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I. Introduction

The Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) was created in 1927 at the initiative, endorsed by a group of experts, of the Fourth Pan American Child Congress held in 1924, and since then it has been based in Montevideo, Uruguay. In 1949 it became one of the specialized organizations of the Organization of American States. Within the structure of the General Secretariat, the Office of the Director General of the IIN is ranked as an Office and reports to the Office of the Assistant Secretary General (Executive Order 05-13 rev. 2 "Restructuring of the General Secretariat").

The purpose of the IIN is to cooperate with the governments of the member states, their institutions and responsible authorities, with other agencies within the Inter-American System, with other international institutions and civil society organizations in promoting the development of technical activities and instruments that contribute to the integral protection of children in the region, raising an alert awareness on all issues relating to children, the family and the community, as well as a feeling of social responsibility vis-à-vis such issues by providing advice in the search for solutions (Articles 2, 3.a, and 3.c in the Statute.)

The Directing Council, that is made up of the delegates of the member states, formulates the general policy of the Institute and exercises supervision over the fulfilment of its responsibilities through the activities conducted by the Director General at the Office in Montevideo, with the support of the technical team of the Institute and consultants from the member countries of the Inter-American System, thus fulfilling the mandates of the Directing Council and the recommendations issued by the Pan American Child Congress, the General Assembly, and the Councils in the organization (Articles 1.a, 9, and 19 in the Statute).

Besides the above mentioned activities, and in accordance with the Statute and Rules of Procedure in force¹, the action of the IIN is also framed within the following guidelines (Article 3 in the Statute):

- *To provide technical assistance for raising an alert awareness on all issues relating to children, the family and the community, as well as a feeling of social responsibility vis-à-vis such issues by providing advice in the search for solutions;*
- *To promote actions aimed to favour the best interest of children as full right holders;*
- *To cooperate with the governments of the member states, their institutions and responsible authorities; with other agencies within the inter-American system; with other international institutions, and civil society organizations working on behalf of the rights of children in the region;*

¹ Adopted at the 79th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN held on 25-26 October, 2004 in Mexico, DF -CD/RES. 06 (79-04)- and approved without objections by the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States (CP/doc. 3964/04) at its Regular Session of February 2nd, 2005.

- *To watch over the creation of spaces ensuring the free expression and participation of children on every matter of their concern, in accordance with their needs and possibilities;*
- *To promote, with the cooperation of governments, national and international institutions for children, and civil society organizations:*
 - i. Research on the scope and significance of the various problems affecting children and the family in the Americas;*
 - ii. The identification -and dissemination across all American states- of the most effective methods and procedures to solve them, and*
 - iii. Ongoing training of technical and administrative staff related to national child systems in both the public and private sector in order to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of their actions in favour of the integral protection of children.*
- *To assist the governments of the member states in the implementation of adequate National Protection Systems for the promotion and advocacy of the rights of children and the family by providing them advice and technical cooperation, and*
- *To produce technical assistance at the request of the General Assembly, the Permanent Council, the General Secretariat or other OAS agencies, bodies and specialized organizations.*
- *To support the inter-American cooperation programs approved by the OAS General Assembly in the Institute's area of competence.*

I.1. General Framework of the Annual Report

This Annual Report covers the March 2006-February 2007 period.

During the March/May period the IIN Office was conducted by Piero Solari Zerpa in the capacity of Director General, who later on went on special leave and then resigned in late August. During his special leave the IIN Office was conducted by Ambassador John Biehl del Río, Representative of the OAS Office in Uruguay, until late August when he was confirmed as Acting Director General by the OAS Secretary General, Dr. José Miguel Insulza.

The 81st Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN was held in November in Montevideo thanks to the kind offer made by the Government of Uruguay; the fundamental issue in the Agenda of that Meeting was the nomination of candidates to the position of Director General of the IIN.

Also during such Meeting the authorities of the Directing Council for the 2006-2008 period were elected by acclamation, as follows: Sara Oviedo (Ecuador), President, and Kirsys Fernández de Valenzuela (Dominican Republic), Vice President.

The three-candidate list to the position of Director General, composed of Sonia Eljach Polo (Colombia), Justo Vinicio Solórzano León (Guatemala), y María de los Dolores Aguilar Marmolejo (Mexico) was also approved by acclamation and subsequently submitted for the consideration of the Secretary General of the OAS. .

The Meeting was also attended by the Ibero American Secretary General, Enrique Iglesias, who stated his special interest in channelling through the IIN the institutional efforts made in favour of children by the Ibero American General Secretariat (SEGIB), thus avoiding resource duplication and providing for the necessary coordination among international organizations towards the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals.

Taking into consideration the key importance of developing an alliance in such sense, the IIN Directing Council adopted a resolution² requesting the OAS Secretary General to negotiate with the Ibero American General Secretariat (SEGIB) the grounds for the establishment of an inter-institutional alliance aimed to channel through the IIN the execution of all SEGIB child-related projects.

Likewise, the delegate of the Dominican Republic informed that his Government was willing to establish in Santo Domingo a Sub-regional Office of the IIN for the Central American and Caribbean areas; this gave rise to a resolution³ requesting the intervention of the OAS Secretary General to analyze such proposal and determine its viability.

Both the initiatives of the SEGIB and the Government of the Dominican Republic have the greatest strategic importance for the institutional development of the IIN as they would allow for a significant increase of the coverage of the services being currently provided, while the fact itself of avoiding the duplication of meetings and objectives is an achievement that has been duly appreciated by the Directing Council of the IIN.

II. Programmatic Activities

The main activities of the IIN focused on the promotion of governance and democracy within the Framework of its 2005-2008 Strategic Plan, maintaining the objective of developing and strengthening the relationship and joint work, both inside and outside the OAS, specially emphasizing those cases of child-devoted effort articulation among civil society institutions and the governments of the member states, as well as with various regional and international entities.

The activities developed within the framework of Cooperation Agreements⁴ were:

- a) Inter-American Meeting of Experts on International Child Abduction.
- b) Comprehensive Study on Legislation and Public Policies against the commercial sexual exploitation of children in Latin America; its progress report was presented on December 2006 to the Sixth Meeting of High Authorities on

² CD/RES. 11 (81-R/06)

³ CD/RES. 12 (81-R/06)

⁴ The details of these activities can be found in Chapter III, Cooperation

Human Rights and Ministries of Foreign Affairs of MERCOSUR – Niñ@sur Working Group.

c) Strategic Communication Plan of the IIN.

