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At the fifth regular meeting of the Executive Committee for 2002-2004, the delegation of Mexico expressed an interest in submitting to the Assembly for consideration the question of a possible amendment to the Regulations of the CIM that would change, if deemed advisable, the number of regular meetings held each year by the Executive Committee. The Permanent Secretariat of the CIM has prepared this document describing how this topic has evolved in the Regulations of the CIM and setting out a proposed amendment. As a result of this amendment, in the future the Assemblies would not have to consider the matter and adopt a resolution thereon to reduce, for budgetary reasons, the number of meetings established in the Regulations. This document also refers to mandates of the OAS General Assembly and the CIM Assembly of Delegates that have to do with this matter.

The Regulations and amendments thereto

1948 – Ninth International Conference of American States – Adoption of the Organic Statute of the Inter-American Commission of Women, Article 9 of which established that *"The Inter-American Commission of Women shall prepare its own regulations, which should conform to the provisions of this Statute."*

1949 – Sixth (Special) Assembly of Delegates – Adoption of the initial Regulations of the CIM. Item 1 of the chapter on the duties and functions of the Executive Committee established as a duty of the Executive Committee to "*meet monthly.*"

1951 – Seventh Assembly of Delegates – Article 13 (a) of Chapter III of the Regulations spelled out the duties and functions of the Executive Committee. It provided that the Executive Committee would hold **monthly meetings** (review of administrative and technical aspects), **semiannual meetings** (preparations for the Assemblies of Delegates, preparation of the budget, and consideration of the functioning of the Secretariat), and **special meetings** (consideration of the matters for which they were called).

1970 – Fifteenth Assembly of Delegates – Article 112 of Chapter XX, "REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS," provided that *"The Executive Committee shall hold a **regular meeting every three months** at the headquarters of the Commission, **for as long as it deems it advisable.** It may also hold special meetings when the Chairman or at least four of its members so request" (emphasis added).*

1982 – Twenty-first Assembly of Delegates – Under Title IV, Chapter XI, Regular and Special Meetings, Article 40, the Regulations provided that *"The Executive Committee shall hold a regular meeting* ***every three months*** *at the headquarters of the Commission, or in any country of the Americas if it so decides, for as long as it deems advisable. It may also hold special meetings when the President or at least four of its members so request" (emphasis added).*

1998 – Twenty-ninth Assembly of Delegates – Adopted resolution CIM/RES. 201/98 as well as the Regulations that are currently in force (Article 40 remains as adopted in 1982 but has simply been renumbered as Article 39).

Resolutions of the OAS General Assembly and the Assembly of Delegates of the CIM

In its resolution AG/RES. 537 (XI-O/81), the General Assembly decided that the organs, agencies, and entities should schedule their meetings in accordance with the budget, reducing if necessary the number and length of their meetings, even when there are regulatory provisions to the contrary.

Pursuant to that mandate, the CIM Assembly of Delegates adopted resolution CIM/RES. 54/82, in which, having considered the financial situation of the OAS, it resolved to authorize the President of the CIM as an exceptional measure for that one time in the 1982/1984 biennium, to convene three regular meetings per year of the Executive Committee.

Although this was an exceptional measure between 1984 and 2002, the Assemblies of Delegates of the CIM adopted successive similar resolutions authorizing the President of the Commission to convene fewer Executive Committee meetings than provided for in the Regulations.

Since the financial conditions that gave rise to those austerity measures have worsened and it is increasingly difficult to comply with the aforementioned regulatory provisions, the following amendment to the Regulations is hereby submitted to the Assembly:

> ***"Article 39. The Executive Committee shall hold a regular meeting <u>at least twice a year</u> at the headquarters of the Commission, or in any country of the Americas if it so decides, for as long as it deems advisable. It may also hold special meetings when the President or at least four of its members so request."***