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### SUMMARY MINUTES OF THE THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE CIM 2022-2025

On June 21, 2023 at 2:01 p.m. EST, Panama, from its Presidency of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States (OAS), declared open the Third Regular Session of the Executive Committee of the CIM 2022-2025, in the facilities of the main headquarters of the OAS, with virtual participation as well. The Principal Delegate and Minister of Social Development of Panama, María Inés Castillo, chaired the session. This Third Regular Session was attended by all members of the CIM Executive Committee of the current period: Panama (Presidency), Chile, El Salvador and Saint Lucia (Vice-Presidencies), and Antigua and Barbuda, Brazil, Canada, Honduras and Uruguay (Members) , thus constituting the quorum of five Member States necessary for the Committee to begin its deliberations.

The President began by welcoming all the Delegates present and participating virtually. She expressed her pleasure at being able to meet in person, thanking them for their commitment and efforts dedicated to the agenda for gender equality. Subsequently, she thanked the Delegates for being present at this Third Regular Session and invited them to introduce themselves. The Principal Delegate of Honduras, in her presentation, shared with the session that the country is currently facing a difficult context, since last Tuesday, June 20, when a riot occurred inside the Tamara prison in her country, in which more than 40 women died. The Delegates agreed to adopt an expression of solidarity and support in this regard. Afterwards, the President introduced the new Minister of Women of Panama, Juana Herrera Araúz, who briefly spoke about the progress and challenges of the agenda for gender equality in her country in terms social dynamics, parity and representation, as well as in legislation.

Continuing with the session, as Item 1 of the Agenda, the President proposed for consideration the Draft Agenda (CIM/CD/doc.12/23) and Organization of Work (CIM/CD/doc.13 /23) of the meeting.<sup>1</sup> The Principal Delegate of Chile requested that an additional item be added to the agenda referring to “Strengthening hemispheric work to stop trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation.” The Committee agreed to include this additional point and continued with the revised Agenda.

The session continued with Item 2 of the Agenda, the presentation of the Activity Report of the Executive Secretariat of the CIM and the Financial Status (CIM/CD/doc.14/23). The Presidency gave the floor to the Executive Secretary of the CIM, Alejandra Mora Mora, to present the report.

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<sup>1</sup> All documents considered or presented at the meeting are available at:  
<https://www.oas.org/en/cim/committee.asp>

The Executive Secretary began by thanking all the delegations for their presence. She emphasized the need to pay attention to the mandates of previous sessions of the Committee and other bodies, and how these are being fulfilled.

In relation to Agreement 2 of the Second Regular Session of the Committee on the draft declaration of the inter-American decade for the rights of rural women, the Executive Secretary explained that this draft had been extensively negotiated by the States during the preparatory phase of the 53rd General Assembly of the OAS and that a non-agreed version had been submitted for consideration by the General Committee of said Assembly (AG/CG/doc.7/23). She explained that the draft Declaration remained without consensus due to the diverse positions of the States around concepts such as *intersectionality* and/or *diversity*; *women* and/or *all women*, among others. The Executive Secretary invited those present to seek reflection and agreements on the concepts to be used, and recalled that these must correspond to universal and inter-American standards. The OAS has a deep network of inter-American instruments and standards related to the selection of language and concepts, and where to place them; which can serve to build consensus within the organization. The President of the CIM complemented by saying that it is of great importance that the CIM establishes clear agreements on the use of language.

Following up on Agreement 3 on the mobilization of specific resources, the Executive Secretary addressed the issue of prioritization of project proposals prepared around the lines of work contained in the Strategic Plan 2022-2026. The Secretary stressed the importance of proposals to mobilize funds, since, as previously mentioned, the CIM needs sufficient resources to continue with its functions. The Secretary took the opportunity to thank Canada for its valuable support and contribution with resources for the project “Feminist Partnerships to Strengthen the Agenda for Gender Equality,” which will be implemented over the next five years (2023- 2028). This project will give a great boost to the agenda for gender equality and women's rights, as well as coordination with key actors from civil society, government, academia, and philanthropy. Additionally, this project will analyze the resistance movements to the advancement of the gender agenda. The aim is to place the discussions and issues of the agenda for gender equality at the center. The Secretary shared that yesterday, Tuesday, June 20, 2023, a meeting had been held with women's rights organizations, which was very helpful in strengthening alliances and meeting the project's objectives.

