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AGREEMENTS OF THE TWENTY-THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS OF THE FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT, AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, "*BELÉM DO PARÁ CONVENTION*" (CEVI)

The Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism to the "Belém do Pará Convention," meeting during the Twenty-Third Meeting of the MESECVI Committee of Experts on October 22 and 23, 2026, in Lima, Peru;

AGREES:

1. To approve the draft agenda and the draft schedule of activities, documents MESECVI/CEVI/doc.308/26 and MESECVI/CEVI/doc.309/26, respectively;

2. To approve General Recommendation No. 7 on economic and patrimonial violence against women, document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.310/26; to request that the Technical Secretariat widely disseminate it and, subject to available resources, support the States Parties to the Convention in its implementation; and for the Experts to undertake to promote its dissemination in their respective States;

3. To approve document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.315/26, amending the Rules of Procedure of the Committee of Experts, and to request that the Technical Secretariat publish and disseminate it;

4. To approve the Work Plan for the conclusion of the Fourth Multilateral Evaluation Round and the initiation and implementation of the Fifth Multilateral Evaluation Round, document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.314/26, in accordance with the schedule and activities established therein, including the incorporation of follow-up to the recommendations of the Fourth Round into the Fifth Round evaluation process, in accordance with the methodology approved by the Committee;

5. To approve the Country Reports of Antigua and Barbuda, document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.311/26; Saint Kitts and Nevis, document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.312/26; and Saint Lucia, document MESECVI/CEVI/doc.313/26, ad referendum, including the comments received in the next 30 days; to request that the Technical Secretariat publish and disseminate them; and, in accordance with the approved Work Plan, to continue the preparation and consideration of the

reports corresponding to Belize, Guyana, Suriname, and Trinidad and Tobago, as well as the chapter on the English-speaking Caribbean of the Fourth Multilateral Evaluation Report;

6. To take note of the Report on the situation of sexual violence against Awajún and Wampis girls and adolescents in the province of Condorcanqui; to request that the Technical Secretariat follow up, in dialogue with the competent authorities, on the implementation of its recommendations and those issued by the CEVI regarding the situation of women in Catatumbo; and to explore, with German Society for International Cooperation (GIZ), International Justice Mission (IJM) and other strategic partners, possibilities for cooperation and resource mobilization to support both processes, reporting to the Committee on their progress;

7. To take note of the results of the Technical Seminar and Regional Dialogue on Small Arms Control and the Prevention of Violence against Women, held jointly with UNLIREC, and to agree to continue strengthening this line of work, including, where appropriate, the incorporation in the Fifth Multilateral Evaluation Round of indicators relating to the presence, availability, and use of firearms and their impact on violence against women, as well as coordination with relevant regional and subregional initiatives and roadmaps;

8. To continue promoting the dissemination, adoption, and implementation of the Inter-American Model Law to Prevent, Punish, and Eradicate Digital Violence against Women and its complementary instruments, as well as technical assistance to States Parties for their incorporation into national legal frameworks and public policies, subject to available resources;

9. To advance the development of the indicators for the Fifth Multilateral Evaluation Round, incorporating the measurement of State responses to emerging forms of violence against women, including digital violence, violence associated with the presence, availability, and use of firearms, organized crime, and other issues determined by the Committee during the process of developing and approving the indicators;

10. To continue promoting and strengthening the participation of civil society organizations and other social actors from all subregions of the Americas in MESECVI activities and, in particular, in the Fifth Multilateral Evaluation Round, including through the submission of shadow reports and the participation mechanisms provided for in the Rules of Procedure;

11. To express its concern regarding the attacks, threats, harassment, reprisals, and other forms of violence faced by women human rights defenders, recognizing the differentiated risks faced by defenders of the individual and collective rights of Indigenous women; and to urge States Parties to strengthen prevention and protection measures, guarantee safe conditions for the exercise of their work, and ensure the effective investigation and punishment of acts of violence committed against them;

12. To request that the Technical Secretariat, subject to available resources, advance consultations with Indigenous women from the different subregions of the Americas (North America, Central America, the Caribbean and South America) with a view to preparing a General Recommendation on violence against Indigenous women from an intergenerational, intercultural, and intersectional perspective, and report to the Committee on progress at its next meeting;

13. Engage, promote and ensure the intergenerational participation of young women, girls and adolescents in MESECVI activities, processes, and spaces for dialogue, strengthening their effective participation in the work of the Mechanism;

14. To follow up on work concerning legal retaliation against women and the use of the false parental alienation syndrome within the framework of the Platform of Independent Expert Mechanisms on Discrimination and Violence against Women (EDVAW), promoting coordination and exchange with the mechanisms that comprise it; and to request that the Technical Secretariat report to the CEVI on the progress and results of this process;

15. To express its deep concern regarding MESECVI's financial situation in light of insufficient contributions to the Solidarity Subfund; to reiterate the importance of ensuring the financial sustainability of the Mechanism; and to undertake to promote contributions from their States and other donors, in accordance with MESECVI's legal instruments and the commitments made by its Conference of States Parties;

16. Prepare a public declaration calling on States and the international community to ensure, without delay, the financial sustainability of MESECVI and its Technical Secretariat, recalling that without stable and sufficient resources, the regional follow-up mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention, the only treaty that effectively guarantees women's right to live free from violence, is placed at risk.

17. To express its appreciation to Experts Edylma Granados of Costa Rica; Mona Jean of Haiti; Barbara Bailey of Jamaica; and Teresa Incháustegui of Mexico, who ceased to serve on the Committee during 2026, for their valuable contribution to the work of the CEVI and to MESECVI's efforts to prevent, punish, and eradicate violence against women. Likewise, to extend a warm welcome to Tania Jean-Pierre of Haiti, represented in this meeting by Sandy Fracois; Debby Ann Brown Salmon of Jamaica; and Leticia Bonifaz Alfonzo of Mexico as new members of the Committee;

18. To express its appreciation to UNLIREC, the German Development Cooperation, implemented by GIZ, International Justice Mission (IJM), the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), and UN Women for their collaboration and support in carrying out the activities undertaken by the CEVI and MESECVI in Lima.