In compliance with its mandates the IIN continued providing the member states its services and output on technical assistance, training, research, meeting organization, information dissemination, project design, etc., including:

- Seventh Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the Americas.
- The document “Migration: Children and Rights”, presented at the Third Conference of the Latin American and Caribbean Network of Childwatch International, July 2006, Mexico.
- The documents “The Promotion and Strengthening of the Family as the Basis for Integral Development: Plans, Programs and Policies” and the “Inter-American Project for Family Development”, both presented at the Sixth Meeting of First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama, and the Dominican Republic, where the IIN was represented by Carmen Lomellin, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), September 2006, Dominican Republic.
- Lecture on “Migrations: From solidarity to insensitivity: A deferred but latent debate” at the Eight Ibero American Conference of Ministers and High Officials Responsible for Child Issues focused on “Migration and its impact on Children’s Rights”, for the organization of which the IIN also provided technical assistance, October 2006, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Research on “Public Expenditure on Child Affairs” presented at the 81st Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN, November 2006, Montevideo, Uruguay.
- Production of two new videos on the promotion of children’s rights, one of them related to environmental preservation particularly focused on the use of water entitled “We need water”, and the other on the worst forms of child labour entitled “Close/far”. At present the video collection includes 11 titles specialized on Rights and one of them focused on the Democratic Charter. A new DVD compiling all the above was also produced for dissemination throughout the region.
- Enlargement of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network (RIIN) in Mexico. Two new centres were created within the Mexican National Network (RENIF) and based in CONFE (non governmental organization focused on disability issues) and in the National System for Family Integral Development at the DIF office in the State of Yucatan. This Inter-American Network already includes 26 centres throughout Mexico.
- Technical assistance to the Mexican DIF in October 2006. The DIF requested the IIN to participate and advice on the launching by DIF of the National System for Monitoring the enforcement of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; the DIF will be responsible for submitting the relevant reports to the United Nations Committee for Monitoring the Rights of the Child on the basis of the decision of the United Nations Committee for Monitoring the

enforcement of the Convention that designated the IIN as an Advisory Technical Organization on these issues.

- Development of the IIN Integrated Planning System, which is a key tool for resource optimization and the implementation of the 2005-2008 Strategic Plan. The outline of the System was developed during this period and its Phase I was completed.
- Participation as an Advisory Organization to the Uruguayan Committee for the Eradication of Child Labour (CETI), established by an Executive Act dated 8 December, 2000. Active participation on technical assistance and logistics in designing the Action Plan of CETI for the Eradication of Child Labour. The IIN participation in designing the National Plan in 2007 is also scheduled.
- Participation as an Advisory Organization to the National Committee for the Eradication of Commercial and Non Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Uruguay, established by Executive Act n° 385/004. Active participation on the technical assistance and logistics for designing the National Plan for the Eradication of Commercial and Non Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.
- Participation in the Sixth Meeting of First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama, and the Dominican Republic that was held on 6-8 September, 2006 in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. The Inter-American Children's Institute was represented at that event and during its Opening Session by Carmen Lomellin, Executive Secretary of the CIM Permanent Secretariat; for this Meeting the IIN prepared a set of documents that were already mentioned.
- Participation in the First Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking of Persons, organized by the OAS Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) as mandated by resolution AG/RES. 2019 (XXXIV-O/04) "Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons, especially Women, Adolescents, and Children" adopted at the Thirty-fourth Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (Quito, Ecuador, June 2004), based on the recommendations from the Fifth Meeting of Ministers of Justice or of Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA-V), held on 28-30 April, 2004, and in conformity with related decisions adopted by the Heads of State and Government at the Summits of the Americas, as well as with the recommendations from the Inter-American Commission of Women.

This mandate set forth that the Meeting of National Authorities should count on the "participation of the CIM, the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN), the United Nations, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), and other related international organizations, for the purpose of studying integral cooperation mechanisms among the states to ensure protection of and assistance to the victims, prevention of the crime, and prosecution of its perpetrators, bearing in mind respect for the victims' human rights. The said meeting will also facilitate the exchange of information and experiences, policy dialogue, and cooperation among the countries of origin, transit, and destination of trafficking in persons, as well as the establishment or improvement of statistical records in this area."

II. 1 IIN activities as mandated by the OAS General Assembly and their coverage, March 2006-February 2007

Activity / Mandate	Description	Type of activity	Place	Date
<p>Production of videos for the promotion and dissemination of children's rights</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1951 (XXXIII-O/03) "Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Children in the Americas"</p> <p>AG/RES. 2066 (XXXV-O/05) "Dissemination of Information on the Inter-American System for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Educational Institutions in the countries of the Hemisphere"</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Production of two new videos: These new videos are part of the series produced by the IIN and are entitled "We love water" (related to environmental care) and "Close/far" (worst forms of child labour). - At the present the total video collection includes 11 different titles. - A DVD was produced with a new format. 	<p>Promotion and Dissemination of Rights</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>March 2006</p>
<p>Participation in the Third Meeting of High Authorities on Human Rights and Ministries of Foreign Affairs of the MERCOSUR and Associate States.</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1667 (XXIX-O/99) "Inclusion of Children's Issues on the Hemispheric Agenda"</p> <p>AG/RES. 1951 (XXXIII-O/03) "Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Children in the Americas"</p>	<p>Incorporation of the IIN to the activities of the Niñ@sur initiative.</p>	<p>Support to public agencies</p>	<p>Argentina</p>	<p>March 2006</p>