Furthermore, in follow-up to Agreement 4 on the renewal of the Executive Secretary of the CIM for an additional period, she expressed her deep appreciation for the opportunity to extend her tenure, which had already been approved by the OAS Department of Human Resources. The start date will be August 16 of this year, with August 15, 2027, as the end date. This is the only extension period.

The Executive Secretary moved on to the point of the Declaration of Concern about the Situation of Women and Girls in Afghanistan and Iran (CIM/CD/doc.3/22 rev.1) that was adopted virtually in the period immediately following the Second Regular Session. The Secretary highlighted that it was the first time that this type of declaration was made by the Executive Committee of the CIM, so it constitutes an important precedent to declare on issues that require a position, without waiting for the holding of a General Assembly of the OAS or an Assembly of Delegates of the CIM.

Regarding the celebration of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Regular Session of the OAS General Assembly (June 21, 22 and 23 of this year), the Executive Secretary of the CIM, following up on Agreement 5 of positioning the

95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the CIM and gender issues in all spaces in the General Assembly, emphasized the importance of the role of the CIM during these periods. For this event, the CIM had organized several activities:

- The meeting with women's and feminist organizations within the framework of the project "Feminist partnerships to strengthen the agenda for gender equality," which had taken place the previous day (June 20) at the Canadian Embassy,
- A presentation and round-table on technology-facilitated (digital) gender-based violence, organized by the Follow-up Mechanism to the Belém do Pará Convention (MESECVI) on the path towards the development of a Model Law on this topic, which also took place on June 20,
- Another activity that would take place that same day, June 21 after the Executive Committee session was the presentation of the Declaration of the Situation of Women, Adolescents and Girls with Disabilities in the Efforts to Eliminate Gender-Based Violence, an event also organized by MESECVI,
- Likewise, that same day, the inauguration of the "Women who transform the Americas" space would take place, located in the facilities of the main OAS building in Washington DC. This space, the Secretary stressed, will function as a vindication of the historical contributions of women to the democracies of all the countries of the continent. She emphasized that making contributions to progressive cultural change means that it is necessary to make women and their position throughout history visible, which is one of the objectives of this activity. The opening of spaces like this contributes to these processes and is an important event within the framework of the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the OAS.
- The next day, June 22, 2023, the event "Breaking the mold: New approaches to political leadership from the voices of women in the Americas" would be taking place, in which an analysis of the women's leadership and subsequently the conclusions that arise from them will be presented, with the participation of the former President of Chile, Michelle Bachelet, and the Ministers of the Executive Committee present in Washington

Finally, the Secretary returned to pointing out the need to commemorate the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary within the same spaces of the CIM. She mentioned that events have been held to commemorate the 95 years of the CIM in Argentina and in Saint Lucia. In addition, the preparation and management of events for the anniversary is also being carried out in Uruguay and Panama. The Secretary expressed the possibility of extending these commemoration events to Chile.

The President of the Executive Committee thanked the Executive Secretary for following up on the activities, thus opening the floor for interventions and reflections at the table.

The President invited the delegations to ask questions or comments regarding the progress presented by the Executive Secretary:

#### The Principal Delegate of **Chile**

- Began by thanking the Executive Secretary for the report. She referred to the issue of the Declaration of the Inter-American Decade for the Rights of Women, Adolescents and Girls in Rural Environments. She shared that the V Latin American and Caribbean Meeting of Rural Women (ENLAC) was recently held in Chilean Patagonia. She said it was a very gratifying and profitable meeting due to the discussions held, as well as the location in one of the most remote regions in her country. She reiterated her commitment as an ambassador of the Decade of Rural Women, together with colleagues present. In line with

her commitment to the Decade and the goal of “leaving no one behind,” the Delegate explained that, from her position with the recent launch of her country’s Feminist Foreign Policy, she would like agreements to be reached on language, considering the extensive debates and discussions that arose the previous year in Panama within the framework of the 39<sup>th</sup> Assembly of Delegates of the CIM, and everything expressed during the Civil Society Forum and the dialogues of the 52<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly of the OAS in Lima, Peru. She called on the CIM to be a point of progress and defense of progressive language, therefore, the Delegate of Chile requested the use of the term “women in all their diversity” since she considers it consistent with the objective of “leaving no one behind” and with its strong commitment to ENLAC.

