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FOR THE 2020-2021 TERM

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WORK PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE ON JURIDICAL AND POLITICAL AFFAIRS

FOR THE 2020-2021 TERM

# Installation and officers

 The Permanent Council installed the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP) for the 2020-2021 term at its regular meeting of December 16, 2020, in accordance with Article 28 of the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council.

In keeping with the provisions of said article, at the regular meeting of the Permanent Council of January 27, 2021, Ambassador Josué Fiallo, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic, was elected Chair of the CAJP for the same term.

At the same meeting of the Permanent Council, Ambassador Sidney Collie, Permanent Representative of the Commonwealth of the Bahamas to the OAS and Counselor Yesica Fonseca, Alternate Representative of Peru to the OAS, were also elected for the 2020-2021 term, as first Vice chair and second Vice Chair of the CAJP, respectively.

 In view of the departure of Counselor Yesica Fonseca from her position as Alternate Representative of Peru to the OAS and therefore from the position of Vice Chair of the CAJP, as announced on June 3, 2021, the Committee elected Ambassador Samy Araya Rojas, Alternate Representative of Costa Rica to the OAS, as Second Vice Chair of the CAJP, at a regular meeting held on July 1, 2021.

# Mandates

Pursuant to Articles 17 and 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council, the CAJP has the following functions:

1. Study topics related to juridical and political affairs entrusted to it by the Permanent Council.
2. Consider the reports of the Inter-American Juridical Committee, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights referred to in Article 91(f) of the Charter. It shall also submit their reports, with observations, recommendations, and accompanying draft resolutions, to the Permanent Council.

Furthermore, in keeping with Article 30 of the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council, at its regular meeting of December 16, 2020, the Permanent Council adopted the “Distribution of Mandates Assigned by the General Assembly at its Fiftieth Regular Session and Previous Sessions” (document [CP/doc.5665/20](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_20/CP43282E04.docx) rev. 2) and instructed the CAJP to follow up on the mandates contained in the following resolutions during the 2020-2021 term:

1. AG/RES. 2958 (L-O/20) Strengthening Democracy (except section v, paragraph 4)
2. AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20) International Law
3. AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) Promotion and Protection of Human Rights (except section xi, paragraph 4; section xiv, paragraph 1; section xv, paragraph 5; and section xix, paragraph 5)
4. Observations and recommendations on the annual reports of the following organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization (Article 91.f of the OAS Charter):

a. Inter-American Juridical Committee (CJI)

b. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)

c. Inter-American Court of Human Rights

d. Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA)

# Draft Methodology

The following methodology aims at enhancing the work of the Committee, make the best use of the resources assigned, and continue with best practices from previous years:

## Preparation of special events in relation to CAJP mandates

The following special events will be programmed during the 2020-2021 period:[[1]](#footnote-1)/

* + 1. Special Meeting on “The Power of Inclusion and the Benefits of Diversity”.
			- 1. Date: April 8, 2021
		2. Meeting to reflect collectively on the exceptional use of force in the inter-American context
			- 1. Date: April 22, 2021
		3. Special Meeting on topics of current interest in international humanitarian law among others, the applicability of this regulation to the issue of lethal autonomous weapons.
			- 1. Date: April 29, 2021
		4. Ninth special meeting of the CAJP on good practices employed by each official public defender institution in the region for ensuring access to justice for indigenous peoples in defense of human rights.
			- 1. Date: April 30, 2021
		5. Meeting to reflect collectively on the inviolability of diplomatic premises as a principle of inter-American relations and its relationship to the notion of diplomatic asylum
			- 1. Date: April 30, 2021
		6. CAJP-CISC special joint session on “Democratic Resiliency, the Role of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and the Summits Process”
			- 1. Date: CISC Meeting of May 4, 2021
		7. Special meeting to promote the study of private international law in the Americas
			- 1. Date: June 3, 2021
		8. Technical Working Meeting to discuss measures that could strengthen cooperation with the International Criminal Court
			- 1. Date: June 3, 2021
		9. Special Meeting on “Human Rights Defenders”
			- 1. Date: June 10, 2021
		10. Meeting with the purpose of gathering input from member states for countering intolerance and discrimination in the region
			- 1. Date: June 17, 2021
		11. Course on International Humanitarian Law to promote knowledge of and respect for international humanitarian law and related regional instruments, including measures for their effective implementation
			- 1. Date: June 24, 2021

