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DECISIONS OF THE MANAGEMENT BOARD

(Adopted at the meeting of August 12, 2022)

The meeting of the Management Board of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) was held virtually on August 12, 2022.

Participants:

The meeting was attended by the following members of the Management Board:

Ms. Karla de Palma, Director General of the El Salvador Agency for International Cooperation (ESCO), Chair of the Management Board.

Members of the Management Board

* Daniela Rey, General Directorate of International Cooperation, Argentine Ministry of Foreign Affairs
* Felipe Abadia Castañeda, Multilateral Cooperation Coordination Office, Directorate of International Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Colombia
* Gertrudis Ernestina Reyes, Alternate Representative of El Salvador
* Christina Heifferon, Alternate Representative of the United States
* Melixa Martínez, Director General of International Cooperation of Honduras
* Ambassador Luz Elena Baños, Permanent Representative of Mexico
* Bruno Sotomayor Villanueva, Directorate for Policies and Programs, Peruvian Agency for International Cooperation
* Omari Seitu Williams, Deputy Permanent Representative and Alternate Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Also in attendance was Kim Osborne, Executive Secretary for Integral Development, together with the delegations of the Bahamas, Bolivia, Brazil, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guatemala, Jamaica, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Trinidad and Tobago, Uruguay, and Venezuela as observers. Cooperation authorities from the member states also attended, including representatives of Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, the Dominican Republic, and Uruguay.

The meeting began with the approval of the draft agenda

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1. Working Groups of the MB/IACD:
2. Discussions and decisions on topics proposed by the Working Groups, to be submitted for consideration by the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly

In dealing with this item, the Chair spoke of the proposals presented by the Working Groups at the meeting held on June 22 and thanked them for their efforts. She also explained that the Management Board had decided that each group should prepare a paragraph or two in order to facilitate the implementation of the objectives proposed in their work plans. She then gave the floor to the Working Groups so they could present their proposed paragraphs.

Working Group No. 1 began its remarks with an explanation of the document sent to the delegations in advance of the meeting (Document AICD/JD/INF.84/22: [English](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF&classNum=84&lang=e) – [Español](https://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=AICD/JD/INF&classNum=84&lang=s)),which contained an introduction to support and justify the proposals made in its work plan.

The delegate of Brazil then presented the list of proposed paragraphs for consideration by the General Assembly. In that connection, the Executive Secretary said it would be useful to distribute those paragraphs so that the delegations could study and comment on them. The representative of Uruguay (Chair of Group No. 1) expressed her delegation’s agreement to present those paragraphs as a proposal from Group No. 1.

The representative of Working Group No. 2 then presented that group’s proposal, which involved modifying some paragraphs of the IACD’s statutes to promote cooperative ties with the private sector and its participation in partnership for development activities. The proposal is in line with the objectives set out in the group’s work plan and with the discussions held at previous meetings.

The Chair of Working Group No. 3 reported that the members were in the process of preparing the proposed paragraphs and that, once agreed upon, they would be presented to the Management Board.

The representative of the Bahamas said that his delegation was interested in working with the delegation of Brazil on some of the proposals presented by Group No. 1 and that his delegation had also presented the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies with proposed paragraphs on the topic of cooperation; however, he thought that those paragraphs could be discussed within Working Group No. 2 for consideration by the Management Board.

Ambassador Luz Elena Baños, Permanent Representative of Mexico and former Chair of the Management Board, took the floor to urge the working groups’ members to take account of the financial resources involved and the Organization’s financial situation when proposing a paragraph.

In response to the queries raised, the Chair explained that the Management Board might convene a future meeting to discuss and approve the proposed paragraphs.

As a result of the discussions held under this item, the Management Board adopted the following decision:

Decision No. 1: (a) To amend, *ad referendum* of the General Assembly, the Statutes of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD) to include in Article 3, “Functions,” and in Article 9, “Functions of the Management Board,” the additional function of promoting private sector participation in accordance with the proposal made by Working Group No. 2 of the IACD Management Board under objective No. 3 of its work plan: “Promote the participation of the IACD in multilateral organizations, platforms, and venues that promote private sector engagement in international cooperation.”

The IACD Statute is to be amended as follows:

* Chapter II, Article 3.3:

The development and establishment of cooperative relations with Permanent Observers, other states, national and international organizations, ***and the private sector,*** regarding partnership for development activities.

* Chapter III, Article 9.12:

Approve, within the framework of policies established by CIDI and for the purposes of enhancing resources, guidelines for the IACD to foster cooperative relations with Permanent Observers, other states, national and international organizations, ***the private sector,*** and other entities and persons.

(b) To set August 26, 2022, as the deadline for submitting to the Secretariat the proposed paragraphs to be presented to the General Assembly, for their consideration by the Management Board.

1. CooperaNet:
2. Update on CooperaNet status

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In dealing with this agenda item, the Chair gave a brief explanation of the origin and purpose of the CooperaNet platform. The Secretariat then gave a presentation on the benefits offered by the tool and the current status of CooperaNet, indicating the number of offers and requests for cooperation and describing the future plans to provide the delegations with training on how to use the platform, to enable them to access the development offers.

The Chair thanked the Secretariat for its presentation and urged the delegations to take advantage of the services offered by this tool.

At the conclusion of the discussions on this last item on the agenda and having attended to other matters, the Chair thanked the participants and declared the meeting adjourned.

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