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I. INTRODUCTION

In 2007, the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS) proclaimed 2010 as the Inter-American Year of Women,[1/] acknowledging the progress made and the challenges and obstacles to achieving full equality between men and women, as well as the pioneering role of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) as a political forum in the struggle for civil and political rights and for equal opportunities for men and women.

This initiative coincides with the celebration, in 2010, of the 15th anniversary of the entry into force of the Inter-American Convention for the Prevention, Punishment and Eradication of Violence against Women, "Convention of Belém do Pará" (March 5, 1995), the15th anniversary of the Declaration and Platform for Action of the Fourth World Conference on Women (Beijing, 1995), the 10th anniversary of the approval of the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of the Human Rights of Women and Gender Equity and Equality (IAP), the 10th anniversary of the adoption of the development goals and commitments arising from the Millennium Declaration of the General Assembly of the United Nations (New York, 2000), and United Nations Security Council Resolution 1325 (2000) on women, peace and security.

The purpose of this commemoration was to promote a wide-ranging mobilization in the Americas with a view to evaluate the achievements and the obstacles overcome in defense of the human rights of women and gender equity and equality, as well as to raise public awareness of gender issues. Thus, 2010 constitutes an opportunity for reflection, celebration and renewal of commitments to advance in achieving gender equality and empowerment of women in the Hemisphere.

A conceptual document for the Year[2/] was prepared underscoring the principal challenges for the political representation of women and their leadership of decision-making processes, and a list of priority activities was proposed, based on a needs assessment at the regional level.

In response to the Delegates' request for a logo for the Inter-American Year of Women, several designs were prepared and, in January 2010, the one that best represented the theme of the Year, incorporating suggestions made by the Delegates, was chosen. Subsequently, the CIM Secretariat authorized the use of the logo on all the Commission's documentation during 2010, and instructed that promotional materials be produced for distribution in the Region to the OAS national offices and the national mechanisms for the promotion of women.

II. ACTIVITIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN YEAR OF WOMEN WORKING GROUP

In keeping with the mandate of the Inter-American Year of Women, the General Committee established the Working Group to Prepare the Program of Activities for the Inter-American Year of Women (29 September 2009), chaired by the Alternate Delegate for Chile, Pamela Albornoz. The Chair of the Group asked the Permanent Secretariat of the CIM to serve as the Group's Technical Secretariat.

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1. The General Assembly adopted Resolution AG/RES. 2322 (XXXVII-O/07), during the thirty-seventh regular session.
2. See Annex 1.

The Working Group held two formal meetings (October 16 and November 17, 2009) and one informal meeting (November 3, 2009) to coordinate a program of activities that would take into consideration activities of the Organization, the subregions (COMMCA, REM, REMMA, and CARICOM) and the different countries. All member states interested in taking part in the preparations for this commemoration were invited to the meetings, together with specialized agencies.

The Working Group presented a work plan[3/] with specific initiatives to be implemented, including:

- The CIM Secretariat would prepare a document with a conceptual framework, the theme of which would be representative of the different states and develop the issue of "Women and Power," including building citizenship, respect for human rights, and democratic governance;
- The message should be the elimination of violence against women in all its forms;
- It should take into account the Convention of Belém do Pará;
- It should provide guidance.

In this context, letters were sent to the presidents of the Subregional Groups (Peru, Uruguay, Costa Rica, and CARICOM) asking them to forward information on the activities they would carry out to commemorate the event. Fifteen countries presented their national program: Argentina, Bahamas, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Haiti, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname and the United States of America.[4/]

In addition, invitations were extended to the following individuals to attend the meetings of the Working Group and to collaborate: the Director of the Department of International Affairs of the OAS Secretariat for External Relations, the Director of the Department of Cultural Affairs of the OAS Secretariat for External Relations, the Director of the OAS Press Department, and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO).

During the Working Group's informal meeting, the theme of the Inter-American Year of Women was decided based on the suggestions received. The proposal "Women and Power: for a world with equality" acknowledges the fact that, despite the achievements and the widespread and active participation of women, their access to power and their influence in the decision-making processes remains limited, even though it is recognized that the participation of women in all spheres of society, politics, and the economy is directly linked to recognition of and respect for human rights and is a requisite for democratic governance and inclusive and sustainable development. Subsequently, during the meeting on 17 November, this proposal was approved unanimously.

