004 the IIN budget amounted to **US\$ 1,266,600** as part of the **US\$ 76,000,000** of the total OAS Regular Fund, which represents 1.65 percent.

In order to be able to comply with its roles and services, the IIN also applies resources resulting from Agreements concluded with governments, international organizations, NGOs and other donors, as well as financial agencies. As to 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2004 the IIN Specific Funds managed by the OAS amounted to **US\$ 445,658.95**. Counterpart resources in projects accomplished with the IIN technical assistance in 2004 were similar to 2003 and approximately amounted to **US\$ 1,900,000**.

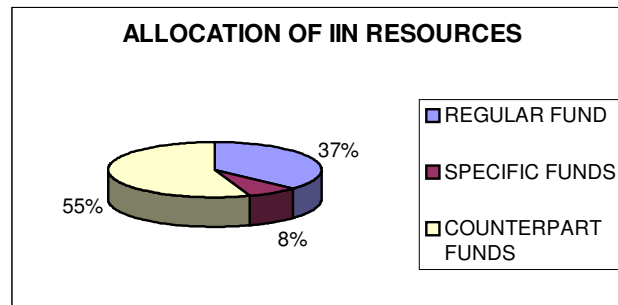
### VI.2 Budgetary Allocation and Projection of the Regular Fund



### VI.3 Budgetary Execution of the Regular Fund and Specific Funds by Area and Program



### VI.4. Percentage allocation of all IIN Resources



### VI.5 Projected Budget for 2005

ITEM	REGULAR FUND	SPECIFIC FUNDS	TOTAL
STAFF	912,300		912,300
OPERATIONS	275,000	353,595	628,595
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1.187,300</b>	<b>353,595</b>	<b>1.540,895</b>

### VI.6 Interpretation and Projections

In our previous Annual Report we noted the reorganization –and consequent downsizing– undertaken by the IIN in 2001 for the purpose of achieving a greater budgetary balance between operational and staff-related expenses.

Nevertheless, and in spite of the institutional efforts made, the actual budgetary situation in 2004 as well as the projections for 2005 allow for detecting the reappearance of the imbalance between the operational and staff budgets that had been solved in conformity with the guidelines set by the General Secretariat, at levels similar to those recorded in 2001 (see Table IV.2, *Budgetary Allocation and Projections of the Regular Fund.*)

It should be emphasized that such imbalance did not respond to an increase in staff members but has been the direct consequence of cost of living adjustments introduced in the salaries of the personnel of the General Secretariat in detriment of the allocations to the operational budget, all of which worsened due to the financial crisis experienced by the Organization, particularly as from 2003.

Although in 2004 the specific funds allowed for developing multiple activities (44 percent of all operations were executed with specific funds), the shortage of financial resources from the Regular Fund creates an imbalance in the IIN regular activities to be performed in compliance with the mandates set by the Member states.

Notwithstanding the ongoing proceedings for specific fund raising, the IIN requested additional funds from the 2005 Program-Budget amounting to US\$ 329,700 (see Appendix II of the Revised 2005 Program-Budget: List of Financial Resources Additional to the Regular Fund, identified by areas, in order to cover immediate program needs, CP/doc.3970/04).

These additional resources were requested, along the same lines expressed by the Acting Secretary General in his message to the Permanent Council, “to perform tasks at a modest but effective level” (CP/doc3970/04 page 4).

The implementation of the National Child System in the Member states, the validation of the Inter-American Program of Cooperation on the International Abduction of Children, the Child Observatory for the English-speaking Caribbean are, among others, actions to be performed by the IIN in the immediate term in compliance with its mandates, but it will not be possible to do so without the modest additional resources that were requested, in spite of any IIN effort made according to its current capacity.

## VII. 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Directing Council

The 79<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Directing Council of the Inter-American Children's Institute was held in Mexico City on 25-26 October, 2004. As it should be followed by the Pan American Child Congress the substantial issues on its agenda were more restricted than usual. The major issues were:

- Election of the Authorities of the Directing Council
- Election of a three-candidate slate for the position of Director General
- Reports of the Director General to the Directing Council and the General Assembly
- Draft Revised Statute and Rules of Procedure of the IIN
- National Reports
- Agreements concluded by the Office of the Director General

The sessions were attended by Delegates from 22 Member states, thus exceeding the regulatory quorum. The resolutions adopted include the approval of the Draft Revised Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the IIN. There was also consensus in submitting to the OAS Secretary General a two-candidate slate for the position of Director General formed by Alejandro Bonasso and Eduardo Bustelo, as well as in reporting the outcome of the voting on each candidate.

