



FOLLOW-UP MECHANISM OF THE
BELÉM DO PARÁ CONVENTION (MESECVI)
**SECOND SPECIAL CONFERENCE
OF THE STATES PARTY**
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**AGREEMENTS OF THE SECOND SPECIAL CONFERENCE OF STATE PARTY TO THE
MECHANISM TO FOLLOW UP ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN
CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN, “CONVENTION OF *BELÉM DO PARÁ*” (MESECVI)**

The States Party to the *Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women, Belém do Pará Convention*, gathered at the Second Special Conference of State Party to the MESECVI, on February 21st, 2018, in Washington D.C.;

RECALLING that in order to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention, the First Conference of State Party was held on October 26, 2004 at the headquarters of the Organization of American States (OAS), where the “Statute of the Mechanism to Follow Up on the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women, “Belém do Pará Convention” was adopted (MESECVI);

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

CONVINCED that strengthening the MESECVI requires the support of the State Parties in terms of human and/or financial resources, and in this sense the need to find funding alternatives that would allow the Mechanism to function adequately;

AGREE TO:

1. Reaffirm the commitment of the States to strengthen the MESECVI and the importance of the exchange of good practices and challenges in the implementation of the Belém do Pará Convention among all States Party in the Third Round of Multilateral Evaluation;
2. Approve the MESECVI Strategic Plan, document MESECVI-II-CE/doc.133/18.rev1, and request that the Technical Secretariat and the entities of the MESECVI follow up in the effective strengthening of the Mechanism;

3. Encourage the General Assembly to maintain and consolidate the increase in the budget allocation approved at the Forty-Seventh Regular Session of the General Assembly for the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM), which also acts as the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI, in accordance with the provisions of its Statute for the execution of the Strategic Plan of the MESECVI 2018-2023;
4. Urge States Party to make voluntary contributions, in accordance with their means, to ensure compliance of the foreseen tasks of the Strategic Plan of the MESECVI 2018-2023 of the Mechanism's Technical Secretariat, and ensure Experts' participation in the meetings of the Mechanism; to incentivize organizations and other public and private entities, both nationally and internationally, to contribute to the Mechanism;
5. Facilitate a meeting point between the MESECVI, competent authorities at the national level in the area of human trafficking, and regional integration mechanisms fighting human trafficking, in order to promote the permanent exchange of relevant information about women and the gender perspective in relation to this issue;
6. Encourage the presentation of a Draft Declaration on the regional challenges for the human rights of women in the Americas and the eradication of violence against women, to be considered within the framework of the 48th General Assembly of the OAS.