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<p>Signing of an Agreement with con CONAPINA (Nicaragua) for the donation of computers.</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1951 (XXXIII-O/03) “Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Children in the Americas”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2066 (XXXV-O/05) “Dissemination of Information on the Inter-American System for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Educational Institutions in the countries of the Hemisphere</p>	<p>Thanks to a donation from the Government of Korea the IIN delivered a set of computers for the promotion of children’s rights, including the teaching kit developed by the IIN.</p>	<p>Promotion and dissemination of rights</p>	<p>Nicaragua</p>	<p>March 2006</p>
<p>Meeting of the Director General and IIN staff with the Chief of Staff of the OAS Secretary General, Ricardo Domínguez and the Director of the OAS Planning, Control and Evaluation Department, Ricardo Graziano</p>	<p>Training on the new OAS planning system</p>	<p>Training and institutional development</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>March 2006</p>
<p>Inter-agency Meeting with Nils Kastberg, Regional Representative of UNICEF for Latin America and the Caribbean</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>AG/RES. 2102 (XXXV-O/05) “Cooperation between the Organization of American States and the United Nations System, the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System, and the General Secretariat of the Caribbean Community”</p>	<p>Setting grounds for joint actions in the Caribbean and Central American areas. The IIN was offered an office at the Regional UNICEF premises in Panama.</p>	<p>Cooperation</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>March 2006</p>

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<p>Participation in the First Meeting of National Authorities on the Trafficking of Persons, organized by the OAS Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM)</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 2050 (XXXIV-O/04) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2118 (XXXV-O/05) “Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2148 (XXXV-O/05) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2240 (XXXVI-O/06) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p>	<p>Conference on the IIN position on this issue.</p>	<p>Conference</p>	<p>Venezuela</p>	<p>March 2006</p>
<p>Audit performed by Consultant Françoise Coupal, related to the Project on Child funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).</p>	<p>Meeting with the Director General, technical team, and other involved staff.</p>	<p>Cooperation</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>March 2006</p>

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<p>Signing of Agreement with Save the Children Sweden (SCS)</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1915 (XXXIII-O/03) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2092 (XXXV-O/05) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities and in the Summits of the Americas Process”</p>	<p>Signing of a General Cooperation Agreement</p>	<p>Cooperation</p>	<p>Peru</p>	<p>April 2006</p>
<p>Regional survey on the IIN intervention within the framework of its new 2005-2008 Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>Survey sent to the Delegates to the Directing Council of the IIN in order to explore the potential needs of the member states for advice and intervention.</p>	<p>Cooperation</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>April 2006</p>
<p>Sign of an Agreement with the Inter-American Centre against Disappearance, Exploitation, and Trafficking (CIDETT)</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 2050 (XXXIV-O/04) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2118 (XXXV-O/05) “Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons”</p>	<p>General Cooperation Agreement against the disappearance and exploitation of, and trafficking in persons. Possible creation of Web links to attract voluntary participants.</p>	<p>Cooperation</p>	<p>Peru</p>	<p>April 2006</p>

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<p>AG/RES. 2148 (XXXV-O/05) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2240 (XXXVI-O/06) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p>				
<p>Signing of an Agreement with Defence of Children International (DNI)</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1915 (XXXIII-O/03) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2092 (XXXV-O/05) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities and in the Summits of the Americas Process”</p>	General Cooperation Agreement	Cooperation	Costa Rica	April 2006
<p>Action Coordination Meeting of the Convening Committee of the Global Movement for Children (UNICEF-SAVE THE CHILDREN-REDLAMYC-PLAN-VISION MUNDIAL) with the participation of the Representative of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.</p> <p>Mandates:</p>	Intervention in the regional activities of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights aimed to the implementation of the final observations made by the Committee on the Rights of the Child.	Cooperation	Costa Rica	April 2006

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<p>AG/RES. 1915 (XXXIII-O/03) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities”</p> <p>AG/RES. 1925 (XXXIII-O/03) “Strengthening of Human Rights Systems Pursuant to the Plan of Action of the Third Summit of the Americas”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2092 (XXXV-O/05) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities and in the Summits of the Americas Process”</p>				
<p>Inter-agency meeting with Fernando Freire, from the non governmental organization <i>Terre des Hommes</i>.</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1915 (XXXIII-O/03) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2092 (XXXV-O/05) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities and in the Summits of the Americas Process”</p>	<p>Working sessions with the IIN technical team and analysis of joint working modalities.</p>	<p>Institutional relationship</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>April 2006</p>
<p>Seventh Report to the OAS Secretary General on the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in the Americas</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1667 (XXIX-O/99) “Inclusion of Children’s Issues on</p>	<p>An IIN working team prepared the research report that must be submitted to the OAS Secretary General as per the relevant Mandate.</p>	<p>Research</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>May 2006</p>

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<p>the Hemispheric Agenda”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2240 (XXXVI-O/06) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p>				
<p>Inter-agency meeting with Ernesto Galmez , ECPAT Regional Officer for the Americas</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1915 (XXXIII-O/03) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2092 (XXXV-O/05) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities and in the Summits of the Americas Process”</p>	<p>The grounds for inter-institutional cooperation agreements were set.</p>	<p>Cooperation</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>May 2006</p>
<p>Updating of IIN-managed databases belonging to the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network (RIIN)</p> <p>Mandate:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1951 (XXXIII-O/03) “Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Children in the Americas “</p>	<p>Compilation of databases from organizations, projects and documents from the National Information Centres in the region and OPD updating.</p>	<p>Promotion and dissemination of rights</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>June 2006</p>
<p>Signing of a General Cooperation Agreement between the Hague</p>	<p>Attendance of Hans Van Loon, Secretary</p>	<p>Cooperation</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>June 2006</p>

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<p>Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) and the IIN</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1958 (XXXIII-O/03) “Inter-American Cooperation Program to Prevent and Remedy cases of child abduction by one of their Parents.”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2133 (XXXV-O/05) “Inter-American Cooperation Program to Prevent and Remedy cases of child abduction by one of their Parents.”</p>	<p>General of HHCH and Ignacio Goicoechea, Regional Representative, in order to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sign the General Cooperation Agreement - Establish specific proposals, specially the implementation of the Inter-American Cooperation Program to Prevent and Remedy cases of child abduction by one of their Parents. 			
<p>Meeting with the NINA Consortium at the Dominican Republic:</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1915 (XXXIII-O/03) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2092 (XXXV-O/05) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities and in the Summits of the Americas Process”</p>	<p>During a coordinated visit this Dominican Consortium specialized on such issues as Commercial Sexual Exploitation and in/of the street situations, and composed of NGOs like <i>Acción Callejera</i>, <i>Quédate con nosotros</i>, <i>Caminante</i> and others presented their activities and both institutions exchanged their experience.</p>	<p>Inter-institutional relationship</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>June 2006</p>
<p>Participation in the Third Conference of the Childwatch International Latin American and Caribbean Network: “Children and Youth: Dislocation and Removal”</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1915 (XXXIII-O/03) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities”</p>	<p>As a member of the Childwatch International Network the IIN participated in this Conference through the presentation of the document “Migration: Children and Rights”. It also established a stand within the framework of the Conference containing the IIN publications and exhibiting the series of videos on</p>	<p>Conference</p>	<p>Mexico</p>	<p>July 2006</p>

