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INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM FOR THE PREVENTION AND ERADICATION OF CHILD COMMERCIAL SEXUAL EXPLOITATION AND ILLEGAL TRAFFICKING

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on July 27, 2007)

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

CONSIDERING:

The importance of ensuring the integral and effective protection of children by means of adequate mechanisms that allow for guaranteeing the respect for their rights;

That the search for effective solutions of problems affecting children is a priority for the IIN and consequently contributes to monitoring the fulfillment and enforcement of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, with the cooperation of the OAS Member States and the society at large;

RECOGNIZING:

That commercial sexual exploitation, including the dissemination of child pornography through the Internet and other mass media, as well as child illegal trafficking, are major concerns at both the regional and global levels and scourges that attempt against the rights of children as enshrined in various international instruments;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

Other international instruments related to the combat against child commercial sexual exploitation and illegal trafficking in the hemisphere, such as the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on Child Trade, Child Prostitution, and the Use of Children in Pornography (adopted in 2000); the Inter-American Convention on International Child Trafficking (adopted in 1994); the Protocol for the Prevention, Repression, and Punishment of Trafficking in Persons, specially Women and Children, and the Protocol against Migrant Illegal Trafficking by Land, Sea, and Air to the United Nations Convention against Trans-national Organized Crime, and Convention 182 of the International Labour Organization on the Worst Forms of Child Labour;

ALSO RECOGNIZING:

That in order to ensure the success in the combat against child commercial sexual exploitation and illegal trafficking in the hemisphere it is necessary to adopt a global approach allowing for facing all contributing factors, including poverty and social exclusion, as well as measures facilitating both juridical and judicial international cooperation in order to achieve the effective protection of children's rights,

RESOLVES:

1. To create an Inter-American Cooperation Program for the Prevention and Eradication of Child Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Illegal Trafficking.

2. To entrust the Director General of the IIN to develop a joint work proposal within the framework of this initiative aimed to: updating the relevant domestic legislation in the member countries; exchanging experience and promoting horizontal cooperation; training those who are responsible for designing, implementing, and evaluating public policies for the prevention and eradication of these problems; supporting the efforts made against child exploitation and trafficking networks; implementing communication strategies in order to combat against such problems, fostering the adoption of measures to monitor the dissemination through the Internet of information with sexual contents involving children, and promoting the commitment of the private sector and the joint work of governments and Civil Society for the achievement of the proposed objectives.

3. To support the creation of an Observatory on child commercial sexual exploitation and illegal trafficking and promote the creation of a widely-disseminated publication on a periodic basis having an incidence on public policy design.

4. To design tools for supporting the evaluation of public policies, plans and projects related to the above mentioned issues.

5. To promote the consolidation of strategic alliances between the IIN and other international organizations working on the prevention and eradication of these problems.