

**CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE
AMERICAN CONVENTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS
DECLARATION, GUAYAQUIL**

Guayaquil, March 11, 2013

Recalling:

That June 5, 2012 the OAS General Assembly at its Fortieth Ordinary Session, held in Cochabamba, Bolivia, adopted Resolution AG/2761 (XLII-O/12), where the Reflexion Team Group report about Strengthening the Inter-American Human Rights Commission and "assigned that the Permanent Council, on the basis of the report, the proposals for implementation in dialogue with all parties involved," no later than the first quarter of 2013.

That November 29, 2012, the States Parties to the American Convention on Human Rights, members of UNASUR, took the initiative to convene a conference of all States Party through constructive dialogue, determines the necessary reforms to strengthen the Inter American System of Human Rights.

Considering:

That adhesion and ratification of the American Convention of Human Rights and the declarations of acceptance of the Court's jurisdiction, are incontrovertible manifestations of commitment of the States to the ideals and principles that inspire and encourage the integrity the American System of Human Rights .

That States Parties must take responsibility for the Inter- American System and adapt to the demands that arise from their evolution towards more equitable and transparent management.

Acknowledging:

The Inter -American Commission of Human Rights had an important role in the democratization process in the region and adequate reparation for victims of dictatorial regimes, and continues to have an important role in consolidating the State of Law.

That the Inter-American System of Human Rights requires evolving with the new democratic reality, political, social and institutional development of the region, to which the States responsibility is guiding its mechanisms for this purpose.

That the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights has made significant efforts to implement the recommendations of the General Assembly to strengthen the system.

The States Parties to the Pact of San José:

Declare:

1. Stress the importance of balance between the rights and obligations of the States that are part of the OAS. , they agree to promote positive incentives to secure the support of all Member States of the OAS to the Pact of San José. For this purpose agreed to appoint a delegation of Foreign Ministers of the States Parties to conduct direct negotiations with those States that are not part of the ACHR. In this framework, we will promote that the members of the Commission shall be elected among the nationals of the countries that have ratified the Convention.
2. To commit the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights to strengthen efforts to promote human rights through support to the national systems.
3. Summon all our countries as States Parties to fully assume the financing of the System, through the OAS regular budget and voluntary contributions from Member States of the Organization. Also may be considered voluntary, no conditional nor addressed contributions.
4. Based on the principle of the indivisibility of human rights, proposing that all the rapporteurs are considered and guarantee funding for the full implementation of the objectives of each.
5. Request the Secretary General to present a detailed analysis of the operating costs of the ISHR bodies.

6. Consider the convenience of the headquarters of the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights' to be located in a State Party to the American Convention of Human Rights.
7. Continue the convening of this Conference of States Parties to the American Convention of Human Rights, as a space for dialogue in this area.
8. Ecuador is delegated the coordination to perform the next Conference of States Parties and the configuration of the delegation of Foreign Ministers for the purposes mentioned in paragraph 1.