The Presidency emphasized the commitment of the present Executive Committee to rural women. She alluded to the intervention of the Delegate of Chile, mentioning that the President, on behalf of the Executive Committee and in follow-up to the agreement of the previous session, had already submitted a draft declaration to the OAS, in the negotiations led by her Ambassador. The President recognized that the language issue could be a turning point for the CIM, recalling that approvals are made by the Foreign Ministers and Heads of Delegation at the table within the framework of the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the OAS. In this context, the President highlighted the importance of articulation between the Ministries of Women and the Ministries of Foreign Affairs represented at the General Assembly table in terms of their support of the Declaration on the Rights of Women, Adolescents and Girls in Rural Environments. The Presidency noted that the coordination within the different States had some difficulties, which have resonated in the activities of the CIM. She shared the importance of agreements around the use of language, hence the importance of reaching articulated consensus both inside and outside countries. In such a way that the President reaffirmed the mandate that each delegation has as a country, not only as CIM but as OAS, with the commitment of the Decade of Rural Women to make women visible, as well as defend their rights.

The Alternate Delegate of **Canada**:

- Expressed her thanks for the report prepared by the Executive Secretariat, as well as Panama for sponsoring throughout 2022 the space for the design of the CIM Strategic Plan 2022-2026. She also recognized the importance of following said plan and its guidelines. In particular, the Delegate of Canada emphasized that there are difficulties in attending the sessions of the Executive Committee without previously having the materials and documents. Listening to the Executive Secretary’s report on the progress of the CIM is important, however it would be necessary to have this information beforehand to understand it and review it carefully. In this sense, she expressly requested that documents be shared in advance so that ministers and delegations can attend the Executive Committee sessions with adequate preparation and knowledge. Therefore, it was requested that general standards be established for when documents will be prepared and shared in all languages. Likewise, the Delegate of Canada expressed that she would like to have reports on the situation of the CIM's resources and budget to identify gaps and see where there would be possibility of providing assistance, and she hoped that in the current session an agreement would be reached on the standards to deliver the information in advance, at a time determined together with the table participants. She closed by expressing her thanks for the work of the CIM

The Executive Secretary of the CIM recognized the importance of Canada's statement. She shared that the effort to be present and visible at the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the OAS had represented

hard work for the CIM, however, it is important to get information to the delegations even with the agenda limitations. The President of the Executive Committee added that she also agrees that it is convenient for the delegations to have the documents prior to the sessions, which is why she proposes that the lead time for sending them be two weeks.

The Principal Delegate of **Honduras**:

- The Delegate of Honduras seconded the motion of the Delegate of Canada. She added that she shares with Canada that the space for the sessions be truly deliberative, proactive and that it can contribute to development with key proposals at the regional level. In addition, the agenda must be concrete and with key points. She pointed out that there are multiple lags in substantive issues for the advancement of women. Women's rights, throughout the region, need to be addressed from a very responsible and contributory perspective. She invited those present to be an Executive Committee that makes a difference, in addition, it is necessary to focus on the quality, not the quantity of the documents.

The President agreed that it would be important for both the Executive Secretariat and the Executive Committee to receive comments on the information. Next, the Executive Secretariat of the CIM announced that all the documents used for the current session will be sent to the delegations next week in all languages, giving one week to receive the comments and observations necessary for them to be incorporated; In case of discussing the modifications, the possibility is open.

The Alternate Delegate of **Brazil**:

- The Delegate of Brazil expressed her agreement with the use of the concept “women in all their diversity.” She shared that there is a need to make changes in Brazil's internal and external policy and mentioned that there were issues of intersectionality that needed to be taken into account.

