



FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM
CONVENTION OF BELEM DO PARA (MESECVI)
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**AGREEMENTS OF THE FIFTEENTH MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS OF
THE MECHANISM TO FOLLOW UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT,
AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN,
“CONVENTION OF *BELEM DO PARA*” (CEVI)**

The Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belem do Para Convention (MESECVI), gathered during its Fifteenth Meeting on December 3, 4 and 5 in Washington D.C.;

AGREES TO:

1. Approve the “Report of the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI to the Fifteenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts,” document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.241/18;
2. Approve the document "Inter-American Model Law to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate the Violent Killings of Women (Femicide/Feminicide)” (MESECVI/CEVI/doc.248/18.rev1), and request that the Technical Secretariat incorporates the comments of the Experts and circulates it to the CEVI for final review;
3. Request the Technical Secretariat to carry out a dissemination strategy to encourage the States Party to incorporate the guidelines of the Inter-American Model Law to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate the Violent Killings of Women (Femicide/Feminicide), document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.249/18.rev1, within their corresponding regulatory frameworks;
4. Approve the General Recommendation N. 1 of the Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belem do Para Convention (MESECVI) on Self-Defense of **Women/and gender-based violence** according to Article 2 of the Convention;

5. Approve General Recommendation N. 2 of the Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belem do Para Convention on Missing Women according to Articles 7.b and 8 of the Convention;
6. Request that the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI continue to analyze the issue of Child Marriage and Early Union, its causes and consequences in Latin America and the Caribbean, according to the Belem do Para Convention, following up on the Agreement adopted by the Second Regular Session of the Executive Committee of the CIM (document CIM/CD/doc.12/17);
7. Request that the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI continue to analyze the issue of women human rights defenders and their right to defense rights according to the Convention;
8. Continue working on the case of *Ana Ruth Barros Martins* before the CEDAW Committee and request the TS to send the related documents related to the CEVI Committee for approval;
9. Take note of the Strategic Plan of the MESECVI 2018-2023, document MESECVI-II-CE/doc.133/18.rev1, approved at the Second Special Conference of States Party and request that the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI and the organs of the MESECVI follow-up on the effective strengthening of the Mechanism;
10. Promote, within the framework of the Third Multilateral Evaluation Round, the follow-up and implementation of the Belem do Para Convention, and the declarations and recommendations of the CEVI;
11. Continue efforts to disseminate the "Third Hemispheric Report on the Implementation of the Belem do Para Convention", document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.242/17;
12. Begin with the Follow-Up Phase of the Third Evaluation Round and to extend the Evaluation Round to four years and to notify the States about the decision;
13. Continue promoting, the cooperation and exchange of best practices and information between the Mechanism and UN Women, on issues related to femicide/feminicide, missing women including unequal power relations between women and men; as well as cooperate with other entities that address the issue of violence against women at the sub-regional, regional and international levels, as well as all multilateral organisms that include authorities addressing gender and women-related issues;
14. Salute the States Party that have appointed Experts in 2018 and to reiterate to the States Party that have not yet done so, that they appoint their Principal and Alternate Experts;
15. Urge the States Party to ensure the conditions and economic resources for the activities of the MESECVI;
16. Urge the States Party to guarantee the effective participation of the Experts for the exercise of their functions, in accordance with the provisions of Article 11 of the Statute of the MESECVI and Article 12 of the Rules of Procedure of the CEVI; request the Technical Secretariat to send communications to the States Party whose expert has not participated its concern about this situation;

17. To continue promoting the elaboration of public statements about cases of violence against women in the region, and provide the Secretariat with core information and reliable data as a means of verifying the cases;
18. To approve the creation of an Advisory Council formed by the Executive Committee and the member Experts that are or have been President or Vice-President of the CEVI;
19. Express gratitude to the Experts who left the Committee in 2018 for their enormous contribution to the efforts of recent years: Francine Foster, Principal Expert of Grenada, Dinte Conway, Principal Expert of Guyana and Tammy Quintanilla, Principal Expert of Peru.