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Guidelines, mechanisms and tools for the processing of communications and documents from the Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Convention of Belém do Pará (CEVI) and the strengthening of its independence and institutional image

At the Seventeenth Meeting of the Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (CEVI), the Experts of the Mechanism, meeting through the virtual platform Zoom, agree on the following guidelines to advance in the strength, visibility and autonomy of the CEVI:

Remembering that the CEVI is the technical body of the Mechanism, responsible for fulfilling its functions within the framework of the purposes, fundamental principles, characteristics, and other provisions established in the MESECVI Statute, of the decisions adopted by the Conference of the States Party, and, where pertinent, the Charter of the OAS (Art. 1 of the CEVI Regulation);

Recognizing that the Secretariat of the Committee, in accordance with article 5.4. of the Statute, will be exercised by the General Secretariat of the OAS, through the Permanent Secretariat of the CIM, with the advice, when appropriate, of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and other pertinent areas of the General Secretariat; (Art. 6 of the CEVI Regulation)

Reiterating that, among its functions, one of the most important is to: "Formulate recommendations, when deemed appropriate, to the States Party, so that they adopt the necessary measures in favor of women's human rights, when specific situations warrant a special pronouncement. To this end, the Technical Secretariat will send the pertinent information;" (Art. 3, inc I of the CEVI Regulation)

Noting that, to carry out these functions, the CEVI has been consolidating its work in the region, with recommendations to the States through: hemispheric reports, follow-up reports, thematic reports, general recommendations, communications on specific situations, letters addressed to national authorities and meetings with Member States of the Mechanism;

Taking charge of the current situation in the region with the health crisis, as well as the economic and social crisis derived from the pandemic, and taking into consideration that state resources in the fight against violence may be compromised in the following years, we consider it important to insist on strengthening the CEVI as an independent and autonomous mechanism, for this we agreed to request the Technical Secretariat, in order to guarantee its visibility, to implement the following guidelines in a protocol that incorporates the following initiatives:

- a. Create a CEVI own logo that recognizes the ties with the MESECVI;
- b. Guarantee the visibility of the signature of the Committee in all documents prepared by it;
- c. Enable a specific place for the CEVI on the MESECVI website and on social networks;
- d. Present a proposal for approaching the media, which guarantees the strengthening of the Committee of independent experts in the media and social networks;
- e. Process letters and communications of authorship of the CEVI according to the procedure for preparation and sending agreed by the Committee of Experts;
- f. Increase the frequency of face-to-face or virtual meetings of the CEVI, for the exchange of ideas, experiences, lessons learned, and to address emerging issues;
- g. Schedule monthly or bimonthly meetings of the Directive, and when necessary, summoning the Advisory Council.