The Delegate of Mexico, Ana Teresa Aranda Orozco, was unanimously elected by acclamation as the President of the Directing Council for the 2004-2006 term of office. The Delegate of Chile, Delia del Gatto Reyes, was unanimously re-elected by acclamation as the Vice President for the same period, and the Delegate of the Dominican Republic, Ambassador Carmen Berges de Amaro, was designated, with a vote of applause, as President of Honor of the IIN Directing Council. The following Member states were also unanimously elected by acclamation as members of the Executive Committee for 2004-2006: Peru, representing the Andean Region; Paraguay, representing the Southern Cone; Honduras, representing Central America; Trinidad and Tobago, representing the English-speaking Caribbean, and Canada, representing North America.

The Basis of the 2005-2008 Strategic Plan of the Institute were approved as presented by the Director General and a Special Meeting of the Directing Council was convened to be held in April 2005 in Brasilia, the capital city of Brazil.

In its capacity as the Preparatory Committee of the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress, the Directing Council elected its President, appointed the members of its Working Groups, and established the deadline for submitting draft resolutions.

Finally, the city of Tegucigalpa, Honduras was chosen as the venue of the 80<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Directing Council to be held in October 2005.

The following table contains the resolutions adopted by the 79th Meeting of the Directing Council and a summary of each:

CD/RES. 01 (79-R/04)	Adoption of the Final Report of the Special Meeting of the Directing Council held in Washington, DC, in November 2003.
CD/RES. 02 (79-R/04)	Approval of the Annual Report of the IIN to the Thirty-fifth Regular

	Session of the OAS General Assembly, 2005.
CD/RES. 03 (79-R/04)	Election of the President of the Directing Council for the 2004-2006 term of office.
CD/RES. 04 (79-R/04)	Election of the Vice President of the Directing Council for the 2004-2006 term of office.
CD/RES. 05 (79-R/04)	Election of the Members of the Executive Committee of the Directing Council for 2004-2006.
CD/RES. 06 (79-R/04)	Adoption of the Draft Revised Statute and Rules of Procedure of the IIN.
CD/RES. 07 (79-R/04)	Approval of the Agreements concluded by the Office of the Director General ad referendum of the Directing Council.
CD/RES. 08 (79-R/04)	Approval of the Report of the Director General on the Use of the IIN Patrimonial Funds.
CD/RES. 09 (79-R/04)	Recognition to the Government of Mexico for supporting the organization and development of the 79 <sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the IIN Directing Council.
CD/RES. 10 (79-R/04)	Appointment of the Delegate of the Dominican Republic as President of Honor of the IIN Directing Council.
CD/RES. 11 (79-R/04)	Election of the President of the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress.
CD/RES. 12 (79-R/04)	Designation of two candidates for the position of Director General of the IIN.
CD/RES. 13 (79-R/04)	Creation of Working for the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress.
CD/RES. 14 (79-R/04)	Deadline for the Submission of Draft Resolutions during the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress.
CD/RES. 15 (79-R/04)	Venue of the 80 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Directing Council scheduled in October 2005.
CD/RES. 16 (79-R/04)	Approval of the Basis for the 2005-2008 Strategic Plan and designation of the Venue of the Special Meeting of the Directing Council to be held in April 2005.
CD/RES. 17 (79-R/04)	Expressions of support and solidarity to the Paraguayan people and government for the Ycua-Bolaños tragedy.
CD/RES. 18 (79-R/04)	Implementation of the Inter-American Cooperation Program for the Prevention and Remedy of Cases of International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents.

## VIII. Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress

The Opening Session of the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress convened by the Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN) in coordination with the National System for Family Integral Development (DIF) of Mexico took place at the headquarters of the Secretariat for Foreign Affairs in Mexico City, on 27 October, 2004. Its central theme was “The Family: Basis for the Integral Development of Children and Adolescents.” The Congress was attended by 550 participants from the OAS Member states belonging to the political, governmental and academic areas, as well as to non governmental organizations.