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3. G/GT/PAIM-2/09.
4. See Annex 2, or appendix 2 of the document CG/GT/PAIM-13/10 rev. 3 "Report of the Chair to the General Committee on the activities of the Working Group [to Prepare the Program of Activities for the Inter-American Year of Women]."

III. ACTIVITIES OF THE CIM

a) Roundtable

The Inter-American Year of Women was launched during the third regular session of the CIM Executive Committee by the XXII OAS Policy Roundtable, held in collaboration with the Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations.

The roundtable, which focused on the issue of Women and Power, assembled women politicians from several countries of the region to share their experiences and observations on leadership and participation in decision-making processes. Welcoming remarks were offered by the OAS Secretary General and the President of CIM. The Director of the OAS Department of International Affairs moderated the session. The following speakers took part in the panel discussion: Line Bareiro, Academic and Researcher, Center for Documentation and Studies of Paraguay; Irene Sandiford-Garner, Senator, Office of the Prime Minister-Minister of State, Barbados; Cecilia López Montano, Senator, Colombia; Otilia Lux de Cotí, Member of Congress, Guatemala, and Patricia Mercado, former candidate for the presidency of Mexico and President of the Alternative Social Democratic Party.

A question and answer session was held following the discussion, and then the CIM Executive Secretary gave the concluding remarks and closed the roundtable.

b) Publications

To increase the visibility of gender issues in the region and to support their incorporation into the hemispheric political agenda, the CIM Executive Secretariat, in collaboration with the OAS Department of International Affairs of the Secretariat for External Relations, prepared an agreement with the journal *Americas Quarterly* for the publication of an article on trafficking in women and transnational organized crime (April 2010).

c) Cultural events

During a meeting of the Working Group (17 November 2009), the delegations discussed the possibility of organizing an art exhibition or a film festival on gender. In keeping with this decision, the following cultural events were organized at the OAS headquarters:

- An exhibition of photography, *Girls, girls, girls*, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the OAS, assembled the work of several Colombian artists: Ana Belén Cantoni, Andrea Barrera, Lía García, Natalia López (La Reina), Camila Salgado and Verónica Moreno. The exhibition was inaugurated on 13 May 2010 with the participation of the Secretary General, the President of the CIM, Permanent Representatives, Observer Missions, and other international agencies.

- The film festival *Women / Power* was presented from October 5 to 15, 2010 in collaboration with the OAS Department of Cultural Affairs and the Art Museum of the Americas. Fifteen films from 14 countries of the region were screened, starting with the showing of *Arráncame la vida* (Mexico), with the presence of the author of

the book of the same name, Ángeles Mastreta. Yildalina Tatem Brache, the director of the film from the Dominican Republic, *Mujeres extraordinarias: Mujeres en el tiempo, mujeres sin tiempo*, was present for its showing. In addition, two of the films – *La teta asustada* from Peru and *Jogo de Cena* from Brazil – were followed by discussion sessions with the participation of the CIM Secretariat, as well as distinguished experts from the academic and cultural circles of Washington, D.C.

- The exhibition of caricatures, *Mujeres en su tinta*, sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Colombia to the OAS, assembled the work of several Colombian caricaturists: Consuelo Lago, Elena Ospina, Nani Mosquera, Martha Elena Hoyos and Martha Montoya. It was inaugurated on October 19, 2010 with the participation of permanent representatives, observer missions, and other international agencies.

d) Other activities

During 2010, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) organized the Safe Maternity Initiative, with which the CIM will collaborate. The initiative was launched on September 27 at the OAS headquarters with the participation of the Infanta Doña Cristina of Spain, the OAS Secretary General, the Director of PAHO, the Regional Director of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) for Latin America and the Caribbean, and the President of the CIM. From October 2010 to September 2011, the initiative seeks to contribute to the well-being of the region's women and children and to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals, in particular Goal 4, "Reduction of child mortality" and Goal 5 "Reduction of maternal mortality" by means of the following activities:

- Photography exhibition on Safe Maternity in Washington D.C. and launch of the Initiative (on 27 September).
- Competition on good practice to reduce maternal, neonatal, and under-five mortality.
- Regional Photography Competition in countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- National and regional symposiums to strengthen the role of health care personnel, civil society organizations, legislators, judges and other actors in raising awareness about information produced by PAHO/WHO on sexual and reproductive health and the binding human rights instruments that protect the enjoyment of sexual and reproductive health and other human rights of women.
- Establishment of a community of practice to share and disseminate information on the joint activities.
- Publication and distribution of the photographs and best practices of the countries.