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<p>AG/RES. 2141 (XXXV-O/05) “Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, including Migrant Workers and their Families”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2224 (XXXVI-O/06) “The Human Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families”</p>	Children’s Rights.			
<p>Signing of the Agreement with Save the Children Sweden for developing the projects "A Comprehensive Study on Legislation and Public Policies against Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children in Latin America" and “Strategic Communication Plan”.</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1915 (XXXIII-O/03) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2050 (XXXIV-O/04) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2118 (XXXV-O/05) “Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2148 (XXXV-O/05) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p>	A research on Commercial Sexual Exploitation is launched with a greater depth than in the past for the Report to the General Assembly.	Research	Peru IIN headquarters	July 2006

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<p>AG/RES. 2092 (XXXV-O/05) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities and in the Summit of the Americas Process”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2240 (XXXVI-O/06) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p>				
<p>Participation in the National Committee for Eradicating commercial and non commercial sexual exploitation of children in Uruguay.</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 2050 (XXXIV-O/04) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2118 (XXXV-O/05) “Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2148 (XXXV-O/05) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p>	<p>In its capacity as an advisory organization, the IIN provides technical support for preparing the National Plan for Eradicating Commercial and non Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children.</p>	<p>Technical Assistance</p>	<p>Montevideo</p>	<p>Ongoing activity as from August 2006</p>
<p>Presentation of the videogame developed by the IIN “Adam II”</p>	<p>Participation of National Authorities and non Governmental Organizations in the</p>	<p>Promotion and Dissemination</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>August 2006</p>

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<p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1951 (XXXIII-O/03) “Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Children in the Americas”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2066 (XXXV-O/05) “Dissemination of Information on the Inter-American System for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Educational Institutions in the Countries of the Hemisphere”</p> <p>AG/DEC. 46 (XXXVI-O/06) “Declaration of Santo Domingo: Good Governance and Development in the Knowledge-based Society”</p>	<p>analysis of the philosophy, and the methodological and conceptual foundations of the videogame ADAM II for the promotion of Children’s Rights.</p>	<p>of Rights</p>		
<p>Establishment of and subsequent training in two new Information Centres of the RIIN Network within the Mexican National Network (RENINF)</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/DEC. 46 (XXXVI-O/06) “Declaration of Santo Domingo: Good Governance and Development in the Knowledge-based Society”</p>	<p>Through its RENINF Network the DIF included new Information Centres for receiving and disseminating information on the Rights of the Child in Mexico, thus creating a National Network composed of 26 Centres throughout the country.</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>Mexico</p>	<p>August-September 2006</p>
<p>Presentation of the book “Integration at School: Challenges and Questions”.</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 2066 (XXXV-O/05) “Dissemination of Information on the Inter-American System for the Promotion and Protection of</p>	<p>Institutional support was provided as part of the cooperation with the Psychology School of the University of the Republic for the publication of the document “Integration at School: Challenges and Questions” that was launched on</p>	<p>Research</p>	<p>Montevideo</p>	<p>September 2006</p>

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Human Rights in Educational Institutions in the Countries of the Hemisphere”	September 2006 and freely distributed within the Uruguayan Educational System.			
<p>Participation in the VI Meeting of First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama and the Dominican Republic.</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1667 (XXIX-O/99) “Inclusion of Children’s Issues on the Hemispheric Agenda”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2101 (XXXV-O/05) “XIX Pan American Child Congress”</p>	<p>As from year 2000 the IIN has accompanied and co-organized the Meetings of the First Ladies from Central America, Belize, Panama and the Dominican Republic; on this occasion the IIN presented the document “Promotion and Strengthening of the Family as the Basis for Integral Development: Plans, Programs and Policies”</p> <p>It also presented the “Inter-American Project for Family Strengthening”. During this event the IIN was represented by. Carmen Lomellin, Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM).</p>	Support to political agencies	Dominican Republic	September 2006
<p>Launching of the National System for Monitoring the enforcement of the Convention on the Rights of the Child</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1925 (XXXIII-O/03) “Strengthening of Human Rights Systems Pursuant to the Plan of Action of Third Summit of the Americas”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2102 (XXXV-O/05) “Cooperation between the Organization of American States, the United Nations System, the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System,</p>	<p>Following the Report of the Committee for Monitoring the Rights of the Child suggesting that the IIN should, in its capacity as a specialized organization, provide technical assistance on Children’s Rights, the DIF has requested that such technical assistance be provided to its National System for Monitoring the Convention that was launched in September.</p>	Technical Assistance	Mexico	September 2006

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<p>and the General Secretariat of the Caribbean Community”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2196 (XXXVI-O/06) “Cooperation between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the Secretariat of the United Nations System, the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System, the General Secretariat of the Caribbean Community, and the Secretariat of the Association of Caribbean States”</p>				
<p>Inter-agency meeting between Save the Children Sweden, ECPAT and the IIN for creating an Observatory on Child Sexual Exploitation (ESCNA).</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1915 (XXXIII-O/03) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society participation in OAS activities”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2050 (XXXIV-O/04) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2092 (XXXV-O/05) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society participation in OAS activities and in the Summit of the Americas Process”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2118 (XXXV-O/05) “Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons”</p>	<p>This Inter-agency Meeting was intended to generate a project for the development of an ESCNA Observatory. On such basis, the drafting of feasibility studies and the Project outline were started. The final product is already completed.</p>	<p>Cooperation</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>September 2006</p>

