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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The President of the Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism of the Belém do Pará Convention, Marcela Huaita, presents at the Twentieth Ordinary Meeting of that Committee, this report of the work carried out during her presidency during the year 2023.

During the year 2023, the Committee of Experts has continued working, in accordance with its mandate, to help the States Parties to the Convention of Belém do Pará fully and effectively implement that Convention. In this context, the MESECVI Strategic Plan 2018-2023 (document MESECVI-II-CE/doc.133/18.rev.1), approved during the Second Extraordinary Conference (CEP), held on February 21, is being complied with 2018 in Washington DC.

In general terms, the MESECVI Strategic Plan 2018-2023 has as its central axes: i) Strengthen the institutionality of the MESECVI; ii) Contribute to the strengthening of the technical capacities of the States Parties to the MESECVI to implement the Belém do Pará Convention from a focus on intersectionality and women's human rights, throughout their life cycle with emphasis on prevention and reparation; iii) Work with the States Parties to find intersectoral responses to the problems of violence against women, and iv) Raise awareness and sensitize society as a whole regarding violence against women.

On November 11 and 12, 2022, the Nineteenth meeting of the CEVI was held. During this meeting, decisions were made to strengthen the Mechanism and expand its impact. First of all, the importance of implementing the recommendations resulting from the evaluation process for strengthening the Mechanism were highlighted and the Secretariat was urged to open the necessary channels to carry out this fundamental task.

In addition, the commitment to maintaining a constructive and collaborative dialogue with civil society organizations was reaffirmed, recognizing their valuable contribution. Among the most significant decisions was the approval for the *ad referendum publication* of essential studies on shelters for victims of gender violence in Latin America and the updating of fundamental thematic reports on violence against girls, adolescents and women with disabilities. Modifications were also made to the Committee's regulations to optimize its operation and work strategies were established with English-speaking Caribbean countries and civil society organizations for the Fourth Multilateral Evaluation Round.

For this Fourth Round of Multilateral Evaluation, the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI implemented a new automated System of Progress Indicators of the Convention, with the objective of facilitating the response of the States Parties and strengthening their capacities in their response. This round of evaluation is dedicated to the rights of women victims and survivors of violence and their effective access to truth, justice and reparation.

In an effort to discharge this objective, since last year, workshops on training indicators and use of the automated system for Spanish-speaking countries were held, in which more than 280 public officials from different areas of the government participated, thus covering the training of 14 States Parties. To date, 11 countries have completed the process of sending information through the

automated indicators system. Likewise, meetings were held with civil society organizations in order to invite them to participate in the Fourth Evaluation Round process.

Against this background, with the intention of including and promoting the link between civil society organizations and the MESECVI Committee of Experts, hearings were held in the month of September, between civil society organizations in the region, and the member Experts of the Working Subgroups for the preparation of country reports.

Additionally, a project was carried out to strengthen the impact of the work of the MESECVI in the English-speaking Caribbean with the support of UNDP. This project focused on the development of indicators for the countries of the English-speaking Caribbean that facilitate the collection and reporting of data within and from the countries of the Caribbean, which are also found on the platform. To date, three workshops have been held with authorities from the following English-speaking Caribbean countries: Antigua and Barbuda, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada, Guyana and Suriname.

Regarding international cooperation, the Committee of Experts continues to actively participate in the Platform of International and Regional Mechanisms on Violence against Women and their rights (EDVAW), an initiative created by the United Nations Special Rapporteur on violence against women, its causes and consequences.

In a similar effort, from March 1 to 3, 2023, the MESECVI Committee of Experts carried out an official visit to the State of Argentina with the objective of addressing violence against women in the political sphere and providing technical assistance to the authorities on the matter.

The Committee's delegation held meetings with authorities and representatives of the State, women victims of violence in the exercise of their political rights, civil society organizations, academia and the media. At the end of the visit, the Committee published a report with recommendations to the State.

On March 10 of this year, the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI, with the support of OAS/CICTE and Equality Now, organized the event: "The route to address online gender violence against women and girls in LAC." The in-person forum aimed to promote recognition of online gender-based violence against women and girls and provide tools so that women and girls can more safely access the digital space.

In follow-up to the work on gender violence facilitated by technologies, the meeting on "Route for the development of a Comprehensive Model Law to prevent, punish and eradicate facilitated gender violence against women by technologies" was held on June 20, at the OAS headquarters, in Washington DC. Representatives of States, civil society, international organizations and personalities from various fields reached agreements to begin the process of developing an Inter-American Model Law.