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NATIONAL ACTIVITIES TO CELEBRATE THE INTER-AMERICAN YEAR OF WOMEN

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Argentina
Office for Women's Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Argentina **February**: 1. Participation in the launch of the Inter-American Year of Women and in the Executive Committee of the CIM, Washington, D.C. 2. Participation in the 54th session of the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. New York **April**: 3. Commemoration of International Women's Day: Presentation of the book "First Regional Workshop for the Development of a Gender Policy in the Context of Peace Operations and Humanitarian Assistance," on the 10th anniversary of United Nations Security Council resolution 1325. Tribute to women BLUE HELMET and WHITE HELMET participants in Haiti. Token gift symbolic of the topic of women, peace, and security. Buenos Aires **June:** 4. MERCOSUR Specialized Meeting on Women. Buenos Aires, June 2-4. **July:** 5. Participation in the XI Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean of ECLAC. Brasilia. **Second half:** 6. Participation in the MERCOSUR Specialized Meeting on Women. Brazil. 7. Assembly of Delegates of the CIM. 8. Activity for International Day of Non-violence against Women

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National Council of Women

In addition to the monthly activities below, the National Council of Women is focusing on regulation of Law 26.485 on *Integral protection to prevent, punish, and eradicate violence against women taking place in the context of interpersonal relations*; on the design and preparation of the National Action Plan for preventing, responding to, and eradicating violence against women; and on the development and launching of the Observatory on Violence. These activities constitute the Council's priorities this year.

February:

9. Workshop on dissemination and heightening public awareness of National Law 26485 on *Integral protection to prevent, punish, and eradicate violence against women taking place in the context of interpersonal relations.* Bahía Blanca.

March – December:

10. March 8, International Women's Day. Buenos Aires.
11. Marathon "*Forging a Violence-Free Path and Advocating for Our* Rights" on Our Way to the Bicentennial, March 8, 2010. Buenos Aires.
12. Presentation of the final product of the Ad Honorem Advisory Rules Committee and Consultative Council for Law 26485 on *Integral protection to prevent, punish, and eradicate violence against women taking place in the context of interpersonal relations.* Buenos Aires.
13. Provincial meetings as part of the Territorial Strategy for support for and implementation of Law 26485 (Bill ARG 09/016) and the Institution-Building Program to be held in: Tucumán, Chaco, Santa Cruz, San Juan, Salta, La Rioja, Jujuy, Neuquén, Formosa, Santa Fe, Córdoba, Entre Ríos, and Corrientes.

June:

14. Meeting of provincial representatives on the Federal Council of Women under the National Council of Women. Buenos Aires.

October:

15. Provincial meetings as part of the Territorial Strategy for support for and implementation of Law 26485 (Bill ARG 09/016) and the Institution-Building Program. Córdoba.

November:

16. November 25, Activity for International Day of Non-violence against Women Buenos Aires.

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Tripartite Commission on Equal Treatment and Opportunity in the Labor Market (CTIO) of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security

The activities below are part of the 2010 National Equal Opportunity Plan.

February– November:

17. Series "Equal Opportunity Notebooks": Plans exist to issue a publication on CTIO activities, along with information and articles on equal opportunity in the labor market.

March– June:

18. National Outreach Campaign: "Equity in the labor force."
19. Recognition of Domestic Work: Given that in 2010 the ILO focused on the working conditions of domestic workers as one of its main topics, two workshops were held: to disseminate the ILO report on those workers and to develop an Action Plan regionally together with the provincial CTIOs.
20. "Strategic Regional Planning Workshop," Northeast, Central, and Cuyo Regions, La Plata

July – December:

21. Establishment of Provincial Tripartite Commissions
22. Labor Union Quota Law: Public-awareness workshops in the provinces with CTIO to promote and ensure implementation of the law. / Media-based public-awareness campaigns to promote implementation of the Labor Union Quota Law approved in 2002 and to defend the right of women and men to equal participation in labor union organizations.