The Chair kindly requests that delegations that would like to make suggestions for the draft agendas of said events send them to the Committee Secretariat well in advance. The Chair would be grateful if the distinguished delegations could include in their proposals suggestions regarding both the topics to be addressed at each event and panelists to be invited, on the understanding that the CAJP will not be responsible for covering the expenses incurred for panelists’ participation at these meetings.

To help save on budgetary matters and use time efficiently, the following steps are proposed:

1. The CAJP Secretariat will distribute the respective notices requesting that the delegations send their suggestions, well in advance, in preparation for each special session.
2. Once the suggestions have been received and gathered, the Secretariat will include them in a draft agenda that will be circulated
3. Delegations would be invited to make progress in their consultations among themselves and with the support of the Secretariat and the technical area responsible for the issue.
4. Once agreements have been reached, the Secretariat will notify the Chair, in order to include the consideration and approval of the final agreed version of the respective draft agenda, in formal sessions of the CAJP.
5. If the delegations do not send suggestions, the Chair will draft the respective agenda for the special session at its discretion.

Mindful of the suggestions and observations received, the Chair will prepare the draft agenda for each of these events, which will be considered for approval by the Committee.

## Follow-up on mandated topics

The Schedule of Meetings specifies the topics to be discussed at each one of the scheduled meetings. The draft order of business for each meeting will be prepared by the Chair, who will take into account any suggestions made by delegations, resources available and use time efficiently.

Where deemed necessary, the Chair will request that the various technical areas responsible for the topics present, as appropriate, background information, current status, and/or future plans regarding the matters to be considered by the Committee, in order to facilitate their discussion by delegations.

## Negotiation of the draft omnibus resolutions

* + - 1. Consideration of topics at CAJP meetings: interventions by the delegates of the member states, OAS officials, or experts and guests:
				1. It is expected that as part of the interventions, the delegations will begin to suggest the future direction of the issue (eg, exhausted, requires follow-up, etc.), with a view to its weighting in the draft resolutions.
				2. After each session the conclusions will be recorded
			2. The Chair will prepare and distribute a document, which may serve as input for preparing draft resolutions that delegations will be submitting.
			3. Delegations will send their comments, additional suggestions or observations to the Chair on the Chair's texts.
			4. The Chair will consolidate the documents, which will be circulated on a regular basis.

# Budget for the 2020-2021 period

The Permanent Council, through resolution [CP/RES. 1163 (2308)/20)](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/hist_20/cp43322e03.docx) “Approval of the distribution of resources by subprogram for 2021 in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 2957 (L-O/20) entitled ‘Program-budget of the Organization for 2021,’” approved the allocation of US$99,800 (ninety-nine thousand eight hundred dollars) to finance meetings of the CAJP to be held in the first and second half of 2021.

# Recommendations

 In order to facilitate the Committee’s work during the 2020-2021 term, the Chair proposes the following management tools as integral parts of the Work Plan:

* Work Plan - Topics and mandates from the fiftieth regular session of the General Assembly and other previous sessions to be considered by the CAJP
* Schedule of meetings of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (for the 2020-2021 term)

# Scope

This Work Plan and Schedule of Meetings will serve as a general framework for the work of the CAJP during the 2020-2021 term. It is a flexible document so any necessary amendments and updates may be incorporated in order to discharge the assigned tasks and attain integral and optimal results

 The Chair would appreciate suggestions from the member states and thanks the delegations in advance for their support in discharging the responsibilities assigned to the Committee by the General Assembly and the Permanent Council.