The Opening Session was chaired by the First Lady of Mexico, Marta Sahagún de Fox; the OAS Acting Secretary General, Ambassador Luigi Einaudi; the IDB Representative in Mexico, Lawrence Harrington; the Canadian Senator, Landon Pearson; the President of the Directing Council and Director of the DIF, Ana Teresa Aranda; the Acting Director General of the IIN, Alejandro Bonasso, and Ambassador Carmen Bergés de Amaro, President of Honor of the IIN Directing Council.

The Closing Session was held on 29 October with the presence of the President of Mexico, Vicente Fox, who made a presentation on the actual situation of children in the Americas at the beginning of the 21st Century and quoted the Cuban national hero José Martí by stating that “children are the worlds’ hope, the seeds of the societies we aspire to, they represent our dreams and most ambitious projects, they are the driving force that takes us to build up everyday a fairer world where personal happiness and collective well-being may be consistent with each other.”

The reading of the resolutions adopted by the Nineteenth Congress was followed by the intervention of two children representing the Mexican movement Child Diffusers, who offered their views on their families and their indigenous cultural heritage as the key elements of the relations of affection and protection within the family environment.

The Agenda of the Congress developed as per the following working structure:

27 October	28 October	29 October
		Delegates’ Plenary Session
Opening Session Marta Sahagún de Fox		
Recess		
Plenary Session “The Family as the Institution with Primary Responsibility for Protection, Upbringing, and Integral Development of the Child” Norberto Liwski	Plenary Session “Children’s Rights and their Relation to the Different Types of Families” David Calderón	Plenary Session “Family Violence and its Impact on Child Development” Cecilia Pérez Díaz
Questions and Answers		
Recess		
Plenary Session “Evolution of the Child’s Relationship with the Family” Bernardo Kliksberg	Plenary Session “The Doctrine of Integral Protection and Current Family Law” Daniel O’Donnell	Plenary Session “Promoting a Culture of Respect for Children’s Rights: The Roles of the Family, the State, Civil Society, and the Media” – Ana Teresa León
Questions and Answers		

				Closing Session Vicente Fox Quesada President of Mexico	
Recess					
*Working Groups (3)			*Working Groups (3)		
Recess		Institutional presentations	Recess		Institutional presentations
Delegates' Plenary Session			Delegates' Plenary Session		

The following table contains the resolutions adopted by the Congress and their respective details:

Number and Title	Text of operative paragraphs
<p>IIN/RES. 1 (XIX-04)</p> <p><b>The Family as the Institution with Primary Responsibility for the Protection, Upbringing, and Integral Development of Children</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To urge the Member States to implement actions aimed at improving conditions for the integral well-being of the family, by strengthening the educational function of the father and mother, and recognizing it as the arena in which a culture of rights is exercised and promoted.</li> <li>2. To request that the Inter-American Children's Institute include, in its next Strategic Plan, actions to help reinforce the family as the natural and social environment for the development and welfare of children.</li> <li>3. To ask the Inter-American Children's Institute to draw up and present to the Directing Council an Inter-American Project for Public Policy, with an awareness of the family and the community, which, in a cross-cutting fashion, will serve to recognize, support, protect, and disseminate the institution of the family as the main arena for the exercise and promotion of a culture of respect for the rights of children.</li> <li>4. To recommend that the Member States of the Organization of American States and the organs of the inter-American system support the implementation of this resolution by incorporating awareness of the family into their different planning and decision-making processes.</li> </ol>
<p>IIN/RES. 2 (XIX-04)</p> <p><b>Evolution of the Child's Relationship with the Family</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To request the IIN Office to study and monitor the policies, programs, projects, and activities required for making up an evolutionary approach to child and family-related issues.</li> <li>2. To urge the Member States to make available to the IIN –on a voluntary basis– information on the above programs, projects, and activities for the purpose of recording it in the PIINFA Database.</li> <li>3. To request the IIN to design, subject to resource availability and based on the information mentioned in item 1, a training course on “Children, Family, and Rights” addressed to operators and managers of child and family programs which should provide for an integrated view of the evolutionary development approach and the gradual exercise of rights, and make it available to the Member States within the framework of the technical assistance offered by the IIN.</li> <li>4. To urge the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development and other agencies in the inter-American system to support the proper implementation of this resolution.</li> </ol>