Ministry of Defense of the Nation

Throughout 2010, the Gender Policy Office, which is under the National Office for Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law of the Ministry of Defense, has been working in the following areas, in keeping with the Ministry of Defense's gender planning:

23. **Council on Gender Policies for Defense – Ministerial Resolution 247/07**
    The Council consists of representatives from the Armed Forces, civil society, academia, and various state agencies. In 2010, it will continue its activities and monthly meetings in the Ministry of Defense, in the capacity of a genuine advisory body. The working agenda will be based on the results of the survey conducted in 2009 on incorporation of women into the Armed Forces. Likewise, outreach will be carried out, including activities within the Armed Forces and participation in interagency seminars and workshops.

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24. **Gender Offices Created by Ministerial Resolution No. 1160/08. Regulation, operations, and Protocol for Care, created by Ministerial Resolution No.1238/09** The Gender Offices of the Armed Forces are an institutional space for military personnel to communicate with one another, air disputes, and receive guidance. Their function is to provide counseling for professional development to both men and women on an equal footing. Work is expected to be conducted in three main areas: dissemination, training, and consolidation of Gender Offices. 25. **Coordination with various state agencies in the design and execution of dissemination, sensitization, and training plans, programs, and actions to mainstream gender into public policy design in the defense sector.** Throughout 2010, the Ministry of Defense will participate in the inter-ministerial panel that, in compliance with Law No. 26.485, was convened by the National Council of Women. 26. **Plan of Action in the Defense Area for Gender Mainstreaming in International Peacekeeping Operations (Ministerial Resolution 1226/08)** In 2010, activities will continue to be coordinated through the Working Group for Assessment and Analysis of Measures and Actions for effective gender mainstreaming in international peacekeeping operations. 27. **National Plan for Preschools and Responsible Parenthood** **Measures initiated in 2008 will be continued through 2010 with regard to the Plan's three main objectives:** (1) building new facilities and expanding existing ones; (2) assessing needs and the demand for new preschools; and (3) overseeing existing preschool building conditions and staff working conditions. 28. **Joint Work Plan to Promote a Comprehensive Policy for Detecting, Responding to, and Recording Cases of Domestic Violence within the Armed Forces** The 2010 activities under said plan will focus on reinforcing: - Training for professionals who make up existing interdisciplinary teams as well as professions in the health, social work, and legal areas of the Armed Forces - Raising awareness among members of the Armed Forces and their families - Setting up new violence response teams - Plan on Sexual and Reproductive Health within the Armed Forces: In the framework of Ministerial Resolution 28/10 consistent with Law 25.673, which sets up the National Sexual Health and Responsible Procreation Program, and Law 26.150, which sets up the National Comprehensive Sex Education Program, activities will be held within the Armed Forces to promote sexual and reproductive rights. 29. **Gender-related publications of the National Office of Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law planned for 2010** - **"**Gender Equity and Defense. A Policy Moving Forward" - "Gender and the Armed Forces" - The report "Women in the Armed Forces"

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Bahamas
February: 1. Attend the Official Launch of the OAS/CIM Inter-American Year of Women, Washington, D.C. (CIM) **March 1st-12th:** 2. National Delegation participates in the United Nations 54th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (including NGOs & College/High school students) 3. Launch of a Family Life Program designed to build stronger families by promoting better inter-personal relationships (including conflict resolution) among young adults, their parents and their peers. Venue for pilot: Georgetown, Exuma 4. Public Forums Highlighting CEDAW and The Bahamas' Report to the CEDAW Committee 5. Women in the Arts Participants: Various Artists & Craft Vendors Exhibition: Malls/Central Bank Establish: Hall/Wall of Fame **June**: 6. National Delegation will attend the 9th Meeting of Commonwealth Ministers of Women's Affairs, Venue: Barbados 7. Conference on Women in Politics and other Topics, Culminating with a Gala Ball, Establish: Women's Political Caucus at COB **November 25th:** 8. Observe the International Day to End Violence Against Women **November**: 9. "National Women's Week" – Recognizing the 48th Anniversary of Enfranchisement Honorary Luncheon: Women nominated from throughout the archipelago will be honored for their contributions in different areas

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Brazil
April: During the celebrations of e Black Women Latin America and Caribbean Day (25 April), there will be an event relating to Inter-American Year of Women. **July:** A ceremony relating to Inter-American Year of Women will be held in Brasilia on July 13, 2010, as part of the opening ceremony of the XI Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean. The event includes a video presentation paying tribute to women whose lives have marked significant milestones in history and for regional culture. There will also be a musical presentation on the topic.
Chile
February: 1. Production of a video for the launch, which would feature a diversity of women, interviews with former presidents, especially those that participated in the Belém do Pará process. 2. Hosting of a major press conference in the regions, to announce the start of Inter-American Year of Women and to publicize national activities and major landmarks. 3. Participation in the launch of Inter-American Year of Women and in the Executive Committee of CIM in Washington 4. Participation in the 54th session on the Legal and Social Status of Women, in New York. **March**: 5. Ceremony for International Women's Day, linked to the OAS' Inter-American Year of Women. **May**: 6. Ceremony within the framework of International Worker's Day, linked to Inter-American Year of Women. Example: "I work among equals…"

