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against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination
and Intolerance

Summary of the meeting of October 23, 2009

The Working Group met under the chairmanship of the Alternate Representative of Colombia, Sandra Lucía Mikan Venegas, to consider the items on the order of business (CAJP/GT/RDI-122/09).

At the start of the meeting, the Chair once again thanked all the representatives of the member states who had placed their trust in her for her election.

She recalled how the subject had evolved in the context of the OAS General Assembly and mentioned, in particular, that in resolution AG/RES. 2501 (XXXIX-O/09), “Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance,” the Assembly held in San Pedro Sula, Honduras, had instructed the Working Group to continue negotiations on that draft Convention, taking into account the progress set forth in document CAJP/GT/RDI-57/07 rev. 11, “Consolidated Document: Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance,” as well as document CAJP/GT/RDI-112/09 rev. 1, “Table Incorporating Proposals from Member States on the Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance”; and “in keeping with the work plan and working procedure to be adopted by the Group as it begins its activities.”

She pointed out that that was the framework for the Group’s 2009-2010 mandate and said that later on, when the draft work plan is reviewed, there would be an opportunity to address each of the topics in greater detail and focus on working procedures for making headway with each of them.

1. Election of the Vice Chair of the Working Group

The Alternate Representative of Bolivia, William Torres Armas, was elected by acclamation Vice Chair of the Working Group to Prepare a Draft Inter-American Convention against Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance. His candidacy had been presented by the delegation of Brazil and seconded by Guatemala. This election was left *ad referendum* of the Working Group itself, for a subsequent meeting with the mandatory quorum.

2. Consideration of the Draft Work Plan for 2009-2010 (CAJP/GT/RDI 21/09)

The Group's work plan, as set forth in document CAJP/GT/RDI- 21/09, was adopted without change.

3. Other business

The Chair thanked the delegations for attending and emphasized the need for punctuality to enable the Group to address the topics to be dealt with in the time allotted for its meetings.

There being no further comments, the meeting was adjourned.