The President thanked the delegations for their contributions and said that they would be taken into consideration. Next, the President addressed Agenda Item 3, related to the Model Laws. She mentioned that the CIM, in some cases in collaboration with the MESECVI, has designed a series of Model Laws: Inter-American Model Law to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate Violence against Women in Political Life, Inter-American Model Law to Prevent, Punish and Eradicate Violent Death of Women and Girls (Femicide/Femicide), Inter-American Model Law on Care; as well as implementation guides and other supporting materials. The President highlighted that these instruments have been valuable tools for various States to adapt their national legislation and adhere to the commitments acquired, as well as international and inter-American standards. In particular, the Violence in Political Life Law has been cited in various national bills to more explicitly and assertively address violence against women that occurs in the political sphere. The President reaffirmed the work of the CIM in continuing to develop this type of instrument based on the gaps identified. Referring to the report of the Executive Secretariat and the mention of the meeting on Technology-Facilitated (Digital) Gender-Based Violence, the President of the CIM said that the holding of this meeting outlined a roadmap towards the development of a Model Law on the topic. The President highlighted that in the digital era, forms of gender-based violence persist and are amplified with new technologies, therefore, new forms of sexism and misogyny emerge online that can leave cyberspace and reach reality in physical attacks against women; a context that calls for addressing these issues. At this moment, the President gave the floor to the Executive Secretary to share the progress of this initiative.

The Executive Secretary affirmed that the CIM has a strength in legal discourse, a mandate with which it has been entrusted with making recommendations to the States. With this specific mandate from the legal discipline, the CIM has been amplifying the scope of these model law instruments, as the President had already said: on care, on femicide/femicide, and on violence in political life. The Secretary shared that there are currently three more initiatives in development:

- The first is on Measures for the Labor Participation of Women, based on the recognition of the structural gaps to achieve the economic rights of women. She pointed out that it is now necessary for specific gaps to be identified so that the draft can address them. The Secretary noted with concern that there has been a decade of regression in women's labor rights. In this first initiative, the challenges have been to recover good practices specifically regarding women's labor rights, since there are few identified in the region. Therefore, the Secretary invited all delegations present to contribute to this project by sharing experiences, good practices and other tools that may be useful. The Secretary reflected that the development of Model Laws has been used since, compared to a public policy, laws can prevail and continue to be implemented regardless of governmental and administrative changes.
- Secondly, there is the initiative of the draft Model Law on Parity. To date, five reports have been prepared on parity in the region that address what, why and how the elements worked to achieve parity. The concept that Mexico proposes of parity everywhere has been taken up, so the Secretary identified that it is necessary to recover and promote parity, in addition to quotas in representation, in all spaces such as: assemblies, electoral courts, the judiciary and even, in the private sphere, on boards of directors.
- Regarding the third initiative, the Secretary mentioned that, within the framework of the negotiations with the Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean (CAF), financing and technical advice are being requested to develop the Model Law on Women's Financial Inclusion, since it is one of the most strategic gaps in the logic of women's economic autonomy.

In this way, with the tools of the Model Laws in the area of economic rights, the law on care, the promotion of women in paid and unpaid work, as well as the law on financial inclusion, a broad background of instruments for the design of legislation in the countries. The Secretary shared that the process for designing a Model Law begins with research and methodology to subsequently submit the base documents to review by experts in the field, and that from there the instrument is shaped. The Model Laws have a legal language that is later an advantage when negotiating for the creation and modification of legislation in the countries. The Secretary emphasized that suggestions are welcome and invited the delegations to take ownership of these instruments.

The President welcomed the updates on the initiatives and reaffirmed the great importance of the Model Laws. Panama, from the Presidency, as well as from its Ministry of Women, showed its willingness to support the law formulation processes and shared that in Panama there is a Law on Parity from which the impacts can be analyzed as part of the CIM process. The President opened the forum to comments from the delegations:

The Principal Delegate of **Chile**:

- Shared that in Chile there is a law on quotas and parity on financial boards, an experience that can serve the development of parity and financial inclusion laws.