Within the framework of the 53rd session of the OAS General Assembly, the event, "Towards societies free of violence in the Americas: the situation of women, adolescents and girls with disabilities in efforts to eliminate violence for reasons of gender", was

held. , It was co-organized by the MESECVI, the Permanent Observer Mission of Spain to the OAS and the ONCE Social Group and the thematic report and General Recommendation No. 4 of the MESECVI Committee of Experts on gender violence against women and girls with disabilities was presented at that time.

Likewise, various press releases were published and various awareness campaigns were carried out on topics of special concern to the Committee of Experts.

I. NINETEENTH MEETING OF THE MESECVI COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS

The Committee of Experts of the Follow-up Mechanism of the Belém do Pará Convention met on November 11 and 12, 2022, for the purpose of reviewing the work carried out during the year and preparing its strategic plan for the coming year.

During this meeting, decisions were made to strengthen the Mechanism and expand its impact. First of all, the importance of implementing the recommendations resulting from the evaluation process for strengthening the Mechanism was highlighted and the Secretariat was urged to open the necessary channels to carry out this fundamental task.

In addition, the commitment to maintaining a constructive and collaborative dialogue with civil society organizations was reaffirmed, recognizing their valuable contribution.

Among the most significant decisions was the approval for the *ad referendum publication* of essential studies on shelters for victims of gender violence in Latin America and the General Recommendation of the MESECVI Committee of Experts (No.4): Gender violence against girls and women with disabilities and the report on Gender Violence against girls and women with disabilities.

Modifications were also made to the Committee's regulations to optimize its operation and work strategies were established with English-speaking Caribbean countries and civil society organizations for the upcoming Fourth Round of Multilateral Evaluation.

Finally, the importance of widely disseminating the CEVI recommendations through an accessible and effective communication strategy was emphasized.

All working documents, agreements and approved studies can be reviewed at the following link: https://belemdopara.org/cim_mesecvi/meeting-of-experts/.

II. APPOINTMENTS OF EXPERTS IN THE PERIOD 2023

- Panama, Aracelly de León, December 2022.
- Costa Rica, Beatriz Schulthess Fischer, May 2023.
- Saint Kitts and Nevis, Hasani Mc Donald, October 2023.

III. PUBLICATIONS

Within the framework of the Follow-up Mechanism of the Belém do Pará Convention, two publications were published this year related to violence in women's political and public life:

1. **Guide for the strategic litigation of cases of violence against women in public and political life. Available at: <https://belemdopara.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/08/Guia-Litigio-Estrategico-Violencia-Politica.pdf>**

This guide provides tools to facilitate access to justice for women who suffer such violence, as well as to promote litigation processes that generate transformative impacts on societies and a new political culture free of all forms of discrimination and violence against women.

2. **Standards for the protection of women's human rights: Necessary tools to defend their political participation. Updated version. Available at: https://www.oas.org/es/mesecvi/docs/estandares_violencia_politica_2023.pdf**

This new edition compiles 194 sentences, decisions and resolutions of paradigmatic cases that have been resolved at the international level. In this way, civil society, women's movements and government institutions can use it strategically for the prevention, attention and punishment of political violence against women.

IV. PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT REGIONAL DECLARATION ON THE ERADICATION OF GENDER STEREOTYPES IN PUBLIC SPACES THAT TRANSLATE INTO SYMBOLIC VIOLENCE AND POLITICAL VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FOR GENDER REASONS

The Committee of Experts participated in different actions to strengthen the process that allowed us to have a regional vision to fulfill the mandate of the Conference of States Parties to the MESECVI to develop a Regional Declaration on the Eradication of Gender Stereotypes in Public Spaces that translate into Symbolic Violence and Political Violence against Women for Gender Reasons, which was developed in conjunction with this Committee and approved on September 20, 2023. This declaration can be consulted at the following link: https://belemdopara.org/cim_mesecvi/regional-declaration-on-the-eradication-of-gender-stereotypes-in-public-spaces-resulting-in-symbolic-and-political-gender-based-violence-against-women/

To achieve this objective, the Committee of Experts participated in the regional Forums on symbolic violence and its impact on the exercise of women's rights, which had the purpose of defining and having a diagnosis on symbolic violence and its impact on the women's rights and be able to contribute elements for the preparation of the aforementioned joint declaration.

