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Proposed Amendment to the CEVI Rules of Procedure[1]

Continuity of the Multilateral Evaluation Rounds and Integration of the Follow-Up Phase

1. Rationale

Since the Fourth Multilateral Evaluation Round began in 2018, the Committee of Experts of MESECVI (CEVI) has made progress in analyzing implementation of the Belém do Pará Convention. Important tasks nevertheless remain: completing the evaluation of the English-speaking Caribbean States and following up on the recommendations issued. At the same time, it is necessary to launch the Fifth Evaluation Round in order to obtain updated information on the progress made and the challenges faced by the States Parties in preventing, punishing, and eradicating violence against women.

Conducting the follow-up phase requires gathering new information through the preparation and application of the System of Progress Indicators for Measuring the Implementation of the Convention approved by the CEVI. This process provides an opportunity to coordinate follow-up to the recommendations of the Fourth Round with the Fifth Round evaluation through a single request for information, with both analyses reflected in the country reports. This integration would ensure continuity in the Committee's work, facilitate the participation of the States, and make more efficient use of available resources, while preserving the purpose and scope of each exercise.

The MESECVI Statute authorizes the Committee to adopt its Rules of Procedure, develop its methodology, and define its work schedule (Article 6.2), as well as to establish the modalities for following up on recommendations (Article 8.3). The proposal seeks to launch the Fifth Evaluation Round without considering the pending evaluations of the Fourth Round concluded, with a view to ensuring that all States Parties are evaluated under the same criteria and procedures (Article 9), while maintaining the adoption of the Final Report of each Round in accordance with Article 8.2.[2]

2. Comparative Table of the Proposed Amendment

The left-hand column reproduces the current paragraphs proposed for amendment. In Article 17, the existing text is retained and one paragraph is added. The remaining provisions remain unchanged.

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[1] Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Experts of MESECVI. Amendment approved on November 29, 2023. Articles 15, 17, 25, and 31; the current text is reproduced in the comparative table: pages 8 and 11–12 of the PDF. Available at: https://belemdopara.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Reglamento-Comite-de-Expertas-2023.pdf

[2] MESECVI Statute. Articles 6.2, 8.2, 8.3, and 9. Available at: https://belemdopara.org/estatuto-del-mesecvi-docx/

Current Text of the 2023 Rules of Procedure	New Proposal
Article 17. General Provisions A first multilateral evaluation round shall be conducted to analyze the reports of all States Parties and may be followed by additional evaluation rounds, the content and methodology of which shall subsequently be determined by the Committee itself. The duration of each round shall be agreed upon by the Committee on a case-by-case basis.	**Article 17. General Provisions** A first multilateral evaluation round shall be conducted to analyze the reports of all States Parties and may be followed by additional evaluation rounds, the content and methodology of which shall subsequently be determined by the Committee itself. The duration of each round shall be agreed upon by the Committee on a case-by-case basis. The launch of a new round shall not be contingent upon completion of the activities of the preceding round.
Article 25. Follow-Up — first paragraph Follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations shall be conducted during the two calendar years following approval of the country reports.	**Article 25. Follow-Up — first paragraph** The Committee shall determine the modalities and timeframes for follow-up on the recommendations, which may be conducted separately or integrated into the following round.
Article 25. Follow-Up — fifth paragraph Upon completion of the review of the reports of all States Parties in each round, the Committee shall issue a report for each participating country on implementation of the corresponding recommendations, including the observations of each State Party reviewed. Before publication of the report, the State and the civil society organizations that submitted shadow reports shall be notified through the Technical Secretariat and may, if they so wish, request a hearing with the Committee.	**Article 25. Follow-Up — fifth paragraph** The results of the follow-up shall be reflected in specific reports or in the reports of the following Round, as determined by the Committee. Before publication of the report, the State and the civil society organizations that submitted shadow reports shall be notified through the Technical Secretariat and may, if they so wish, request a hearing with the Committee.