



97th REGULAR MEETING
OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL
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JAMAICA 2023

CD RES. 11 (97-R23)

PARTICIPATION OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN INSTITUTIONAL SPACES

INTERGENERATIONAL TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

(Approved in the Fourth Plenary Session, held on October 26, 2023)

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

CONSIDERING:

That Article 7 of the Statute of the Inter-American Institute for Children and Adolescents (IIN) establishes that “children younger 18 years of age from all member states may participate in the activities of the Institute through their representatives, as provided for in the Rules of Procedure of the Institute”;

That Article 10 of the IIN Regulations stipulates that, in exercising their right to participation¹, children may be part of the official delegations to both the Pan-American Congress on Children and the Directing Council, in order to express themselves, advise their delegations, and share their experiences in their respective countries with diverse groups of children. Such participation should, to the extent feasible, be facilitated by the member states to provide the

¹ The United States notes that the right to participation is not recognized as a right as such under international human rights law. The United States understands references to the right to participation in this resolution consistent with its understanding of international human rights law, including those human rights and fundamental freedoms that may relate to participation.



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Directing Council with a fresh and continually updated perspective on the reality of childhood in the region;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

Resolution CD/RES. 10 (92-R/17) which requested the Director General to develop guidelines and a methodology to promote the participation of children and adolescents in the Regular Meeting of the Directing Council and other institutional forums;

Resolution CD/RES. 07 (93-R/18), which approved the “child and youth participation methodology at meetings, in entities and in activities of the Inter-American Children’s Institute”, and acknowledged “the progress made in the Region in regard to the enjoyment of children’s right to participation, among other ways, through the consolidation of Advisory Councils, Networks and other forms of organization”;

That during the 96th Ordinary Meeting of the Directing Council, an intergenerational dialogue took place for the first time in “intergenerational technical roundtables” in order to consider the input from these dialogues in future actions and activities to be carried out by the Institute, and to view them as potential contributions to the development of public policies for the promotion and protection of rights;

The establishment of the Network of Child and Adolescent Correspondents (RED CORIA) since 2017, followed by the Southern Network of Children and Adolescents (REDSURCA) in 2018 and the Network of Children and Adolescents from Central America, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic (REDNNAACEM) in 2021 are actions and proposals that, supported by the IIN in recent years, aim to enhance and emphasize child and adolescent participation,

RESOLVES:



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1. Recognize the participation of children representing the regional networks coordinated by the IIN for their contributions and dialogue in the 97th Meeting of the Directing Council.
2. Request the General Directorate of the IIN to consider the opinions and agenda topics shared by children for the design of the upcoming Pan-American Congress and Fourth Pan-American Child Forum and other relevant instances.
3. Request the Director General of the IIN to continue promoting and consolidating the participation of children through subregional networks and to have an active role in institutional decision-making processes.
4. Entrust the Director General of the IIN to continue developing guidelines and methodologies to promote the operation of Intergenerational Technical Committees in institutional spaces, including the Directing Council.
5. To request the Director General of the IIN that for future meetings of the Directing Council, the children participating in the networks coordinated or co-coordinated by the IIN be consulted so that they may propose one of the topics to be worked on in the technical roundtables that make up the meeting's agenda.



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