



THIRD CONFERENCE OF STATES PARTIES TO THE AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
DECLARATION OF MONTEVIDEO
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Reaffirming the political will that inspired the Declarations of Guayaquil and Cochabamba, adopted on March 11, 2013 and May 14, 2013 respectively, and committed to the spirit of deepening the process of strengthening the Inter-American Human Rights;

THE STATES PARTIES

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT: the analysis process initiated and the progress registered since 2013 in order to consolidate and improve the operating structure on which the Inter-American System on Human Rights is based.

RECOGNIZING: the opportunity and convenience of optimizing the structure and operation of existing bodies, according to their current circumstances, and adopt the necessary transformations and re-routed to improve the accessibility of the protection of human rights of all victims.

HIGHLIGHTING: the important consensus among the States Parties to the American Convention on Human Rights concerning the necessary universalizing of the Inter- American System on Human Rights, achieving a fair and proper balance between rights and responsibilities of all Member States of the OAS.

REAFFIRMING: our strong commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights of the peoples of our continent, from a holistic perspective and based on the principles of universality, indivisibility and interdependence.

HIGHLIGHTING: the commitment to the progressive development of human rights and with the Inter-American System as a genuine expression of the process of evolution.

WE DECIDE:

To reaffirm the agreements reached at the First and Second Conference of States Parties held in the Republic of Ecuador and the Plurinational State of Bolivia and agree on the following:

1. Receive and acknowledge the Report of the Working Group for the change of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) headquarters, prepared by the Government of the Republic of Ecuador and the Eastern Republic of Uruguay, which

was preliminarily presented and discussed during the Third Conference of States Parties to the American Convention on Human Rights.

2. Deepen such report in its legal, political, budgetary, regulatory and operational aspects, among others and the best ways to analyze, in line with the existing regulatory framework, gauge the consequences and requirements of a possible change of venue.
3. Request to the States Parties to express interest in permanently hosting the IACHR
4. Invite the IACHR to hold its sessions in the States Parties to the American Convention on Human Rights.
5. Readapt the integration of the Special Committee of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on behalf of the following regions: South America (Uruguay and Ecuador), the Caribbean (Haiti), Central America (Guatemala) and North America (Mexico, to be confirmed), with the assistance of the General Secretariat of the OAS, to comply with the mandate to contact the States that are not Part of the American Convention, in order to find alternatives that allow adherence to the Pact of San José de Costa Rica. The commission will be coordinated by Uruguay until the celebration of the Fourth Conference of States Parties and shall propose practical action to achieve the universality of the system.
6. Deepen, on behalf of the Special Committee of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the dialogue with Member States of the OAS that are not Part to the Inter American System of Human Rights and for that purpose, especially to continue the contacts initiated with the President Pro Tempore of the CARICOM to seek alternatives for the incorporation of the referral System.
7. Request to the General Secretariat of the OAS to conduct a study in order to analyze the legal impediments to the States that are not Part of the Convention for their incorporation into the inter-American System and to propose practical solutions.
8. Continue the undertaken efforts in order to extend the inquiry to the remaining Member States that are not Part of the Inter-American System and with the organized civil society as it was provided in paragraph 1 of the Declaration of Guayaquil.
9. Continue the dialogue to strengthen the Inter-American System of Human Rights, so that it can achieve equality and indivisibility in promoting, monitoring and ensuring human rights recognized in the Protocol of "San Salvador".
10. Create an open-ended Working Group to identify and recommend a new institutional framework for the current scheme for the IACHR Rapporteurs.

11. Recommend to the States Parties, members of UNASUR, to submit a progress report of the achievements presented in the Conference of States Parties to the American Convention on Human Rights at the next meeting of Heads of State of UNASUR and other Heads of State meetings.
12. Postpone the consideration of the item related to the Regulations of the Conference of States Parties to the American Convention on Human Rights for the next Conference to be held.
13. Greet and accept the initiative of the Republic of Haiti to host the Fourth Conference of States Parties to the American Convention on Human Rights.

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ⁱ The delegations of Mexico, Costa Rica and Panama reserve their position on the issues that are present in this Declaration until they are reviewed by the competent organs of the OAS, especially related to budgetary considerations.

The delegation of Paraguay also reserves its position and in addition takes into consideration that budgetary aspect.