
AGENDA

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS ON
ACCESS TO PUBLIC INFORMATION

[AG/RES. 2514 (XXXIX-O/09) and AG/RES. 2607 (XL-O/10)]

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General Assembly resolutions AG/RES. 2514 (XXXIX-O/09), "Access to Public Information: Strengthening Democracy," and AG/RES. 2607 (XL-O/10), "Model Inter-American Law on Access to Public Information," instruct the Permanent Council, in the framework of its Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, to convene in the second half of 2010 a special meeting, with the participation of the Member States, the General Secretariat, and representatives of civil society, to examine the possibility of preparing an inter-American program on access to public information, bearing in mind the Recommendations on Access to Public Information (CP/CAJP-2599/08), presented to the CAJP on April 24, 2008, and taking into account the Model Inter-American Law on Access to Public Information and any observations that the Member States may submit thereon.

The Special Meeting will be held on December 7, 2010.

I. Opening Session

Opening of the meeting, procedural and substantive background to the issue of access to public information and organization of the meeting.

II. OAS work on Access to Public Information

A. Principles on Access to Public Information

Presentation of the principles on access to public information approved by the Inter-American Juridical Committee at its 73rd regular session, held August 4-14, 2008 (CJI/RES 147 (LXXIII-O/08))

B. Recommendations on Access to Public Information

Presentation of recommendations on access to public information contained in the study organized by the Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs (CP/CAJP-2599/08) and presented to the CAJP on April 24, 2008. [AG/RES. 2514, operative paragraph 8.a]

C. Best Practices on Access to Public Information

Presentation of responses to the questionnaire on legislation and best practices on access to public information (CP/CAJP-2608/08). [AG/RES. 2514, operative paragraph 8(b)]

D. Model Inter-American Law on Access to Public Information and Implementation Guide

Presentation of the Model Inter-American Law on Access to Public Information (CP/CAJP-2840/10 corr.1), the Implementation Guide (CP/CAJP-2841/10), and comments by the member states. [AG/RES. 2607, operative paragraph 2]

III. Recommendations on Protection of Personal Data

Presentation of the study and recommendations on protection of personal data. [AG/RES. 2418, operative paragraph 10, and AG/RES. 2514, operative paragraph 11]

IV. Inter-American program on access to public information

Discussion on the possibility of preparing an inter-American program on access to public information, in the framework of the Organization of the Organization of American States. [AG/RES. 2514 operative paragraph 8.a and AG/RES. 2607, operative paragraph 2]

V. Closing Session

Conclusions of the meeting and next steps on the issue of access to public information within the inter-American system.