

**INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM OF COOPERATION TO PREVENT AND  
REMEDY CASES OF INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION OF CHILDREN  
BY ONE OF THEIR PARENTS**

In compliance with resolution AG/RES. 1891 (XXXII-0/02) <sup>1</sup>  
and resolution CD/RES. 16 (77-R/02) <sup>2</sup>

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

**HAVING SEEN:**

The Report of the 78<sup>th</sup> Session of the Directing Council of the IIN, “First Meeting of Government Experts on the International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents”;

**CONSIDERING:**

1. That in resolutions AG/RES.1835 (XXXI-O/01) and AG/RES. 1891 (XXXII-O/02) of the Organization of American States (OAS) the Inter-American Children's Institute is requested to convene a “Meeting of Government Experts on the International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents”;
2. That the Office of the Director General of the Inter-American Children's Institute convened the Meeting of Government Experts, which was held on August 12-13, 2002 at the IIN Headquarters in Montevideo, Uruguay, with the participation of nine member states of the Organization of American States (Argentina, Brazil, Chile, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Panama, Peru, the United States of America, and Uruguay), with a total of thirty accredited experts from these countries, as well as two experts from Spain and five observers from international agencies and non-governmental organizations;
3. That the mandate issued by the Meeting of Government Experts on the International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents was limited to suggest the enforcement of the operational mechanisms provided for in the relevant International Agreements;

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by the OAS General Assembly at its Thirty-second Regular Session, in the fourth plenary meeting held on June 4, 2002.

<sup>2</sup> Adopted by the Directing Council of the IIN at its 77<sup>th</sup> Regular Meeting, held on May 13-15, 2002.

4. That the Recommendations made by the Experts modify neither the principles nor the contents of these Agreements, but rather reinforce their operational nature within the framework of the Inter-American System.
5. That the International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents is a current situation in the Americas that makes it necessary to strengthen the Inter-American mechanisms for Member States' accession to these International Law instruments, as well as to implement national and Inter-American mechanisms to ensure their full compliance.
6. That, as a result of the "Meeting of Government Experts on the International Abduction of Children by one of their Parents," the participating experts prepared an "*Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Abduction of Children by One of their Parents.*"

**RESOLVES:**

1. To take note of the report of the Director General on the significant progress made in drafting the Inter-American Program to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Abduction of Children by One of Their Parents.
2. To request the General Assembly:
  - a) to take note of the significant progress made by the IIN on this important issue, and
  - b) to extend the mandates provided for in resolution AG/RES. 1891 until the 34<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the General Assembly in 2004.