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<p>AG/RES. 2148 (XXXV-O/05) “Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere”</p>				
<p>Participation in the Third Forum of NGOs for Children in Ibero America</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1915 (XXXIII-O/03) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society participation in OAS activities”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2092 (XXXV-O/05) “Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society participation in OAS activities and in the Summit of the Americas Process”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2141 (XXXV-O/05) “Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, including Migrant Workers and their Families”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2224 (XXXVI-O/06) “The Human Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families”</p>	<p>The Uruguayan Committee for the Follow-up of the Ibero American Summits invited the IIN to have an active participation in the Forum and cooperate in the preparation of the working document of the conference focused on “The Impact of Migrations on the Rights of Children”</p>	<p>Technical Assistance</p>	<p>Montevideo</p>	<p>October 2006</p>
<p>Participation at the Eighth Ibero American Conference of Ministers and High Officials Responsible for Child Issues “Migration and its Impact on the Rights of Children”</p>	<p>Following a formal request of the Uruguayan Child Institute (INAU) the IIN delivered to the Ministers a lecture on “Migration: From solidarity to</p>	<p>Conference Technical Assistance</p>	<p>Montevideo</p>	<p>October 2006</p>

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<p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1667 (XXIX-O/99) “Inclusion of Children’s Issues in the Hemispheric Agenda”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2141 (XXXV-O/05) “Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, including Migrant Workers and their Families”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2224 (XXXVI-O/06) “The Human Rights of All Migrant Workers and their Families”</p>	<p>insensitivity: a deferred but latent debate” presented by the Acting Director General, John Biehl del Río.</p> <p>The IIN also participated as an advisory technical organization in the Technical Commission responsible for the organization of the Conference.</p>			
<p>81st Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN</p>	<p>The Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN was held pursuant to Article 22 in its Statute for the main purpose of electing its authorities, as well as the three-candidate list for the position of Director General that should be submitted for the consideration of the OAS Secretary General.</p>	<p>Meeting of the Political Organ</p>	<p>Montevideo</p>	<p>November 2006</p>
<p>Working session with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA)</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1925 (XXXIII-O/03) “Strengthening of Human Rights Systems Pursuant to the Plan of Action of the Third Summit of the Americas”</p>	<p>In order to examine and re-design the Project presented to CIDA, meetings were held with the Canadian delegation that had participated in the Meeting: it was then agreed to re-design the Project with a ceiling funding of 1,500.000 to be made available against the new Project.</p>	<p>Cooperation</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>November, 2006</p>

Activity / Mandate	Description	Type of activity	Place	Date
<p>AG/RES. 2220 (XXXVI-O/06) “Strengthening of Human Rights Systems Pursuant to the Mandates Arising from the Fourth Summit of the Americas”</p>				
<p>Inter-American Meeting on International Child Abduction</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1958 (XXXIII-O/03) “International Program of Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2028 (XXXIV-O/04) “Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2133 (XXXV-O/05) “Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents”</p>	<p>The First Inter-American Meeting of Experts on International Child Abduction took place in the Hague, in the framework of the joint activities developed between the Hague Conference and the IIN.</p> <p>The sessions were jointly conducted by the Inter-American Children’s Institute and the Liaison Officer of the Hague Conference for Latin America.</p> <p>The event counted on the participation of 10 OAS member countries</p>	<p>Cooperation</p>	<p>The Netherlands</p>	<p>November 2006</p>
<p>Participation in the VI Meeting of High Authorities on Human Rights and Ministries of Foreign Affairs of MERCOSUR - Niñ@Sur Working Group</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1667 (XXIX-O/99) “Inclusion of Children’s Issues in</p>	<p>A presentation was made on the progress achieved in the “Comprehensive Study” being prepared by the IIN within the framework of the Agreement with Save the Children on Commercial Sexual Exploitation.</p>	<p>Support to political agencies</p>	<p>Brazil</p>	<p>December 2006</p>

Activity / Mandate	Description	Type of activity	Place	Date
<p>the Hemispheric Agenda”</p> <p>AG/RES. 1951 (XXXIII-O/03) “Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Children in the Americas”</p>				
<p>Updating of the Database of the Inter-American Child and Family Information Network (RIIN)</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1951 (XXXIII-O/03) “Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Children in the Americas”</p> <p>AG/RES. 2101 (XXXV-O/05) “XIX Pan American Child Congress”</p> <p>AG/DEC. 46 (XXXVI-O/06) “Declaration of Santo Domingo: Good Governance and Development in the knowledge-based society”</p>	<p>The OPD Database received the information sent by the RIIN participating Centres, thus reaching 96,000 bibliographic references, 15,000 organizations and 3, 000 projects. The Virtual Library “Dr. Luis Morquio” increased its contents to a total number of 13,000 digital texts.</p>	<p>Promotion and Dissemination of Rights</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>December 2006</p>
<p>Production of the IIN Series of Bibliographic Journals</p> <p>Mandates:</p> <p>AG/RES. 1951 (XXXIII-O/03) “Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Children in the Americas”</p> <p>AG/DEC. 46 (XXXVI-O/06) “Declaration of Santo Domingo: Good Governance and Development in the Knowledge-based society”</p>	<p>The four series of Issue n° 37 were produced and published on line in December 2005 in Spanish and English.</p>	<p>Promotion and Dissemination of Rights</p>	<p>IIN headquarters</p>	<p>December 2006</p>

III. Cooperation

The policy of institutional relationship and joint work allowed for the implementation of the following alliances and concrete actions⁵:

- General Cooperation Agreement between the Hague Conference on Private International Law (HCCH) and the IIN providing for specific actions for the implementation of the Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents - AG/RES. 2028(XXXIV-O/04).

This Agreement enabled to hold the Inter-American Meeting of Experts on International Child Abduction that took place in the Hague on 20 November, the results of which include the drafting of a model law, a proposal of friendly settlement of disputes, the establishment of an information and training network on this issue and the creation of coordination mechanisms between Central Authorities and Judges in the various countries in the region related to international child abduction.

- Agreement with Save The Children Sweden to develop projects on a “Comprehensive Study on Legislation and Public Policies against Commercial Sexual Exploitation in Latina America” and a “Strategic Communication Plan”.

Within the framework of these activities a progress report on the outcome of this Comprehensive Study was presented in December 2006 to the VI Meeting of High Authorities on Human Rights and Ministries of Foreign Affairs of MERCOSUR - [Niñ@sur](#) Working Group, as a concrete contribution of the IIN to such important matter and its promotion within both the OAS - AG/RES. 2240 (XXXVI-O/06) - and the MERCOSUR and its Associate States.