The Principal Delegate of **Uruguay**:

- Pointed out that her country faces challenges and the importance of multilateral organizations such as the CIM promoting women committed to the gender agenda who are in the government, as well as women in civil society. She shared that the gender agenda in Uruguay has the support of the country's Vice President. She explained that her country faces a great democratic paradox, since, even though Uruguay is considered one of the most egalitarian countries and a full democracy, there are many debts with parity. This is because, in terms of women's participation in parliament, Uruguay is in a very low place. She expressed that the support of multilateral organizations is needed to make this visible. It is difficult to put parity on the agenda and it is even something that seems distant, and particular emphasis is needed to reinforce work in the private sphere.

The Presidency shared that there are already experiences in which the staff, especially the management staff, of companies in the private sector have been appropriating and accepting little by little gender parity initiatives, transferring it to a gendered language in the economic sphere, in such a way that they promote legislation in the boards of directors. Women entrepreneurs have been a key actor, since from their positions they have promoted change, therefore, they constitute a key sector to ally and achieve parity in the private sphere.

#### The Principal Delegate of **Chile**:

- She reflected on the stability of parity processes in her norm and the difficulties faced. She shared experiences from Chile about parity in the constitutional convention process, in this second process that is happening in Chile they promoted parity norms for both entry and exit. However, this measure has faced some difficulties, leading to the reflection that parity processes are not always stable/sustainable over time. Entry parity, that is, women at the top of the lists is something that has not been discussed. The Delegate of Chile analyzed that parity processes are unstable and that the temporality of the resolutions of the electoral mechanisms is important so that they are taken into account. In addition, she shared that there is research from UN Women that says that bodies that have more women are the target of greater criticism and prejudice, therefore, they should be lessons to consider when developing instruments of transformation towards parity.

#### The Alternate Delegate of **Canada**:

- Adding to the reflections, the Delegate of Canada shared her experience having parity in cabinet since 2015 and in which they have seen an increase in the percentage of women in political representation despite the fact that quotas do not exist and, therefore, will not be implemented in the future. However, Canada has observed that, just as there are more and more women getting involved in politics, there are also more and more women leaving politics. The hatred, misogyny and violence suffered by women and their families unfortunately forces them to leave politics. This reflection is particularly related to political violence in digital spaces, which is why Canada reaffirmed its support in the formulation of the Model Law on TFGBV and in parity projects that will help pursue gender equality objectives. Regional cooperation on these issues can be very powerful for all delegations. Canada mentioned that they generally do not opt for laws as measures to address digital and political violence, they generally formulate public policies. However, she recognizes that in these cases it is important to have the support of the legal system, therefore, they reiterate their support and commitment to these projects.

The Presidency added that in the United States there is the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-

Based Online Harassment and Abuse, an experience from which we can learn. In addition, the President shared that from her experience as a Minister and woman in politics, exposure and violence on the networks is difficult and how that impacts family dynamics. Therefore, as Principal Delegate of Panama, she reiterated support for initiatives that seek to prevent, eradicate and punish violence against women in politics.

The Principal Delegate of **Antigua and Barbuda**:

- Shared that in 2023 the general elections took place in which many women participated, however, only one was elected. She sympathized with what the President shared about her experience as a political woman. She identified that, in the political arena, both men and women attack the dignity of female politicians. Ergo, it is necessary that legislation initiatives are linked to projects that seek to change the mentality of men and women so that they support women's rights and their exercise of power, free of violence in politics. To influence people's mentality, it is necessary to later consider the possibility of creating a program to educate our communities so that they recognize that women's contributions are valuable.

The Principal Delegate of **Uruguay**:

- Sympathized with the reflection of the Delegate of Antigua and Barbuda. She highlighted that it is important that women's voices are heard, however, the price to pay is high for political violence. She observed how discussions about parity are always related to discussions about political violence, linked to digital violence, which is now the challenge that must be faced. In Uruguay, women activists from all parties and from all areas of the country considered political violence as the main barrier to the exercise of politics. Therefore, it is important to consider that, when taking measures to address parity, it will be necessary to also relate the measures to the prevention, eradication and punishment of political and digital violence.

