

*EXTRAORDINARY MEETING  
OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL OF THE IIN*

November 17 – 18, 2003  
Washington, D.C.

**CD/RES. 03 (E / 03)**

**INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION PROGRAM FOR THE PREVENTION  
AND REMEDY OF CASES OF INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION OF  
CHILDREN BY ONE OF THEIR PARENTS**

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

HAVING SEEN:

The Report of the Meeting of Government Experts on the International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents that was held in Montevideo, Uruguay, in August 2002;

The proposed Inter-American Cooperation Program for the Prevention and Remedy of Cases of International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents prepared by the Meeting of Experts;

Resolution CD/RES. 14 (78-R/03) adopted at the 78<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN that took place on 4-6 June, 2003, in Santiago, Chile;

The relevant Resolutions of the OAS General Assembly, particularly Resolution AG/RES. 1958 (XXXIII-O/03) adopted during the fourth plenary session of its XXXIII Regular Session held in Santiago, Chile, on 10 June 2003;

CONVINCED that the abduction of children by one of their parents is a problem that seriously affects their integral development and well-being and may tend to aggravate as a consequence of the growing movement of persons outside national borders in an increasingly global world, and

REITERATING that children's basic rights include their upbringing and growth under the protection and custody of their parents, as well as their ongoing personal relationship and direct contact with both parents on a regular basis, even when their parents reside in different states;

AWARE that in this Extraordinary Meeting of the Directing Council observations were made by the Delegations of the United States of America and the Republic of Argentina that can possibly be translated into consistent terms, although the lack of time makes it indispensable to establish a procedure for drafting a final document on the proposed Program.

RESOLVES:

- 1.- To create a Committee formed by an official from the Legal Program of the IIN and one Delegate from each state having up to that date observations on the last version of the Inter-American Cooperation Program for the Prevention and Remedy of Cases of International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents.
- 2.- To establish 30 November, 2003 as the last deadline for submitting observations in writing on the above mentioned document.
- 3.- This Committee will establish a working methodology and timetable to reach a resolution not later than 31<sup>st</sup> January, 2004 in order to submit the final document on the Inter-American Cooperation Program for the Prevention and Remedy of Cases of International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents to the Director General.
- 4.- The Director General will submit this final version for the analysis of the Permanent Council.
5. - To request the OAS Permanent Council to submit the results of its analysis for the consideration of the XXXIV Regular Session of the General Assembly and to inform on the compliance with the above mentioned Resolution.
- 6.- To entrust the Director General of the Inter-American Children's Institute to implement this Resolution and to prepare a Special Report on the Program to be submitted to the Directing Council of the IIN in 2004.