The objectives of the discussion tables were:

- Conceptualize symbolic violence and identify the elements that differentiate it from other types of violence and that allow its conceptualization;
- Carry out a diagnosis on the manifestations of symbolic violence;
 - Identify state and non-state actors that construct and perpetuate symbolic violence and their obligations regarding the guarantee of women's right to a life free of violence;
- Determine the obligations of States to prevent, address, punish and repair symbolic violence;
 - Identify the experiences and good practices among the States party to the Convention to prevent, address, punish and repair symbolic violence.
- Contribute to the adoption of legislative and public policy measures that help prevent, address, investigate, punish and repair political violence exercised through acts of symbolic violence.
- Contribute to the adoption of measures by non-state actors to prevent and address symbolic violence.

The Committee also participated in the development of the declaration and, through its presidency, in the debate with the States Parties for its approval.

V. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE VISIT ON VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN IN POLITICAL LIFE

In 2023, MESECVI continued with its awareness and exchange strategy. From March 1 to 3, 2023, the MESECVI Committee of Experts carried out an official visit to the State of Argentina with the objective of addressing violence against women in the political sphere and providing technical assistance to the authorities on the matter.

The Committee's delegation held meetings with authorities and representatives of the State, women victims of violence in the exercise of their political rights, civil society organizations, academia and the media. At the end of the visit, the Committee published a report with recommendations to the State that can be found at the following link: <https://www.oas.org/es/mesecvi/docs/Informe-CEVI-Autocensura-hostigamiento-miedo-e-impunidad-.pdf>

VI. FOURTH ROUND OF MULTILATERAL EVALUATION OF THE BELÉM DO PARÁ CONVENTION

For this round of Evaluation, the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI implemented a new automated System of Progress Indicators of the Convention, with the objective of facilitating the response of the State Parties and to strengthen their capacities in their response, which is dedicated to the right of women victims and survivors of violence and their effective access to truth, justice and reparation.

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Additionally, a project was carried out to strengthen the impact of the work of the MESECVI in the English-speaking Caribbean with the support of UNDP. This project focused on the development of indicators for the countries of the English-speaking Caribbean that facilitate the collection and reporting of data within and from the countries of the Caribbean, which data are also found on the platform. To date, three workshops have been held with authorities from the following English-speaking Caribbean countries:

Antigua and Barbuda, Trinidad and Tobago, Grenada, Guyana and Suriname, in which an overview of the work of the MESECVI was offered and the system was presented. automated progress indicators. Likewise, a meeting was held with various civil society organizations from the English-speaking Caribbean in order to present the work of the MESECVI.

Currently, the necessary arrangements are being carried out to hold an in-person workshop in the Caribbean on the progress indicator system of the Belém do Pará Convention.

VII. DISSEMINATION AND AWARENESS OF THE CONVENTION AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE MESECVI

7.1. Awareness-raising and exchange activities

On March 10 of this year, the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI, with the support of OAS/CICTE and Equality Now, organized the event: “The route to address online gender violence against women and girls in LAC.” The in-person conference, in which more than 20 strategic actors participated, aimed to promote the recognition of online gender violence against women and girls and provide tools so that women and girls can more safely access the digital space.

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On August 31, 2023, the regional Dialogue “Strategic litigation in cases of violence against women in public and political life” was held. Experiences from Latin America”. UN Women, the Inter-American Commission of Women and its Follow-up Mechanism of the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI), organized this regional dialogue to raise awareness and disseminate the right of women to live a life free of violence in the political sphere.

Likewise, on November 21, 2023, a forum titled A World of Work Free of Violence and Harassment was held virtually in collaboration with the International Labor Organization, and 290 people participated. This dialogue sought to examine Convention 190 on violence and harassment in the world of work, in light of the Belém do Pará Convention.

7.2. Training

- The third edition of the course "**International Standards on Women's Human Right to a Life Free from Violence**" was held in collaboration with the Legal Research Institute of UNAM and the National Institute of Women of Mexico. The course aimed to provide participants with conceptual, theoretical, and methodological tools for applying international standards on violence against women, adolescents, and girls due to gender-based reasons. Approximately 190 people participated in this course.

