XX PAN AMERICAN CONGRESS ON CHILDREN

Agenda and Regulations

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on October 16, 2008)

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

CONSIDERING:

That pursuant to the Directing Council’s Resolution adopted at the 82nd Regular Meeting (CD/RES. 05 (82-R/07), it was adopted to accept the Government of Peru’s generous offer to host the XX Pan American Congress on Children in September 2009;

That the Directing Council in plenary session at its 83rd Regular Meeting in Ottawa, Canada, discussed and agreed on guidelines for the agenda of the XX Pan American Congress on Children;

That the Government of Peru, through its duly accredited diplomatic agent in Canada, confirmed its offer and scheduled the XX Pan American Congress on Children for September 2009, following the 84th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council, pursuant to Article 12 of the IIN Statute, which stipulates that on the occasion of holding the Pan American Congress on Children, the Directing Council will make efforts to hold its Regular Meeting in the host city of the Congress.

HAVING SEEN:

The commitment of the Member States for holding the XX Pan American Congress on Children in Lima, Peru, in September 2009 and recognizing the extensive interest in relation to the participation of children and adolescents expressed by members of the IIN Directing Council and considering the proposal of several countries for the integration of a working group regarding the participation of children and adolescents,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank and congratulate the Government of Peru for its generous offer to host the XX Pan American Congress on Children in September 2009;

2. That the Director General and the Government of Peru will determine as soon as possible the exact date for holding the XX Pan American Congress on Children, following the 84th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council, and inform all Delegates to the Directing Council of carrying out this Congress and notify the Secretary General and Permanent Council of the OAS, pursuant to the rules of the IIN.
3. To reiterate the IIN Directing Council’s commitment to hold this Pan American Congress, which is the highest-level event dealing with the issues of children and youth in the inter-American system.

4. To urge Member States and the Directing Council members to spread the XX Pan American Congress on Children and to participate in the event.

5. To approve the framework document of the adopted agenda, even though agreements stemming from the regional consultation with children and adolescents. The framework document of the agenda will include the following sections:

   a) To commemorate the 82nd anniversary of the foundation of the IIN, 60 years of its integration as Specialized Organization of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the XX anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child and its impact in the development of public policies strategies in the region;
   b) The participation of children and adolescents in citizenship building and the impact in public policies;
   c) Public policies in integral protection systems, including local systems;
   d) Development of international, regional and bilateral cooperation in public policies.

6. To support the formation of a working group with representatives from Argentina, Barbados, Brazil, Canada, Ecuador, Panama, Paraguay, Saint Lucia and Uruguay, and technical staff from the IIN, with the collaboration of an UNICEF representative, who will work on organizational, conceptual and procedural aspects in relation to participation of children and adolescents at the XX Pan American Congress;

7. To accept and thank Ecuador for the offer to host a meeting in January 2009, for the members of the above mentioned working group, who will participate together with an adolescent involved in the processes of participation from each of their countries, in order to organize the preliminary process, the discussion and the participation of children and adolescents from 12 to 18 years old at the XX Pan American Congress.

   States Members of the working group will fund the transportation of the participating adult and adolescent. The host country will take responsibility for the organizing aspects, accommodation and food. The recommendations of this meeting will be submitted for consideration of the Director General to influence in the dynamics of the participation of children and adolescents at the XX Pan American Congress on Children.

8. To establish that the Director General will send to the Member States of the working group mentioned in Article 6, within one month from the adoption of this resolution, a working document on the participation of children and adolescents.

9. To urge OAS Member States to hold national congresses in preparation for the XX Pan American Congress, on the basis of the guidelines from the meeting in Ecuador, thanking their valuable cooperation and inviting them to give support to the IIN Director General in fundraising for these consultations.

10. To instruct the IIN Director General to include, within 30 days following the date of this resolution, the recommendations made by the Member States to the agenda of the XX Pan American Congress on Children, simultaneously in the four OAS official languages. After the Director General submits the document, the Member States shall respond if they have additional comments or observations within 15 days. The IIN must ensure that observations within the framework of the common consent agenda, have been incorporated in consultation with the Member States within a maximum time limit of 10 days. After these dates and if there are no additional observations, approve the agenda and regulations of the XX Pan American Congress.
11. To submit the agenda and regulations adopted by the IIN Directing Council to the Permanent Council and request the OAS General Assembly to declare the XX Pan American Congress on Children “Inter-American Specialized Conference”.