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OF STATE PARTIES**  
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## **AGREEMENTS OF THE THIRD SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF THE STATES PARTY TO THE FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BELÉM DO PARÁ CONVENTION (MESECVI)**

The States Parties to the *Inter-American Convention to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate Violence against Women, "Convention of Belém do Pará"*, meeting virtually at the Third Extraordinary Conference of States Parties to the MESECVI on September 20, 2023;

RECALLING that, in order to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention, on October 26, 2004, the First Conference of States Parties was held at the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS), in which the "Statute of the Follow up Mechanism of the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention to Prevent, Punish, and Eradicate Violence against Women, Convention of Belém do Pará" (MESECVI) was approved;

REITERATING the importance of the MESECVI as a body that contributes to the implementation of the Belém do Pará Convention while respecting the diversity of the countries of the region;

REAFFIRMING the need to promote mechanisms for cooperation and the exchange of information and good practices among the States Parties to the Convention, especially between Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as States not Parties to the Convention, Permanent Observers to the OAS, and other bodies that address the issue of violence against women at the subregional, regional and international levels;

REITERATING the importance of dialogue between the Competent National Authorities and the CEVI for the exchange of experiences on progress and obstacles in relevant issues regarding the strengthening, compliance, and dissemination of the *Belém do Pará Convention* and the institutional framework of both bodies in order to strengthen the MESECVI and position it as a reference in the regional and universal scope <sup>2</sup>;

RECALLING the importance of dialogue between the MESECVI and women's and feminist organizations and movements and organizations that defend the human rights of women, girls, and adolescents;

**AGREE:**

1. Welcome the appointment of Minister Antonia Orellana as President of the MESECVI Conference of States Party by acclamation; Peru and Brazil as Vice Presidents by vote and Costa Rica as Rapporteur by acclamation;
2. Approve the Regional Declaration on the Eradication of Gender Stereotypes in Public Spaces Resulting in Symbolic and Political Gender-Based Violence Against Women, in accordance with the qualifications and reservations indicated during the process;
3. To approve that the next Conference of States Parties will be held in Chile, on June 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024;
4. Request the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI to continue working on the issue of violence against women, in different areas of the public and private sphere, to continue promoting the application of the Belém do Pará Convention;
5. Approve the extension of the 2018-2023 MESECVI Strategic Plan until the next Ordinary Conference of States Parties is held and request the Secretariat to report at said Conference on the progress of the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan and present a new Plan proposal Strategic Plan of the MESECVI for the years 2024-2029;
6. Express gratitude to Mrs. Nadine Gasman for her enormous contribution to this Mechanism as President of the Conference of States Parties;
7. Thank the support of the Government of Mexico for its leadership in the Presidency of the Conference of States Party;
8. Welcome the States Parties that have designated Experts in 2023 and urge the States Parties that have not yet done so to designate the Experts, incumbents and/or alternates, in accordance with the rules established in the Statute of the Mechanism; and
9. Welcome the States Parties that have made their voluntary contribution for the proper functioning of the MESECVI and urge the States Parties that have not yet done so to make said contribution.