VIII. PRESS RELEASES AND LETTERS TO THE STATES

Article 3, paragraph 1) of the Regulations of the Committee of Experts establishes that one of the functions of the Committee is to formulate recommendations, when it deems appropriate, to the States Parties so that they adopt the necessary measures in favor of the human rights of women. when specific situations warrant a special pronouncement. During 2023, the following 16 press releases approved by the Committee of Experts were disseminated:

- MESECVI Committee of Experts expresses its concern about the judicial and media treatment in the case of an alleged group rape in Uruguay (November 15).
- Committee of Experts expresses its concern about the situation of three university activists one month after their arrest in Nicaragua (October 2).
- Civil Society Organizations participate in the first round of hearings on monitoring with the MESECVI Committee of Experts (September 8).
- Committee of Experts expresses recommendations on the bill on sexual crimes against girls, boys and adolescents in Bolivia (September 8).
- World Press Freedom Day - MESECVI Committee of Experts calls to guarantee the freedom of expression of women journalists and human rights defenders in the face of the increase in violence against them (May 3).
- Committee of Experts expresses its concern about a bill that puts access to therapeutic abortion in Peru at risk (April 27).
- Committee of Experts welcomes the decriminalization of the Emergency Contraceptive Pill in Honduras (March 21).
- Committee of Experts expresses its rejection of acts of repression and discrimination against indigenous women during the protests in Peru (March 17).

- Committee of Experts reiterates concern about the Penal Code project that maintains the criminalization of abortion in the Dominican Republic (March 10).
- International Women's Day: International and regional experts urge joining efforts to preserve hard-won achievements in favor of women's rights (March 8)
- Self-censorship, harassment, fear and impunity: Violence against women in public and political life in Argentina (March 3).
- MESECVI Committee of Experts begins technical assistance visit to Argentina regarding cases of violence against women in the political sphere (March 1).
- Committee of Experts expresses its deep concern regarding the increase in attacks against women in politics in Brazil (February 24).
- MESECVI Committee of Experts announces Technical Assistance visit to Argentina regarding cases of violence against women in the political sphere (February 21).
- MESECVI Committee of Experts expresses its concern about the case of Virginia Laparra in Guatemala (January 31).
- Committee of Experts expresses rejection and concern over the attempted femicide of the Vice President of Colombia Francia Márquez (January 19).

During the period covered by this report, the Committee of Experts, through its President, sent a communication to Bolivian authorities related to the Draft Law to Fight Impunity in Sexual Crimes against Infants, Girls, Boys and Adolescents.

IX. ACTIVITIES OF THE EXPERTS AND THE TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT

The Technical Secretary participated in the following activities:

- November 2023, Participation in the side event on child marriages and early unions, together with the ALIADAS platform
- October 2023, Meeting with authorities from the Colombian Foreign Ministry to discuss the human rights of women, the prevention of violence against them and its promotion through feminist foreign policy.
- October 2023, participation in meetings with authorities, civil society and academia in the Meeting “Advances in the implementation of the depatriarchalizing regime within political organizations”
- October 2023, participation in the discussion “Approaches, progress and challenges for effective prevention of sexual violence and comprehensive care for victims”, of the Ministry of Justice and Institutional Transparency.
- October 2023, participation in the #AntesdeLos18No (before 18, no) campaign before the Permanent Council of the OAS
- August 2023, participation in the International Seminar: Constitutional and Conventional Standards on Sexual Violence: Towards the reform of criminal legislation, by the Chamber of Deputies of Bolivia
- August 2023, participation in the Women and Gender Legislative Bulletin of the Library of the National Congress of Chile
- June 2023, participation in the Women and Security Webinar - an approach from a gender perspective, by CONAVIM
- June 2023, meeting with Colombian authorities to advance a common agenda to comprehensively address violence against women

- May 2023, conversation with El País on digital gender violence
- May 2023, meeting with the Minister of the Status of Women of Costa Rica, to strengthen joint work to prevent violence against women
- May 2023, participation in the policy promotion session: “Strategies to address the decline in women's rights in Latin America”, by UN Women.
- March 2023, participation in the Forum on cyberbullying and the use of technology in acts of gender violence, by the Wilson Center
- March 2023, participation in the #CSW67 event Let's talk about the protection of human rights in the digital world.
- February 2023, participation in the International Cyber Diplomacy, Laws and Norms course, by the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism

The expert Gloria Camacho participated in the following activities:

- March 2023, interview on femicide, in the F24 Debate
- October 2023: Interview with Telam Agency of Argentina on child unions and marriages, within the framework of the International Day of the Girl.
- November 2023: Participation in the panel "Auditing Gender-Based Violence from a Regional Perspective" at the Seminar commemorating the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, organized by the Office of the Comptroller General of Chile and OLACEF, held in Santiago