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Promotional campaign to support gender equality in the workplace. **July**: 7. Joint activity with the United Nations in Santiago (UNDP, UNFPA, ECLAC, etc.) on women and power. Example: Festival of arts and citizenship, based on the theme of "women as seen by women." 8. Participation in the XI regional conference on women of Latin America and the Caribbean. **September**: 9. Hosting of an activity in every region. Example: Broadcast on the achievements of women of the Americas. 10. Participation in the Conference of States Parties to the MESECVI in Guatemala. **November**: 11. Participation in the Regular Assembly of the CIM in Mexico. 12. Hosting of a ceremony for International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, linked to the OAS' Inter-American Year of Women. Example: Marathon to defend the "life" of women. Closing activity.
Colombia
February-March **1. Participation in the inauguration of the Inter-American Year of Women and in the CIM Executive Committee, Washington.** **2. Participation in United Nations meetings to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the Beijing conference and the 54th meeting of the CSW, New York.** **3. International Women's Day: Sixth anniversary of the "National Agreement for Gender Equity," report on progress and challenges, Bogotá.** **June 21 to 28: Cali, Valle** • **EXPOEMPRESARIA 2010: capital of women entrepreneurs in Colombia:** **a) VII National Fair of Women Entrepreneurs;**

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b) International Forum of Leaders and Women Entrepreneurs; **c) National credit roundtable for women;** **d) Meeting of women entrepreneurs in education;** **e) Report of the Labor Council for women on progress in the agenda for labor equality;** **f) EXPOEMPREARIA show,** **g) National meeting of inter-agency teams for eradication of violence against women.** **<u>July: Brazil</u>** **XI Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean.** **<u>November:</u>** **CIM Assembly of Delegates: Mexico.** International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women **(forum on progress and setbacks)**
Dominica
<u>January</u>: Official launching of 2010 as the Inter-American Year of Women Launch of Photography Competition (national level) Launch of the Gender Mainstreaming Manual **<u>January – December</u>:** Education and awareness on international conventions, national legislations promoting women's rights and gender equality, stereotypes of men's and women's roles in society, importance of gender-sensitive approaches in national plans: for public and civil societies, to include schools, judiciary, law enforcement, general public, academia, etc; through the use of newspaper articles, panel discussions, television media and consultations **<u>March</u>:** Observance of International Women's Day **<u>November</u>:** Observance of International Day to Reject Violence against Women

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<u>December</u>: Observance of World AIDS Day Observance of Human Rights Day
Dominican Republic
• National seminar with government officials; • Meeting with legislative officials; • Event with municipal officials; • Meeting with civil society; • Participation in international events. Details and nature of these activities are pending.
Ecuador
The Principal Delegate to the CIM reported that for the whole of 2010 the priority national strategy would be a "Mass Media Campaign on Violence against Women" and that the Inter-American Year of Women would be part of that. That decision had been taken not only to mark the decision to declare 2010 as the Inter-American Year of Women but also in order to reposition the Convention of Belém do Pará on the national public agenda as the only Convention of its kind in the world.
Haiti
The overall objective of National Program of the Haitian Government for Inter-American Year of Women 2010 is to promote the development of Haitian women and to improve the legal framework for gender equality and access for women to decision-making in Haiti. The specific objectives of the program are to: • Expand gender relations analysis; • Ensure that all public policies and all state programs and projects take gender relations into account; • Help reduce poverty by increasing income for women in rural and urban areas; • Redress the harm done to women and girls by weaknesses in the implementation of a policy to combat specific forms of violence, amending