- Agreement with the National Council for Child Integral Care and Protection (CONAPINA) of Nicaragua for the donation of computerized equipment aimed to disseminate Children’s Rights.

Thanks to a donation of the Korea Government the Institute delivered full computerized equipment basically containing the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the teaching kit developed by the IIN (that includes the Series of Books for Children, the Adam I and II videogames, and the Series of 11 videos for the dissemination and promotion of Children’s Rights).

- Cooperation Agreements with the Inter-American Centre Against Disappearance, Exploitation, and Trafficking (CIDETT) and with Defence of Children (DNI) to develop joint actions for the promotion and protection of children’s rights.
- Presentation and negotiation of the project “Strengthening Governance within the Inter-American System for the Promotion and Protection of Children’s Human Rights” with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). Technical meetings were held in November with those Canadian delegates who represented

⁵ See also Chapter III.1. Agreements Signed.

Canada at the Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN. The result was the re-design of the Project for an amount of CAD 1,500.000 to be allocated in a three-year period in four countries in the region.

- Inter-agency meeting with Save the Children Sweden and End Child Prostitution, Pornography and Trafficking of Children with Sexual Purpose (ECPAT), in order to set the grounds to start the feasibility study for the creation of an Observatory on Child Sexual Exploitation (ESCNA) to be developed next year.

Besides the above mentioned activities, note should be taken of two cooperation offers received during the 81st Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN, which reflected in resolutions CD/RES. 11 (81-R/06) “Request to the Secretary General of the OAS, Mr. José Miguel Insulza, to take the steps needed to establish an inter-institutional alliance between the SEGIB and the IIN” and CD/RES.12 (81-R/06) “Regional Office of the IIN in the Dominican Republic”, both of extreme strategic importance for institutional development.

- Cooperation with the Ibero American General Secretariat (SEGIB)

During this Meeting the Ibero American Secretary General, Enrique Iglesias, stated his special interest in channelling through the IIN the institutional efforts made by SEGIB in favour of children, thus avoiding resource duplication and providing for the necessary coordination among international organizations towards the fulfilment of the Millennium Development Goals.

Through resolution CD/RES. 11 (81-R-06) the Directing Council of the IIN requested the OAS Secretary General to negotiate with SEGIB in order to set the grounds for the establishment of an inter-institutional alliance aimed to channel the execution of child-related projects of SEGIB through the IIN.

- Creation of a Regional Office of the IIN in the Dominican Republic

The Delegate of the Dominican Republic informed about the willingness of its Government to establish in Santo Domingo a Regional Office of the IIN for the Central American and Caribbean areas. Through resolution CD/RES.12 (81-R/06) the Directing Council of the IIN requested the intervention of the OAS Secretary General to analyze this proposal and determine its viability.

III.1 Agreements signed

Counterpart	Subject	Date
Save de Children Sweden (SCS)	<p>General Cooperation Agreement</p> <p>a. To establish cooperation actions and reciprocal exchange concerning the development of policies and actions addressing children and the family.</p> <p>b. Establishing the legal grounds for the implementation of projects and specific actions resulting from common interests at the cooperation request of one Party.</p>	10 March, 2006
National Council for the Integral Care and Protection of Children (CONAPINA). Nicaragua	<p>Agreement</p> <p>Establishment and use of micro-computers for teaching purposes and for the dissemination of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.</p>	30 March, 2006
Inter-American Centre against Disappearance, Exploitation and Trafficking (CIDETT) – Lima, Peru	<p>General Cooperation Agreement</p> <p>a. To establish cooperation actions and reciprocal exchange concerning the development of policies and actions addressing children and the family.</p> <p>b. To set the legal grounds for the implementation of specific projects and actions resulting from common interests at the cooperation request of one Party.</p>	5 April, 2006
Defence of Children International (DNI) – based in Costa Rica	<p>General Cooperation Agreement</p> <p>a. To establish cooperation actions and reciprocal exchange concerning the development of policies, programs, projects, and actions focused on the promotion, care, protection and advocacy of the human rights of children and the family.</p> <p>b. To set the legal grounds for the implementation of specific projects and actions resulting from common interests at the cooperation request of one Party</p> <p>In both cases actions will be earmarked.</p>	26 April, 2006
The Hague Conference on Private International Law – The Netherlands	<p>General Cooperation Agreement</p> <p>It provides for the exchange of information a research on Children, training for professionals, juridical officials, judges, public and central authorities in the area of child protection, activities related to the Inter-American Program of Cooperation To Prevent and Remedy cases of International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents, etc.</p>	11 June ,2006
Save the Children Sweden (SCS)	<p>Cooperation Agreement</p> <p>It sets the grounds for the implementation of projects 24604 “Comprehensive Study on Legislation and Public Policies against ESCI in Latin America” and 24534 “Strategic Communication Plan-</p>	6 July, 2006

IV. Financial situation

IV.1 Policy on human resources and utilization of operational resources

The IIN budget from the regular fund for 2006 amounted to USD 1,040,900, which represents a 36% reduction as compared to 2002. Consequently, the operational capacity of the IIN was affected (USD 194,900 less than in 2002), as well as its availability of human resources (reduction of three professional positions).

To address this situation of extreme weakness of its human resources and for the purpose of preserving as possible the IIN technical capacity –taking into account its essentially technical nature, purposes and functions- the following actions were taken:

- a) Reassignment of the responsibilities of the OAS-IIN staff according to their individual profiles.
- b) CPR contracts for the purpose of creating a competent technical team, without exceeding the assignment of such contracts to people from the same nationality as provided for in Executive Order 05-12 “Contracting of professional personnel and independent contractors to provide professional services to the Secretariat of the Inter-American Children’s Institute and the Permanent Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission of Women: measures to achieve a more equitable geographic representation”

These actions had a mixed result: the reassignment of responsibilities of the OAS/IIN staff was successful, in spite of its heavy work overload, a situation which, if maintained for an indefinite period of time, would be undesirable; on the other hand, the integration of a technical team under the CPR modality could not be fully implemented, mostly due to the lack of competitiveness of IIN remunerations at the international level, extremely restricted by the scarce resources available.