The expert Susana Chiarotti Boero participated in the following activities:

- October 2023 - Teacher at Conferences on Institutional Violence - National Human Rights Institution - Ombudsman's Office, Uruguay. The Convention of Belém do Pará and its mandates on institutional violence.
- November 2023 - Conference. Alliance of National Feminist Networks of Mexico. The Monitoring Mechanisms of Belém do Pará and CEDAW.
- November 2023 - International Seminar of Justices of the Peace. Parana, Argentina. The Belém do Pará Monitoring Mechanism. Mesecevi.

The expert Teresa Herrera participated in the following activities:

- May 2023, she participated in the Seminar on economic violence: experiences and pending challenges, organized by the Ministry of Women and the Diego Portales University.
- November 2023: Participation in an event on Violence Against Women in Political Life: Regional Progress and Challenges in Uruguay, organized by Inmujeres, MESECVI, and CIM in Uruguay, with support from AECID.

The expert Leila Linhares participated in the following activities:

- January 2023 - Participated in the online meeting of the Committee of Experts to organize the official visit of the Committee to Argentina in light of the acts of gender-based political violence observed in that country.
- February 2023, in the Observer analyzed the situation around femicides/feminicides in Brazil
- March 2023 - Participated in the CEVI delegation to Buenos Aires headed by the president of the Committee of Experts, Marcela Huaita Alegre, from Peru, accompanied by Lourdes Montero Justiniano, from Bolivia, and Sylvia Mesa Peluffo, from Costa Rica, the Technical Secretary of the MESECVI, Luz Patricia Mejía Guerrero and Tatiana Bensa, for the state visit to Argentina.
- March 2023 - Participated in Brasilia, as a CEVI expert, in the Human Dignity Seminar: Promotion of Human Rights and Protection of Diversities and Vulnerabilities in Public Policies, promoted by the National Council of Justice - CNJ This Seminar was attended by from Minister Rosa Weber (President of the STF and the CNJ).
- June 2023, Conversation 40 years of democracy Quality of Political Representation, by MESECVI, ELA, FUNDHEG
- June 2023 - Participated as a member of the CEVI in a meeting organized by the Women's Defense Center - NUDEM, of the Public Defender's Office of the State of Rio de Janeiro, to debate a thesis that is still very controversial in the judicial system and that directly implicates the preservation of the rights (and life) of women victims of violence: the legitimate defense of honor.
- June 2023 - Participated as a panelist in the Seminar, held through the Zoom Platform, 40 years of Democracy and Quality of Political Representation, organized by the radical women's group Las Ramonas, CEVI, with the collaboration of the Latin American Justice and Justice Team. Gender (ELA) and the Foundation for Human Rights, Equity and Gender (Fundheg).
- August 2023, Interview on parental alienation syndrome, in the Efeminista
- August 2023 -Attended the online Seminar on women's safety and access to affordable housing with a gender perspective: experiences in Latin America, organized by UN Women, on homelessness and unemployment among women and the presentation of the results of an investigation into shelter services for women victims of violence.
- August 2023 - Attended the virtual event Strategic litigation in cases of violence against women in public and political life: Experiences from Latin America, organized by the Inter-American Commission of Women - CIM, MESECVI and UN Women.
- August 2023 - Participated online as a panelist on Political Violence in Argentina: MESECVI Report at the III Present State Congress: Political Violence and Gender - Challenges for Democracy, organized by the Ministry of Women, Gender Policies and Sexual Diversity of the Buenos Aires province.

- September 2023- Participated online in the Regional Strategic Meeting on False Parental Alienation Syndrome - SAP in Family Law in Latin America, organized by the Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights Cladem, Equality Now and the Global Campaign for Equality in Family Law (GCEFL), which brought together Latin American women with the aim of learning how laws based on this false syndrome operate in five Latin American countries - Brazil, Mexico, Argentina, Puerto Rico and Uruguay;
- September 2023- Online participation in the hearings organized by CEVI/MESECVI on Access to Justice, Truth and Reparation These hearings allow the CEVI to expand its information within the framework of the Fourth Multilateral Evaluation Round, which monitors the progress and pending challenges in the implementation of the Belém do Pará Convention. This new round focuses on access to justice, truth and reparation for women victims and survivors of gender violence.