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anti-discrimination laws with respect to women; • Conduct a systematic policy to promote the participation of women in decision-making; and • Promote, through education and awareness programs, non-sexist behavior by the population. The Ministry's actions will revolve around 4 areas: 1) Promotion and establishment of a gender equality policy 2) Amending the laws and promoting equality laws 3) Building economic capacity for women 4) Promoting the participation of women in decision-making Expected outcomes include: • The gender equality policy is implemented and enforced; • The situation of women is improved; • Women's rights are strengthened; • Judicial and legal processes regarding women's rights and gender equality are revised; • Decision-makers and the public are sensitized and educated about discrimination and sexism. The Haitian Government plans to undertake, through the MWAWR, a series of actions within the 4 priority areas in order to achieve the desired results. Selected actions include: I. Promotion and implementation of a gender equality policy (promotion of gender relations analysis, drafting and preparation of the gender equality law, and establishment of an Observatory on Parity) II. Amendment of laws and promotion of equality laws (Definition and strengthening of the legal and regulatory framework of women's rights, Harmonization of laws/revision of codes (civil, labor, criminal, trade), Drafting of bills on coverage, responsible fatherhood, and domestic work, Incorporation of more women into judicial institutions, Drafting of bill on quotas in politics) III. Economic capacity-building for women (Involvement of women in income-generating activities, Recapitalization of women farmers, Promotion of female entrepreneurship in non-traditional fields, Recognizing the contribution of women, Conception and establishment of information and training centers for women, Strengthening of networks and associations of women in agriculture and livestock, Monitoring implementation of the quota of at least 1/3 of women in programs and projects) IV. Promoting the participation of women in decision-making bodies (Empowerment of women in decision- making, Establishment of departmental women's support networks. Strengthening associations that coach women at the local level).

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Mexico
Campaigns: • **March 8.** INMUJERES commemorates International Women's Day. • **November 25.** As part of International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, INMUJERES has campaigned to combat violence against women. • Prevention of entry of women into drug trafficking. INMUJERES engage in a campaign that spread by direct means which are the main techniques to lure women and introduce them in this crime. Outreach projects: • Supplement for All Women. This is a monthly supplement in the *Milenio* newspaper specializing in women's issues. Space will be devoted to the promotion of Inter-American Year of Women. • Information capsules on Mexican Radio Institute (IMER) stations. Space will be devoted to the promotion of Inter-American Year of Women, through interviews and capsules in the IMER network's programs. • Internal newsletter of INMUJERES, the monthly newsletter of the Institute, and will publicize Inter-American Year of Women and the various activities planned for its celebration. • Film festival "Untamed Women." Annual film festival with rotating venues, Inter-American Year of Women will be proposed as the central theme of the festival. • Guadalajara International Book Fair (FIL). Promotion of Inter-American Year of Women through the INMUJERES "stand" at the FIL. • INMUJERES Website. Space is devoted to Inter-American Year of Women throughout the year with relevant information such as the logo, concept paper, and activities. http://www.inmujeres.gob.mx • Website of the Strategic Platform for Political Equality. http://enlamira.inmujeres.gob.mx Events: • Third International Seminar "Media responsibility in eradicating violence against women and girls." • Training in the area of gender violence in media for indigenous women. • Media awareness. • Meetings in areas of social communication by state mechanisms for the advancement of women and INMUJERES. • Awareness for social communication officers of the Federal Civil Service.

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• Awards presentation for non-sexist advertising, by the INMUJERES Social Communication Media Observatory. • Workshops to be organized as part of the "Training Program for the strengthening of women leaders." • Training events in political participation, mainly for heads of municipal women's affairs institutions. • Regional workshops for women candidates for elected office, for the purpose of equipping them with tools to improve their chances of winning in the various contests.
Panama
February 18: Celebration of the CIM's 82nd anniversary – Inauguration of the Inter-American Year of Women and March 2010. Executive Committee in Washington: • Hold a forum on a substantive issue for women, such as: political participation—democracy, governance, and gender violence: administration of justice and human rights. **March 8 – International Women's Day**: • Participation in the Congress of Nagbes Bugles Indigenous Women (Kusapin). • Anniversary of the National Women's Institute (INAMU): ➢ News conference, participation of the media; ➢ Mural painting and speech contests (intermediate, high school, and university level); ➢ Ceremony to recognize outstanding women in the area of political participation and gender; ➢ Presentation to the National Women's Council, women's groups, Executive Committee of INAMU, and media on the progress report and regional agreements "Human rights of women, equality, and gender equity." Presentation on national research: gender profile and domestic labor; ➢ Distribution to the women's network of materials on the Inter-American Year of Equal Opportunity ➢ Dissemination of the gender agreements of the special summit of the presidents and chiefs of state of Central America, the Dominican Republic, and Belize (Gender, Integration, and Development) SICA-COMMCA. **June: – Participation in the XI Regional Conference on Women in Brazil**: • Launching of the magazine *Mujeres* [Women] of the National Women's Institute, highlighting the Inter-American Year; • Appointment of the Panamanian delegation to the conference in Brazil; • Media support.