The Principal Delegate of **Honduras**:

- Expressed that these discussions are current and urgent issues. In Honduras, the Electoral Law requires parties to have internal parity and alternation regulations; reactions to this measure were not entirely favorable. Furthermore, the Delegate of Honduras found that, although parity guidelines exist, women were not represented equally in the elections. She sympathized with Antigua and Barbuda in pointing out the need to change the mentality of women and women in politics so that they move beyond the utilitarian sense of their exercise in politics. In Honduras, in the recent election of the Supreme Court, a meticulous process was carried out. In the end there were 8 women and 7 men, with the President of the Supreme Court being a woman. Furthermore, the President of Honduras is a woman. This is a historic event in the country, however, it has not been easy for either of them in political life. She called for working on a model that advances practices that allow women better quality outcomes beyond representation, focused on practice.

The President shared that the CIM has actively supported initiatives that safeguard the rights of women and their performance in political life. Also, processes of electoral reforms have been accompanied, along with fellow women deputies and parliamentarians from all parties. The Executive Secretary intervened pointing out the need to create a much broader conception of gender parity, considering the discussions that have taken place in this session. Soon, spaces will be necessary in which women's human rights agendas can be defined and the doors can be opened to



generate conditions of parity, in the broad sense and in all spaces.

The Principal Delegate of **Chile**:

- Said that they would take on the task of collaborating with the development of the model laws. She echoed the mention of the President of the Global Partnership for Action on Gender-Based Online Harassment and Abuse, with whom she will contact so that they can contact the Technical Secretariat of the MESECVI, for a possible collaboration. She elaborated on the fact that the Global Alliance works with regulatory and technology mechanisms, which is why it is considered that contact can be useful. Likewise, the Delegate of Chile called for creating spaces for discussion on parity and sustainable party representation over time, in such a way that it reflects how parity impacts the processes of political transformation, as well as supporting the political participation of women.

The President thanked the delegations for their interventions and initiatives. She continued with the next point on the agenda of the session: “Women's leadership in times of change”, giving the floor to the Executive Secretary who highlighted the experiences that the participants had already shared as political women. In tune with the challenges encountered and the need to create actions in favor of the rights of women in politics, the Executive Secretary proposed creating a platform that links leading, political and prominent women to be a space for linkage in which dialogue can be open, free and progressive. These types of platforms are even more necessary in times of setbacks like the context we are experiencing now. The Executive Secretary promoted this proposal with the possibility of submitting it for consideration to the next General Assembly. She reiterated the importance of making visible the work of women politicians who have transformed their responses. The President thanked the Executive Secretary for the proposal and opened the forum for comments from the delegations. In general, the delegations reacted favorably and supported the proposal put forward by the Executive Secretary. In this way, the President invited all the delegations present to join the proposal from their countries.

Regarding Point 5 of the agenda, related to the activities planned to commemorate the 95<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the creation of the CIM, the President referred to the intervention of the Secretary in which she spoke about these activities in her report. The President indicated that the invitation to take part in the activities for the anniversary is open. The Executive Committee must make visible the concrete contributions of the CIM in daily life and in our institutions.

Continuing with the session, the President moved on to Item 6 of the agenda, an overview of the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the OAS. In view of the report of the Executive Secretary where she listed the organized activities, she complemented by making a specific invitation to all delegations for the Ministers and Heads of Delegation to take ownership of the activities designed by the CIM within the framework of the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly. She highlighted the importance of participating and collaborating with different spaces to achieve the objectives of gender equality and promotion of women's rights sought by the OAS.

Finally, in Point 7 of the agenda, “Strengthening hemispheric work to stop trafficking and commercial sexual exploitation,” the President gave the floor to the Principal Delegate of Chile who at the beginning of the session requested the inclusion of this additional Point.