The expert Mónica Maureira participated in the following activities:

- November 2023 - “A World of Work Free from Violence and Harassment: Convention No. 190 on Violence and Harassment in the World of Work (C190) and the Convention to Prevent, Punish, and Eradicate Violence against Women (Belém do Pará)” CIM-OAS / ILO-LAC.
- November 2023 - Closing of the Gender, Communication, and Technology Festival – Alberto Hurtado University - Presentation of the MESECVI Declaration on Symbolic Violence, First Congress on Gender and Universities.
- November 2023 - International Seminar “Women, Peace, and International Security: Current Challenges” – UN Women - Corporación Humanas - Human Rights Center of the Faculty of Law of the University of Chile and the Center for Citizen Security Studies of the Faculty of Government of the University of Chile.
- November 2023 - Course: “International Standards on Women’s Human Right to a Life Free from Violence” – Violence Against Women Facilitated by Information and Communication Technologies - Legal Research Institute of UNAM (IIJ), the Follow-Up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI), and the National Institute of Women (INMUJERES)
- October 2023 - Presentation of the MESECVI Declaration on Symbolic Violence, First Congress on Gender and Universities - La Frontera University - Temuco – Chile
- October 2023 - Keynote Speaker. Workshop “Violent Deaths of Women in Chile and Latin America” Regional Ministry for Women and Gender Equity of Tarapacá - Presidential Delegation of Tarapacá
- October 2023 - Speaker “Violence against Women in Dictatorship: Reflections 50 Years after the Coup in Chile” – Regional Ministry for Women and Gender Equity of Tarapacá - Presidential Delegation of Tarapacá - University of Tarapacá
- June 2023 - “Memory and Projections 29 Years After Belém do Pará” – Ministry of Women and Gender Equity
- June 2023 - Effective Use of International Human Rights Mechanisms to Achieve the Three Transformative Results of UNFPA-LACRO
- May 2023 - Presentation of the Report on Femicidal Violence in Chile, 2022 - Chilean Network against Violence towards Women
- March 2023 - Reflection Panel on Femicides Today and Their Data. Annual Report Process 2022 Intersectoral Femicidal Circuit 2022 - National Service for Women and Gender Equity (SERNAMEG)
- February 2023 - Moderation of webinar “How to Build Safe Spaces from a Gender Perspective” - Ministry of Women and Gender Equity
- January 2023 - Presentation of the Annual Report of the Intersectoral Femicidal Circuit 2021 - Ministry of Women and Gender Equity.

The expert Sylvia Mesa Peluffo participated in the following activities:

- May 2023, Interview on the importance of the figure of consent-Efeminist
- January 20023. Expert in the hearings of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, made reference to the figure of consent in cases of sexual violence

The expert Lourdes Montero participated in the following activities:

- June 2023, interview about the situation of political violence against women in the region - El Destape.
- March 2023. writing article on political violence against women in politics in La Razon.

The expert Hilda Morales participated in the following activities:

- November 24, 2023 - Conference on "Missing girls and women victims of violence", aimed at medical and nursing staff of the Guatemalan Social Security Institute, IGSS. Location: Headquarters of the General Diseases Hospital, IGSS. Guatemala, Guatemala.

The expert Sherna Alexander Benjamin participated in the following activities:

- The MESECVI CSO Caribbean information session in collaboration with The Network of NGO of T&T for the Advancement of Women.
- Bridging the gaps between the MESECVI and the Permanent Secretary and Director of the Gender and Child Affairs Unit in the Office of the Prime Minister to facilitate ease of communication and possible planning of workshops in Trinidad and Tobago.
- Sessions with civil society actors in Trinidad and Tobago and the Caribbean to share information and raise awareness about the MESECVI, the Convention, and the opportunity to develop Shadow reports.
- I facilitated one session with a group of young people and presented on the convention and how it can be incorporated into their advocacy.
- Presently working on co-developing a report looking at the benefits of the Belem do Para and WPS1325, which countries in the region ratified them, how countries can benefit by mainstreaming them into their mechanisms but also practical ways the convention can be adopted in policy and legislative frameworks.
- Working on public awareness and education plan regarding the Belem do Para convention targeting CSOs, young attorneys, community-based organizations, and advocates.