<p>IIN/RES. 3 (XIX-04)</p> <p><b>Children’s Rights and Their Relation to the Different Types of Families</b></p>	<p>To entrust the IIN to prepare, subject to its resource availability, a comprehensive study on the rights of children and their families and to design a proposal on the possible forms of protecting children’s rights.</p>
<p>IIN/RES. 4 (XIX-04)</p> <p><b>The Doctrine of Integral Protection and Current Family Law</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To urge Member states to review, if appropriate, their family law and make it consistent with the Doctrine of Integral Protection.</li> <li>2. To entrust the Inter-American Children’s Institute to prepare, subject to its resource availability, a compared law study on family law in force in the member states.</li> <li>3. To entrust the IIN to prepare, subject to its resource availability, a study on the interpretation and application of the principle of the best interest of the child within the framework of family law in force in the member states.</li> </ol>
<p>IIN/RES. 5 (XIX-04)</p> <p><b>Family Violence and Its Impact on Child Development</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To urge those member states that may require so to design or to strengthen state policies for the prevention and treatment of family violence.</li> <li>2. To request the IIN to compile, subject to its resource availability, the experience of member states on intervention models on family violence developed by governmental or civil society entities in the member states.</li> </ol>
<p>IIN/RES. 6 (XIX-04)</p> <p><b>Promoting a Culture of Respect for Children’s Rights: The Roles of the Family, the State, Civil Society, and the Media</b></p>	<p>To urge the IIN to develop, according to its resource availability, effective strategies to sensitize communication media practitioners on the importance of their role for the protection and promotion of the rights of children and their families.</p>
<p>IIN/RES. 7 (XIX-04)</p> <p><b>Funding of Resolutions adopted by the Congress</b></p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To request the Office of the Director General of the Inter-American Children’s Institute to take the necessary steps before the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States for the creation of a specific account to fund the preparation and presentation of an Inter-American Project for Strengthening the Family and other resolutions adopted by the Congress;</li> <li>2. To urge the member states to contribute, to the extent of their possibilities, to the effective implementation of the resolutions adopted by the Congress.</li> </ol>

Follows the full text of the Declaration also approved by the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress:

## **DECLARATION OF THE NINETEENTH PAN AMERICAN CHILD CONGRESS**

The delegates of the Member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) to the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress held in Mexico City on 27-29 October, 2004, after discussing and analyzing its main theme “The Family: Basis for the Integral Development of Children and Adolescents”, hereby declare:

### **CONSIDERING:**

1. That in the framework of the Inter-American System, the “Inter-American Declaration on the Family” approved by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (AG/RES. 678 XIII-0/83) declares that “Every human being, especially every boy and girl, has the right to a family and to the stability of the family institution;”
2. That sub-paragraph 4 of paragraph 137 in Advisory Opinion No. 17 of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of August 2002 stated that “the family is the primary context for children’s development and exercise of their rights”, thus establishing that the exercise or protection of rights is not possible without the family as such primary –and social–environment. The Court further stated that “the State must support and strengthen the family through the various measures it requires to best fulfill its natural function in this field.” The state should, by means of its whole social institutional structure, protect the integrity of the family in order to enable it to perform its social role of protection of and respect for children’s rights.
3. That the Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress was convened within the framework of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family established in Resolution 44/82 adopted by the Forty-fourth Session of the United Nations General Assembly on 8 December, 1989;
4. That this year is also the fifteenth anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United Nations on 20 November, 1989;
5. That the Convention on the Rights of the Child sets forth a series of principles and provisions that identify the family as a key element for the integral development and protection of children’s rights;
6. That the introduction to Chapter 18 on “Children and Youth” in the Plan of Action of the Third Summit of the Americas held in Quebec stated that the promotion of children’s rights, as well as their development, protection and participation are essential to ensure the realization of their full potential; the Plan also proposes such specific actions as “... Identify, share and promote best practices (...), particularly community-based approaches aimed at supporting families, meeting the needs of children and adolescents at risk and protecting them...”;
7. That Resolution AG/RES 1951 (XXXIII-O/03) on the PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN THE AMERICAS adopted by the OAS General assembly on 10 June, 2003 urged the Member states to watch over the inclusion of

children's rights in the work agenda of specialized organizations and conferences, and organs and entities of the Organization of American States;

8. That the Inter-American Children's Institute has undertaken a significant effort for the promotion and protection of children's rights within the framework of its 2000-2004 Strategic Plan;
9. That such Strategic Plan has enabled the IIN to move forward on the implementation of public policies, regulatory prototypes, and information mechanisms in the OAS member states, thus reasserting the role of the family as a protective environment and the state's assurance of the enforcement of children's rights.