Despite these limitations the IIN was able to respond adequately to the various demands of products and services, as explained in Chapter II. Nevertheless, the strengthening of its human resources is essential to achieve an adequate technical capability in accordance to its historic background as a reference on child and family-related issues.

As far as the utilization of the operational resources from the regular fund is concerned, measures of great austerity were adopted, including technical assistance missions abroad, negotiation of agreements, etc., which were performed only when the total or partial funding from the counterpart was available.

IV.2 IIN Funding

A key task consisted of developing an Integrated Planning System (SPI) allowing for a comprehensive visualization of the IIN strategic, programmatic and operational objectives, and thus being able to estimate the overall resource demand for the implementation of the 2005-2008 Strategic Plan of the IIN.

The SPI was developed in close contact with the OAS Planning, Control and Evaluation Department through working sessions held with its Director, Ricardo Graziano.

Some findings arising from the SPI development led to the following conclusions and/or actions:

- a) Deepening specific fundraising through a professional approach and the allocation of greater institutional resources for such purpose. Although throughout its history the IIN has been capable to raise specific funds, this task has not been systematic and its success most often depends upon the momentum, creativeness and personal skills of the technician in charge of the project.
- b) Redesign the role and intervention modality of the IIN in some cases, joining the countries in formulating their projects and obtaining funding or co-funding from financial agencies on priority issues. Even if the IIN could obtain all the specific funds required for the full implementation of its 2005-2008 Strategic Plan, it is quite likely that it lacked the managerial capability to execute it properly due to the limitations in the number of human resources and other factors associated to large-scale operations. In such sense, an adequate strategy would be for the IIN to work in close cooperation with other institutions and obtain specific funds for projects to be executed by such institutions.
- c) For the purpose of obtaining additional resources to those assigned by the Regular Fund of the OAS program-budget, thus being able to fund and execute the activities entrusted by its organs and the OAS organs and consequently implement the IIN Strategic Plan in the 2006-2009 period, the OAS General Assembly, through resolution AG/RES 2193 (XXXVI-O/06), established the Fund for Children of the Americas (FENNA), which will be operational by 2007, once its functional details and the IIN fundraising strategy are fully adjusted.
- d) To complete the SPI by 2007 through the strategic, programmatic, and operational alignment of the IIN to its Strategic Plan, the Mandates of the Pan American Child Congresses, the Directing Council of the IIN, the OAS General Assembly and its organs, and the Summits of the Americas, among others, thus allowing for the design of managerial strategies to focus and increase the impact of its activities.

IV.3 Projections for 2007

- a) Regular Fund: through resolution AG/RES. 2257 (XXXVI-O/06) in 2007 the IIN will be allocated USD 100,000 in addition to its operational budget, USD 79,000 of which will be assigned to implementing Phase I of the Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents -AG/RES. 2028(XXXIV-O/04)- and USD 21,000 will be used to continue the activities related to the Project for the Promotion, Protection, Advocacy and Monitoring of Children's Rights.

The number of positions will keep at the same level as in 2006 (nine positions).

- b) Specific Funds:

b.1) funds deposited in specific IIN accounts:

- b.1.1.) USD 6,000.00 for preparing the strategic communication plan funded by Save the Children
- b.1.2.) USD 6,800.00 for preparing a database on jurisprudence, funded by various sources
- b.1.3.) USD 9,285.00 to complete the production of a videogame on children's rights funded by the Government of China
- b.1.4.) USD 142,253.00 from a donation of the United States, allocation to be renegotiated

b.2) Funds in process of negotiation:

- b.2.1.) Project "Strengthening Governance in the Inter-American System for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Children" with CIDA - Canada, for an estimate amount of CAD 1,500,000
- b.2.2.) Project "Inter-American Observatory on Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children" with Save the Children and ECPAT, for an approximate amount of USD 500,000
- b.2.3.) "Inter-American Project for Family Strengthening", with an approximate value of USD 3,000,000 to be presented to the European Commission and other agencies

The negotiations with the Ibero American General Secretariat (SEGIB) should be added to the above for the purpose of establishing an inter-institutional alliance so that all SEGIB child-related projects be executed through the IIN; also, the negotiations with the Government of the Dominican Republic to establish in Santo Domingo a Regional Office of the IIN for the Central American and Caribbean areas.

V. Resolutions adopted at the 81st Regular Meeting of the Directing Council held on 7-8 November, 2006 in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay

Resolution	Subject	Resolves:
CD/RES. 01 (81-R/06)	ADOPTION OF THE FINAL REPORT OF THE 80th REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL HELD IN MEXICO IN AUGUST 2005	To adopt the Final Report of the 80 th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council without any observation and to congratulate the Secretariat for the task accomplished.
CD/RES. 02 (81-/06)	RECOGNITION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF URUGUAY FOR HOSTING THE 81st REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL	To thank the Government of the Republic of Uruguay for its valuable support to the organization and development of the 81 st Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the Inter-American Children's Institute
CD/RES. 03 (81-R/06)	PLACE OF THE 82nd REGULAR MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL	1. To thank the Government of Colombia and accept its offer to host the Meeting. 2. To determine that the Republic of Colombia will be the place of the 82nd Regular Meeting of the Directing Council that will be held on July 2007.
CD/RES. 04 (81-R/06)	ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE	1.To adopt the Report submitted by the Acting Director General of the IIN and congratulate the IIN staff for the work performed during the special period of institutional transition. 2.To submit the Report to the Permanent Council of the OAS for all relevant purposes.

