



CD RES. 07 (96-R22)

Early Childhood Education and Care

Submitted by the State of Paraguay

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

WHEREAS,

That, following General Comment number 7 of the Committee on the Rights of the Child and as recognized in Resolution CD/RES. 04 (88-R/13), it is necessary to emphasize the recognition of children in early childhood as bearers of all rights enshrined in the Convention of the Rights of the Child.

That there is a variety of scientific evidence that demonstrates the incidence of affective bonds and the environments through which children pass during the first stages of their lives, in the development of biological and cerebral systems that allow the development of learning abilities and life skills;

That the social conditions of the region, characterized by significant inequality gaps and clear increase of children in the poor sectors compromise access to safe, healthy environments that facilitate development.

That, in the opinion of the children and adolescents participating in this technical table, there is adultcenteredness, violence, sexual abuse, homicides and child abuse. Therefore, it is necessary that mothers and fathers participate in more informative and advisory spaces to learn about actions, activities and recommendations that can be applied according to the experience and needs of each child. Likewise, it is necessary to facilitate spaces for child-friendly participation, which are often underestimated.

RESOLVE¹:

1. Agree that, the Member States should reaffirm that policies aimed at early childhood from the perspective of rights should be, comprehensive joining education and care, through inter-institutional, interdisciplinary, and intergenerational strategies.
2. Invite the States to continue and consolidate family outreach strategies to strengthen care and upbringing capacities, to eliminate the gap between services destined for the care of children during early childhood and the family environment itself.
3. Emphasize the importance of promoting quality early childhood care services, taking as one of the central aspects of this quality the professionalization of the human resources assigned to the attention.

¹ Guatemala abstains.



4. To take note of the opinions and recommendations contributed to the intergenerational technical table developed within the frame of the 96th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council, to entrust the IIN with its analysis and study for the purpose of deepening this line of work in its next Action Plan adding the articulation with the organizations at the regional level that are already working in early childhood education and care, all this aiming to generate accompaniment and articulation of the efforts developed by the States of the region, for the realization of their comprehensive policies oriented to strengthen the work in early childhood in their family and community contexts.