#### BEARING IN MIND:

1. The Keynote Addresses that referred to each of the six sub-themes of the Congress, as follows: FIRST: "The Family as the Institution with Primary Responsibility for the Protection, Upbringing, and Integral Development of Children and Adolescents"; SECOND: "Evolution of the Child's Relationship with the Family"; THIRD: "Children's Rights and their Relation to the Different Types of Families"; FOURTH: "The Doctrine of Integral Protection and Current Family Law"; FIFTH: "Family Violence and its impact on Child Development", and SIXTH: "Promoting a Culture of Respect for Children's Rights: The Roles of the Family, the State, Civil Society and the Media";
2. The conclusions of the three working groups on the above mentioned sub-themes which, among other aspects, establish:
  - That the family plays a key role in the integral protection of children, which is gradual and evolves according to their stage of development;
  - That the gradual exercise of children's rights also follows the same evolution process, which should be necessarily healthy and conducive;
  - That children's participation within the family should be noted as it is also exercised gradually according to the above mentioned evolution and that the family is the natural environment that enables the referred shift towards autonomy and self-determination;
  - That the right-based approach is the organizational core of guidance and educational processes, addressed to both children and the family;
  - That the need has been verified for a right-based approach training of the personnel who operates child and family programs;
  - That the heterogeneity and cultural diversity that characterize the countries in the region bring about a variety of family structures and organizations;
  - That efforts to protect children's rights may benefit from studies on the family within legal frameworks in the region; on family law within the framework of the doctrine of integral protection, and on children's right to live with a family within the framework of the principle of the best interest of the child;
  - That the existence of important sectors of Latin American societies living in exclusion and poverty conditions has been confirmed and has an impact on family organization and structure and generates

dysfunction, precludes adequate child protection, restricts child opportunities, and promotes a vicious cycle of right infringement and poverty reproduction;

- That such situation calls for additional attention from the authorities responsible for designing and enforcing coordinated, cross-sectional, integral and overall child social policies.
- That family violence has gained an alarming dimension in the region, considering that its main victims are children whose rights are severely violated;
- That states recognize some progress in the awareness and approach of this issue, but the difficulty persists of how to assess its true magnitude due to the absence of objective data and, in many cases, to its lack of visibility as it mostly occurs within the privacy of family coexistence;
- That communication and information are key social processes within any social organization;
- That communication in particular plays a major role in politics, economics and culture of all societies throughout the world and are determining factors of the dynamics and the functional nature of the various family structures;
- That it has been consequently demonstrated that the media play a determining role in the creation of public opinion and therefore no cultural change can be conceived without the participation of this social actor;
- That, within the framework of democracies, the media are the natural environment for peoples to exercise their right to free expression;
- That the family is a natural environment for the generation of a culture of rights;

#### CONCLUDE:

1. That the political will stated by the Member states at this Nineteenth Pan American Child Congress aims to recognize, support, protect and promote the family as the main environment for the protection and advocacy of children's rights.
2. That the six sub-themes discussed during the Congress have become a valuable platform of knowledge that allows for understanding and ranking families according to their different roles and functions, as well as for fostering a series of concrete actions to be undertaken by the Inter-American Children's Institute and the OAS member states.
3. That those actions reflect in the seven resolutions adopted by this Congress which will be duly considered by the Member states for the preparation and implementation of their child legal provisions and policies.

#### RECOMMEND:

1. The Inter-American Children's Institute to include, among others, the following mandates provided for in the seven Congress resolutions in its 2005-2008 Strategic Plan:
  - The preparation and presentation to the Directing Council of an Inter-American Project on Public Policies under a family and community-based approach;

- The design of a training course on “Children, Family and Rights” for child and family program operators and managers;
  - The preparation of an integral study on the rights of children and their families;
  - A comparative family law survey in the countries of the region;
  - The preparation of a study on the interpretation and application of the principle of the best interest of the child in the framework of justice and family law, and
  - The compilation of experience gained by government organizations and civil society entities in the application of intervention models on family violence in the member states.
  - The development of effective strategies to sensitize social communication practitioners on the importance of their role for the protection and promotion of the rights of children and their families.
2. This Declaration to be as widely disseminated as possible through the channels provided by the Organization of American States and those available in the member states.

In Mexico City, on the twenty-ninth day of October, 2004.