CD/RES. 05 (81-R/06)	ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL	To elect Ms. Sara Oviedo, Permanent Delegate of Ecuador, as the President of the Directing Council for the 2006-2008 term by unanimity and acclamation.
CD/RES. 06 (81-06)	ELECTION OF THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL	To elect Ms. Kirsys Fernández de Valenzuela, Permanent Delegate the Dominican Republic, as the Vice President of the Directing Council for the 2006-2008 term by unanimity and acclamation.
CD/RES. 07 (81-06)	DESIGNATION OF MS. ANA TERESA ARANDA AS PRESIDENT OF HONOUR OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE	To thank Ms. Ana Teresa Aranda for her performance as the President of the IIN Directing Council during the 2004-2006 term and designate her as President of Honour of the Directing Council with a vote of applause.
CD/RES. 08 (81-06)	RECOGNITION TO MS. DELIA DEL GATTO REYES FOR HER PERFORMANCE AS THE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE	To thank Ms. Delia Del Gatto Reyes with a vote of applause for her performance as the Vice President of the IIN Directing Council during the 2002-2004 and 2004-2006 terms.
CD/RES. 09 (81-06)	RECOGNITION TO MS. ELVIRA FORERO HERNANDEZ FOR HER PERFORMANCE AS THE ACTING VICE PRESIDENT OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE	To thank with a vote of applause Ms. Elvira Forero Hernández, Permanent Delegate of Colombia, for her performance as the Acting Vice President of the Directing Council of the IIN.
CD/RES. 10 (81-R/06)	COMPOSITION OF THE THREE-CANDIDATE LIST FOR THE POSITION OF DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE IIN	To request the Secretary General of the OAS to convene an interview with all three candidates at the earliest opportunity prior to making a final selection and appointment of the Director General of the IIN.

CD/RES. 11 (81-R/06)	REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS, MR. JOSÉ MIGUEL INSULZA, TO TAKE THE STEPS NEEDED FOR ESTABLISHING AN INTER-INSTITUTIONAL ALLIANCE BETWEEN THE SEGIB AND THE IIN	To especially request the Secretary General of the OAS, Mr. José Miguel Insulza, to carry out before the Secretary General of the Ibero American General Secretariat (SEGIB), Mr. Enrique Iglesias, the steps needed for setting the grounds of an inter-institutional alliance where the IIN would channel in the countries of the inter-American system the institutional efforts undertaken by the SEGIB in favour of children.
CD/RES. 12 (81-R/06)	REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE IIN IN THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	To request the Secretary General of the OAS, Mr. José Miguel Insulza, to take the steps needed before the Government of the Dominican Republic in order to analyze the proposal of that Government to establish a Regional Office of the IIN for the Central American and Caribbean areas and to determine its viability.
CD/RES. 13 (81-R/06)	RECOGNITION TO THE OAS GENERAL SECRETARIAT AND MR. JOHN BIEHL DEL RIO, REPRESENTATIVE OF OAS TO URUGUAY AND ACTING DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE IIN	To thank the General Secretariat of the OAS for its valuable and permanent support, as well as Ambassador John Biehl del Río, Representative of OAS to Uruguay and Acting Director General of the IIN
CD/RES. 14 (81-R/06)	COOPERATION WITH THE UNITED NATIONS COMMITTEE ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD	To maintain and deepen a close cooperation relationship with the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child by contributing to the presentation of reports on a periodical basis and the application of the recommendations issued by this organ responsible for monitoring the enforcement of Treaties on Human Rights

<p>CD/RES. 15 (81-R/06)</p>	<p>AGREEMENTS SIGNED BY THE OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR GENERAL</p>	<p>1.To ratify the nine agreements signed by the Inter-American Children’s Institute with the respective counterparts as detailed in document CD/doc.15/06 of the 81st Regular Meeting of the Directing Council.</p> <p>2.To inform the Office of the Director General on the observations made by the Working Group responsible for reviewing the Agreements contained in Annex 1 and request that such observations be taken into account when signing future agreements.</p> <p>3.To request the Working Group the inclusion in the Report submitted to the Plenary on the Agreements signed <i>ad referendum</i> by the Office of the Director General of the objectives of each Agreement and their consistency with the IIN Strategic Plan.</p>
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VI. Conclusions and Recommendations

Conclusions

The period covered by this Report was especially difficult for the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN). Besides undertaking a deep reform to update its eighty-year history to the most challenging current problems related to children, the institution had to overcome serious obstacles arising from a breakdown in some human behaviours. Some of these disturbances were the consequence of hasty personnel contracts. This did not contribute to the creation of either human or technical teams as required by the challenge faced by the Institute.

This situation led to a severe reorganization of new contracts that took place in a especially delicate environment, as the above coincided with strictly private family situations which became public in a scandalous way. It can be easily understood that such issues as an alleged family violence have a special impact on an Institution of this particular nature. This led the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States to appoint an Acting Director General to proceed with whatever rectification might be needed. The former Director General decided to resign as a form of avoiding the continuing impact on the image of the institution. During the period in office of the Acting Director General contracts and programs were reorganized in such a way that the IIN administrative situation is now fully rationalized. Also, this problem has been overcome vis-à-vis the authorities and the citizens of the host country, Uruguay. During the 81st Regular Meeting of the Directing Council the actions taken by the OAS General Secretariat to manage this problem received a full support, and there was a consensus in turning the page and working in order to position the Institute once again at the forefront of child-related issues in present times. A better coordination with national institutions that are part of the IIN Directing Council is of key importance, as well as a more direct work with the OAS General Secretariat and its various departments.

Recommendations

The new stage of the Institute will certainly require a large amount of resources additional to the Regular Fund. In this sense, a very special effort should be made that cannot be based in factors other than the excellence of the IIN projects. For such purpose, the new authorities of the Directing Council, Sara Oviedo, President, and Kirsys Fernández de Valenzuela, Vice President, expressed their strong commitment to cooperate with whoever will be appointed as Director General of the IIN. The promptest appointment of the Director General is strongly advisable, so that the transition period be as fast and constructive as possible.

In these final recommendations it should be noted that the offer of the Government of the Dominican Republic to establish a Regional Office of the IIN for a better management of the Central American and Caribbean areas should be one of the priorities for the new Director General with the cooperation of the OAS General Secretariat.

Along the same line, the preparation of the 82nd Regular Meeting of the Directing Council that will be held in Colombia in July 2007 will be essential as a platform for raising new resources, new forms of cooperation with the member states, the implementation of the formal cooperation with the Ibero American General Secretariat (SEGIB), the establishment of the Regional Office and, if possible, the celebration of the 80th anniversary of the IIN during the Meeting.

It would be important that the new President and Vice President of the Directing Council visit the IIN headquarters in Montevideo and also attend the Thirty-seventh Regular Session of the General Assembly to be held in Panama next June.