

*77^a MEETING OF THE DIRECTING COUNCIL
OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE*

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CD/RES. 16 (77-R/02)

**MEETING OF EXPERTS ON INTERNATIONAL ABDUCTION OF MINORS
BY ONE OF THEIR PARENTS**

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL:

HAVING SEEN:

1. The Annual Report of the Inter-American Children's Institute to the General Assembly (CP.doc.3526);
2. General Assembly resolutions AG/RES 1835 (XXXI-O/01), "Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Abduction of Minors by One of Their Parents"; AG/RES. 1742 (XXX-O/00), "International Abduction of Minors by One of Their Parents"; and AG/RES.1691 (XXIX-O/99), "International Abduction of Minors by One of Their Parents";
3. The Plan of Action to strengthen democracy, create prosperity, and develop human potential, in particular, the section on children and adolescents, adopted at the Third Summit of the Americas, in Quebec City, Canada, on April 22, 2001;

CONSIDERING

That, in fulfillment of the mandate of the General Assembly, the Inter-American Children's Institute has offered to host the first meeting of government experts on the issue of the international abduction of minors by one of their parents, to be held at the headquarters of the IIN, on August 12 and 13, 2002;

and BEARING IN MIND:

1. The desirability of encouraging and intensifying cooperation in the Hemisphere on issues related to children and adolescents; and
2. The need to step up and intensify, through Inter-American cooperation activities, the efforts of Member States to prevent and remedy cases of international abduction of minors and promote their return,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Office of the Director General for offering to host the meeting of government experts on the topic of international abduction of minors by one of

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- their parents at the headquarters of the IIN, on August 12 and 13, 2002.
2. To request the Director General to make his best efforts to urge experts of all Member States to participate in the meeting.
 3. To recommend that, in fulfillment of the mandate of the General Assembly included in Resolution 1835 , the meeting consider developing an Inter-American cooperation program to prevent and remedy cases of international abduction of minors by one of their parents, with specific objectives, including the creation of a network for information exchange and cooperation among competent national organizations in the member states on different legal and regulatory aspects to prevent and remedy cases of abduction.
 4. To request the Director General to report to the Directing Council at its 78th Regular Meeting on the results of the meeting of experts.