X. FINANCING OF THE MESECVI

5.1. MESECVI Financing Sources

All meetings of this Conference of States Parties, Assemblies of the OAS and the CIM have reiterated the call to governments to contribute human or financial resources to the MESECVI. During the Fifty-Third Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, on June 22, 2023, Resolution AG/RES. 3003 (LIII-O/23) “Promotion and protection of Human Rights”. In that Resolution, the General Assembly encouraged Member States, permanent observers and other entities to strengthen the MESECVI in its operative paragraph 3. V., which establishes the following:

“V. STRENGTHENING THE MECHANISM FOR MONITORING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BELÉM DO PARÁ CONVENTION (MESECVI)

Urge the States Parties, the OAS Member States that have not yet ratified the Convention, the Permanent Observer States, as well as other donors, to make voluntary contributions to the specific fund dedicated to financing the activities of the Mechanism, including offers to organize and host the meetings of its bodies.”

In this context, the MESECVI once again expresses its concern about the absence of contributions from the majority of States Parties to the Convention and requests their cooperation to strengthen the work of the Mechanism through the granting of economic quotas or the creation of projects. specific cooperation agreements to accompany the efforts of the member countries, as established in article 11 of its Statute, which states that:

“[t]he activities of the Follow-up Mechanism will be financed by a specific fund created for this purpose, through contributions from the States Parties to the Convention, Member States that are not parties to the Convention, Permanent Observer States, financial organizations international contributions, other external resources and any other contribution that may be received in accordance with the General Standards for the Operation of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States. Such contributions may include offers from States Parties to organize and host meetings of the Mechanism's bodies.

The fund created for the MESECVI received contributions from Italy, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Mexico and Trinidad and Tobago in 2023. These funds were intended to finance part of the operation of the MESECVI. Therefore, there remains a need to concentrate efforts to strengthen the MESECVI through the mobilization of resources, both from the States Parties and other potential donors, through the formulation and execution of specific projects.

ANNEX I**HISTORY OF CONTRIBUTIONS TO MESECVI 2013-2023**

MESECVI Contributions		
Year	Donor	Total (USD \$)
2013	Argentina	15,000.00
	France	2,091.89
	Mexico	29,453.11
	Nicaragua	5,000.00
	Suriname	2,000.00
	Trinidad and Tobago	15,000.00
2013 Total		68,545.00
2014	Argentina	15,000.00
	Mexico	34,529.59
	Nicaragua	6,000.00
2014 Total		55,529.59
2015	Mexico	29,717.87

	Nicaragua	6,000.00
2015 Total		35,717.87
2016	Mexico	30,253.85
	Trinidad and Tobago	15,000.00
2016 Total		45,253.85
2017	Panama	78,159.80
	Mexico	25,013.89
2017 Total		103,173.69
2018	Trinidad and Tobago	30,000.00
	Mexico	20,973.26
	Argentina	10,000.00
	Nicaragua	5,000.00
	Panama	6,100.00
2018 Total		72,073.26
2019	Panama	38,000.00
	Panama	7,000.00
	Trinidad and Tobago	15,000.00

	Mexico		19,589.32
	Nicaragua		3,000.00
	Mexico		77,103.77
2019 Total			159,693.09
2020	Trinidad and Tobago		15,000.00
2020 Total			15,000.00
2021	Mexico		25,164.19
	Trinidad and Tobago		15,000.00
2021 Total			40,164.19
	Mexico		84,419.00
2022	Trinidad and Tobago		15,000.00
2023	Mexico		57,763.40
	Chile	5,147.01	
	Italy	54,717.00	
	Trinidad and Tobago	15,000.00	
	Dominican Republic	9,975.00	

2023 Total		142,602.41
Grand Total		837,171.43

ANNEX II

States Pending Appointment or Official Notification of Expert as of September 2023

	State	Name
1	Antigua & Barbuda	Pending Expert Appointment (T and A)
2	Belice ¹	Pending Expert Appointment (T and A)
3	El Salvador	Pending Expert Appointment (T and A)
4	Granada	Pending Expert Appointment (T and A)
5	Guyana	Pending Expert Appointment (T and A)
6	Haití ¹⁰	Pending Expert Appointment (T and A)
7	Honduras	Pending Expert Appointment (T and A)
8	Nicaragua ¹¹	Pending Expert Appointment (T and A)
9	Venezuela	Pending Expert Appointment (T and A)

¹ Pending confirmation if it continues, due to lack of participation

¹⁰ The Expert has not participated since 2009.

¹¹ The Expert has not participated since 2007.