The Principal Delegate of **Chile**:

- Regarding the General Assembly, the Women, Peace and Security Agenda and the context detected on the borders of her country, requested that a regional call be made to strengthen actions against trafficking and sexual exploitation of women, teenagers and girls. The Delegate of Chile pointed out that it is necessary for countries to be involved in the Women, Peace and Security Agenda from the CIM. In addition, she called for the countries' ministries to confront the humanitarian and migration crisis that the region is going through, since it is a problem faced by both the host communities and the countries of departure or origin. Chile expressed its desire to be able to carry out a regional dialogue to identify and strengthen alliances, establish inter-ministerial agreements, and consolidate the peace and security agenda. She recognized that there are limitations in resources for the initiative, so she proposed that the dialogue between Ministers could be carried out virtually. The Delegate specified that the regional dialogue of ministers be virtual, to share institutional mechanisms, identify gaps and problems; in order to achieve a call to the next General Assembly of the OAS to be able to address this issue with more force within the security agenda. She recalled that Security is a main pillar of the OAS, along with Democracy, Human Rights and Development, which is why she emphasized the need to address this issue. Chile committed to sharing the development of the initiative with the Executive Secretariat.

The Principal Delegate of **Honduras**:

- Seconded Chile's motion, pointing out that it is a very strong and urgent problem to address, which is why she showed her support for the initiative. She called for the date of the dialogue to be scheduled soon to ensure a good call and thus, a good participation. She pointed out the possibility of having a dialogue with a similar logic in matters of political violence. The Delegate of Honduras urged that the initiative of the Delegate of Chile be mobilized soon because the time left for the present President of the Executive Committee is little.

The President recognized the importance of addressing problems related to human trafficking. She mentioned that there are various international cooperation platforms on the issue, since it is a priority for various countries. Therefore, there is technical work built around discussions on the issue of human trafficking that can be leveraged for the initiative. The Executive Secretary remained attentive to the draft proposed by the Delegate of Chile.

After opening the last item on the agenda, "Other Matters", in which there were no interventions by the delegations, the President gave the floor to Hilary Anderson to share the agreements of the Third Regular Session of the CIM Executive Committee. After reading it, the President opened the floor for comments by the Delegations.

After consideration by the Delegates, the agreements were adopted as follows:

The Executive Committee of the CIM 2022-2025, meeting in Washington, DC at its Third Regular Session, on June 21, 2023, agrees to:

#### **Agreement 1**

Express its full solidarity and its deepest condolences to the Government and People of Honduras for the tragedy inside the Tamara prison, which occurred on Tuesday June 20, 2023, for the loss of life and the injuries caused, offering the support that the CIM can provide in the protection of the rights and lives of women and girls in the country.

**Agreement 2**

Welcome the inauguration of the Space for Women that Transform the Americas in the OAS Main Building and do everything possible to encourage the donation of a painting commemorating a Transformative Woman from our respective countries.

**Agreement 3**

Taking note of the Activity Report of the Executive Secretariat, send from their national contexts any pertinent legal instrument that can serve as a basis for the development of future Model Laws, and request that the Executive Secretariat:

- a. Keep the Delegates informed of progress in the preparation of the draft Model Laws on participation in the labour market, financial inclusion, digital violence, and parity, and
- b. Seek, when pertinent, the inputs of the Delegates on the draft Model Laws and their suggestions regarding key issues for the development of future Model Laws.

**Agreement 4**

Recognizing the contribution of the CIM studies on women's leadership, and the visibility of the side event organized in collaboration with Vital Voices and in the framework of the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the OAS:

- a. Request the institutionalization of a space for women leaders during the OAS General Assembly to continue and deepen the dialogue on women's rights and gender equality,
- b. Request that the Executive Secretariat take the necessary steps to elevate this request to the relevant authorities,
- c. Request that the President of the CIM highlight this request and the importance of the space in her intervention before the 53<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly of the OAS, and
- d. Organize a virtual regional dialogue to advance action on the issue of violence against women in political life.

**Agreement 5**

Request that the Executive Secretariat circulate the Report of the Secretariat (CIM/CD/doc.14/23) as soon as possible and ensure that for future sessions of the Executive Committee, the documents in all languages are circulated at least two weeks in advance of the session.