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September: Participation of the INAMU delegation en Guatemala in the meeting of the MESECVI. **October**: • Forum on Executive Autonomy, Democracy, and Governance in the framework of the International Day of the Rural Woman. **November**: • November 25: International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women: ➢ Participation of the INAMU delegate in the Assembly of Delegates in Mexico; ➢ Forum and walkathon to commemorate the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women; ➢ Meeting of local networks for prevention of domestic violence and promotion of a culture of peace. **December**: • December 5: National Rural Women's Fair in coordination with the Ministry of the Presidency of the Republic through the Hon. Martha Linares de Marinelli, First Lady of the Republic, and women's organizations.
Peru
National programming to be carried out by the Ministry of Women and Social Development (MINDES): • Use protocolary acts/opportunities or celebrations to commemorate the Inter-American Year of Women. • Give oral and written publicity to the international conventions and domestic legislation that promote women's human rights, gender equality, and the elimination of violence against women in all forms and places. • Hold discussion forums and/or workshops with the various levels and branches of government to analyze the legislation and eliminate all discriminatory practices or those based on stereotypes of the roles of men and women. • Hold discussion forums and training workshops for court personnel and other public officials on topics related to best practices for combating impunity in violence against women and facilitating their access to justice. • Honor and recognize women responsible for milestones in the progress of women's rights, and/or women and civil society organizations that have been pioneers advancing women's rights or are making or have made a significant contribution to the protection and consolidation of these rights (this activity will be carried out by awarding the Order of Merit to Women, currently being planned by MINDES).
Suriname
National Programming which will be carried out by the Ministry of Home Affairs of Suriname.

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The activities are: • Participation in international events such as the 54th Session of the CSW meeting in March 2010 in New York and the XI Regional Conference on Women in Latin America and the Caribbean (UN/ECLAC), July 2010 in Brazil. • Finalizing research and disseminate the findings of the research "Gender equality, gender relations and the position of women in Suriname, a Situation Analysis, April 2010 and disseminate the findings. • Celebration of the International Day of Women, March 2010 by honoring women who have made a significant contribution to the promotion of women's rights. • Disseminate international conventions (CEDAW and Belém do Para) and national legislation promoting women's rights and gender equality and seeking to eradicate all forms of violence against women. • Carry out a research on the contribution of men and women to the economy in relation to paid and unpaid work (Time Use Survey). • Public discussion on the ratification of the Optional Protocol of the CEDAW Convention.
United States
February: February 18: Inter-American Day of Women Late February: CIM Launching of OAS celebration of 2010 as Year of Woman **March**: Women's History Month March 1-10: CSW in NYC 15th Anniversary of Beijing +15 March 8: International Women's Day March 8-12 Secretary Clinton's International Women of Courage Award, plus week-long program for awardees during which they will meet with NGOs, U.S. officials, media, think tanks, legislators, potential White House event. **May**: HHS Women's Health week, possible event with PAHO, PEPFAR **September**: Hispanic Heritage Month, event highlighting contributions of Hispanic women in the United States

ACTIVITIES PROGRAMMED
November-December: November 25-Dec. 10: International Day for the Elimination of Violence and the 16-Day Campaign 10th Anniversary of UNSCR 1325 Date TBD **Other Potential Activities:** **Violence Against Women:** Review U.S. position on Belém do Para; Dept. of Justice is working on National VAW Advisory Committee Charter **Women's economic opportunity and entrepreneurship:** Work with Small Business Administration and women's office at Dept. of Labor **STEM (**Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) **Initiative:** White House Office on Women and Girls program to promote women and girls in science and technology education, raise awareness of need to integrate women into this field with a highlight on green technology and environment. **Designate Week of the Woman in Washington, D.C.**: In collaboration with local D.C. women's organizations and mayor's office, designate a week to highlight contributions of Hispanic and Caribbean women to local culture, politics, economy, and social life. Possibly tie in event to one of the D.C. sponsored cultural festivals, (Caribbean festival in June or Adams Morgan Festival in September)