

ECD/RES. 09 (V-E/25)

SYSTEMS FOR THE PROTECTION OF THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS

(Approved at the Plenary Session held on November 25, 2025)

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

CONSIDERING:

That the IIN Statute establishes among its functions that of *"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."*

That the Directing Council, through Resolution CD/RES. 06 (82-R/07), approved the holding of a Special Meeting to analyze the implementation of new laws on children and adolescents, public policies, and institutional readjustment within the framework of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, held in Quito, Ecuador, on November 29 and 30, 2007.

That, among the conclusions and recommendations of this Special Meeting in Ecuador in 2007, approved through Resolution CD/RES. 03 (83-R/08) during the 83rd Regular Meeting of the IIN Directing Council in 2008, in Ottawa, Canada, in relation to Protection Systems, it recommends *"working together to promote horizontal cooperation among countries to strengthen existing systems, as well as to design and implement them where they have not yet been developed. Likewise, it highlights the importance of clarifying the scope of child-related governing bodies in terms of their powers, roles, and relationships with other public agencies. Similarly, it highlights the need for full coordination between the national government and local governments."*

The OAS General Assembly, through its Resolution AG/RES. 2908 (XLVII-O/17) on the promotion and protection of human rights, resolves *"To help strengthen comprehensive systems for promoting and protecting the rights of children and adolescents in the region by fostering universal and inclusive public policies that pay special attention to groups that have traditionally been excluded and/or are vulnerable, including girls, indigenous and Afro-descendent children, and children with disabilities.."*

In 2017, the first Forum on National Protection Systems was held in Mexico City, based on the report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, *"Report on National Systems for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Children."*

That this regional thematic forum initiative has continued to develop with the active participation of states, as a space for dialogue and exchange of experiences and good practices. The second Forum on National Protection Systems was held in Uruguay in 2018; the third Forum was held in 2020 in virtual format with Paraguay as the facilitating state; the fourth Forum was held in 2023 in the city of Monterrey, Mexico; and the fifth Forum on National Protection Systems was held in Bogotá, Colombia, in 2025. Each of these forums generates recommendations and conclusions, the follow-up and continuity of which contribute to the strengthening of National Systems for the Protection of the Rights of Children and Adolescents in the Americas.

That the IIN's Directing Council, through Resolution CD/RES. 12 (93-R/18), created the Inter-American Program for the Consolidation of Systems for the Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Children and Adolescents, and invited the States to promote horizontal cooperation actions that would allow for mutual technical assistance in this area.

That the development processes of the National Systems for the Protection of the Rights of Children and Adolescents have been dynamic, ranging from specialized agencies to systems for guaranteeing and protecting the human rights of children and adolescents, an evolution that is consistent with the progressive implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

That an Observatory on National Systems for the Comprehensive Protection of the Rights of Children and Adolescents would be a mechanism for monitoring trends and progress in the systems in OAS member states, with the aim of consolidating information, generating knowledge, and contributing to the follow-up of regional forums and spaces on the subject.

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the establishment of an Observatory on Comprehensive National Systems for the Protection of the Rights of Children and Adolescents, as a virtual entity managed by the IIN that organizes, collects, compiles, and generates information on forums, regional spaces, policies, institutions, mechanisms, agencies, and other components that make up the systems.
2. To invite the states to join a working group on Comprehensive National Systems for the Protection of the Rights of Children and Adolescents to accompany the development of this Inter American Observatory of Protection Systems, regional and/or subregional spaces for dialogue and exchange on Protection Systems, and initiatives for studies and tools on the subject.

3. Request that the General Directorate of the IIN adopt the necessary measures for the development and operation of this Observatory on Systems, as well as for the integration and operation of a working group on Systems for the Protection of the Rights of Children and Adolescents, made up of representatives of the OAS member states that comprise the IIN's Directing Council, with representative participation from the subregions and the various legal and political systems present in the Americas.
4. Request that the General Directorate of the IIN present a progress report on these initiatives at the 100th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council.