CD/RES. 14 (93-R/18)

END ABUSE, EXPLOITATION, TRAFFICKING AND ALL FORMS OF VIOLENCE AGAINST AND TORTURE OF CHILDREN

(Adopted at the Fourth Plenary Session, held on October 3, 2018)

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

BEARING IN MIND:

The Declaration of the General Assembly of the OAS on “Violence and Exploitation of Children” AG/DEC. 76 (XLIVO/14), and the other resolutions issued by the General Assembly relating to violence against children and adolescents in general, or in specific areas or issues;

The Unified Resolution of the 21st Pan American Child Congress, CPNNA/RES. 1 (XXI-14) “Childhood and Adolescence: Building Peaceful Environments”, and the recommendations arising from the 2nd Pan American Child Forum;

The Inter-American Cooperation Programmes: for the Prevention and Eradication of Sexual Exploitation, and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children, of the Inter-American Children’s Institute; and, to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Abduction of Children by one of Their Parents;

The resolutions of the Directing Council of the Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN), CD/RES 03 (87-R/12), CD/RES. 07 (90-R/15), CD/RES. 10 (90-R/15), CD/RES. 11 (91-R/16), CD/RES. 12 (91-R/16), CD/RES. 08 (92-R/17), on issues related to violence, gender, juvenile justice systems, sexual exploitation, smuggling of and trafficking in children, migrant children;

The reports of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights;

The General Comments of the Committee on the Rights of the Child, particularly those that refer to “The right of the child to freedom from all forms of violence”, “The right of the child to protection from corporal punishment and other cruel or degrading forms of punishment”, and “Children’s rights in juvenile justice”; as well as other reports, studies and recommendations issued by different bodies of the United Nations;

The various meetings and working sessions which have been held in the region on the issue, such as the Inter-American Meeting on Corporal Punishment against Children and the Inter-American Consultation on bullying in schools, which took place in Mexico, in April 2018;
CONSIDERING:


RECOGNIZING:

That despite the fact that member States have made significant efforts to implement regulations, public policy and other strategies, actions and mechanisms to end violence against children in the various areas in which they develop and interact, regarding which several experiences have been presented and discussed by the Directing Council during this regular meeting, there is still a high level of violence against children in the region,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm its commitment to the Sustainable Development Goals, Goal 16 and in particular, its Target 16.2, and, therefore, to develop or strengthen, as the case may be, training, awareness-raising, prevention and protection, with the purpose of eradicating violence in all of its forms, including corporal and humiliating punishments, and from all environments where children develop and socialize; with special attention to groups that have traditionally been marginalized and/or discriminated against, recognizing that the intersection of different risk factors increases the chances of abuses, exploitation and gender based violence.

2. To request the Director General of the IIN to prepare a draft “Inter-American Programme for the Elimination of Violence against Children in all of its Forms and from all Development and Socialization Environments”, to be included in Action Plan 2019-2023.

3. To invite the States to cooperate with the Director General of the IIN in preparing this draft programme, by appointing liaison officers who are experts in the field, in order to form a working group coordinated by the Office of the Director General of the IIN for this purpose.

4. To request the General Directorate of the IIN to call the opinion of children and adolescents in the drafting of this document.