Ambassador Josué Fiallo

Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic

Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs

# Work Plan - Mandates from the fiftieth regular session of the General Assembly and other previous sessions to be considered by the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs during the 2020-2021 term

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| AG/RES. 2958 (L-O/20) “STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY”[[2]](#footnote-2)/I. Activities of the Committee on Juridical and Political AffairsRESOLVES:1. To instruct the Permanent Council, the General Secretariat, and the other bodies referred to in Article 53 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) to continue working on the implementation of the applicable current mandates set out in previous General Assembly resolutions assigned to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, except as stated otherwise in any resolution.2. To urge member states to continue contributing to the attainment of the objectives established in said resolutions through the development and execution of activities, submission of reports, exchange of information, and adoption of measures and policies, as well as through cooperation, support, and mutual assistance; and to instruct the General Secretariat to provide necessary support to those ends. |
| **Sections from Chapter I** | **Mandates (Operative paragraphs)** |
| 1. Public Management Strengthening and Innovation in the Americas
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| 1. Strengthening Cadastre and Property Registry in the Americas in the face of COVID-19
 | 3. To urge cadastre and registry institutions in member states to participate in the development of initiatives to meet the objectives set forth in this resolution, through the sharing of experiences to strengthen cadastre and registry management in the face of COVID-19; and to instruct the Department for Effective Public Management to conduct the biannual survey of cadastre and property registry and to report its findings to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs. |
| 1. Rights of Children and Adolescents
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| 1. Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas
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| 1. Follow-up on the Inter-American Democratic Charter
 | 4. Permanent Council5. To request the CAJP collaborate with the CISC to help organize, in coordination with the Summit of the Americas Secretariat, a special joint session during the first quarter of 2021 on “Democratic Resiliency, the Role of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and the Summits Process,” with a goal of sharing possible recommendations for consideration with the Summit Implementation Review Group (SIRG) in advance of the Ninth Summit of the Americas. |
| 1. Follow-up on the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and on the Inter-American Program for Cooperation in the Fight against Corruption
 | 8. To request that the MESICIC, within the sphere of its competence and in accordance with the resources assigned in the Organization’s program-budget and other resources, continue implementing the mandates assigned to it by the Lima Commitment: “Democratic Governance against Corruption,” adopted at the Eighth Summit of the Americas held in April 2018 in Lima, Peru, and, through the Chair of the Committee of Experts, present a report to the Permanent Council on the progress made with that implementation, before the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly. |
| 1. International Commission against Impunity in El Salvador (CICIES)
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| 1. Open and Transparent Digital Government
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| 1. Strengthening the activities of the Inter-American Judicial Facilitators Program
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| 1. Technical Cooperation and Electoral Observation Missions
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| 1. Access to Public Information and Protection of Personal Data
 | AG/RES. 2905 (XLVII-O/17), “Strengthening Democracy” Section ix, O.P. 2 2. To request member states, in the framework of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP), to report annually and voluntarily on their progress and exchange best practices in implementing the Inter-American Program on Access to Public Information. |

II. FOLLOW-UP AND REPORTING

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat, through the areas responsible for follow-up and implementation of activities connected with the purpose of this resolution, to submit in due course its 2020-2021 plan of activities for consultations or proper oversight by member states.

2. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first regular session on the implementation of this resolution. Execution of the activities envisaged in this resolution will be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

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| AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20) “INTERNATIONAL LAW”I. Activities of the Committee on Juridical and Political AffairsRESOLVES: 1. To instruct the Permanent Council, the General Secretariat, and the other bodies referred to in Article 53 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) to continue working on the implementation of the applicable current mandates set out in previous General Assembly resolutions assigned to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, except as stated otherwise in any resolution. 2. To urge member states to continue contributing to the attainment of the objectives established in said resolutions and to instruct the General Secretariat to provide the necessary support to those ends. |
| **Sections from Chapter I** | **Mandates (Operative paragraphs)** |
| 1. Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law
 | 1. To express its appreciation for the work of the Department of International Law in the promotion, study, and dissemination of legal tools and to request that it continue to implement the actions contained in the Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law and to provide a biennial report thereon to the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP).3. To request the Permanent Council to hold a special meeting in Washington, D.C., on a date to be determined in due course, to promote the study of private international law in the Americas, possibly with the participation of organizations specializing in that field to be invited by agreement among the member states.5. To instruct the CAJP to hold, prior to the fifty-second regular session of the OAS General Assembly, a meeting to reflect collectively on the principles of international law on which the inter-American System is founded, as the normative framework that governs the work of the OAS and relations between member states, and to instruct the Department of International Law subsequently to prepare a report on the main outcomes of that meeting to be presented to the Inter-American Juridical Committee (CJI).6. To instruct the CAJP to hold, prior to the fifty-second regular session of the General Assembly, a meeting to reflect collectively on strengthening the accountability regime in the use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) and instruct the Department of International Law to later prepare a report on its main outcomes and provide it to the CJI.7. To instruct the CAJP to hold, prior to the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly, a meeting to reflect collectively on the exceptional use of force in the inter-American context and instruct the Department of International Law to later prepare a report on its main outcomes and provide it to the CJI.8. To instruct the CAJP to hold, prior to the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly, a meeting to reflect collectively on the inviolability of diplomatic premises as a principle of inter-American relations and its relationship to the notion of diplomatic asylum and instruct the Department of International Law to later prepare a report on its main outcomes and provide it to the CJI.  |
| 1. Inter-American Juridical Committee
 | 9. To request the CJI to study the inter-American juridical framework whose application could, along with domestic laws, strengthen the social and economic resilience of our countries in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic and its aftermath, in order to be able to have its considerations ideally before the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly in 2021. |
| 1. Promotion of and respect for international humanitarian law
 | 8. To express satisfaction with the cooperation between the Organization of American States and the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in promoting respect for international humanitarian law and the principles that govern that law, to urge the General Secretariat to continue to strengthen such cooperation, and to instruct the Permanent Council to hold a special meeting in the first half of 2021 on topics of current interest in international humanitarian law among others, the applicability of this regulation to the issue of lethal autonomous weapons. 9. To request that the General Secretariat, through the Department of International Law and in coordination with the ICRC, organize within the framework of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs a course for member states, staff of the Organization, and the general public, in order to promote knowledge of and respect for international humanitarian law and related regional instruments, including measures for their effective implementation. |

II. FOLLOW-UP AND REPORTING

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat, through the areas responsible for follow-up and implementation of activities connected with the purpose of this resolution, to submit in due course its 2020-2021 plan of activities for consultations or proper oversight by member states.

2. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first regular session on the implementation of this resolution. Execution of the activities envisaged in this resolution will be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

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| AG/RES. 2930 (XLIX-O/19) “International Law” |
| 1. Promotion of the International Criminal Court
 | **Paragraph 5**: “To express satisfaction at the cooperation in the area of international criminal law between the OAS and the International Criminal Court; to urge the General Secretariat to continue to strengthen that cooperation within the scope of its competence, and to request that the Permanent Council hold, during the second half of 2020, a technical working meeting that should include a high-level dialogue session among the permanent representatives of all member states to discuss measures that could strengthen cooperation with the International Criminal Court. The International Criminal Court, international organizations and institutions, and civil society will be invited to cooperate and participate in this working meeting.” |

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| AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS”[[3]](#footnote-3)/ |
| **Sections** | **Mandates (Operative paragraphs)** |
| 1. Protecting human rights in the context of the COVID-19
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| 1. Gender parity in the composition of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
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| 1. Eradication of statelessness in the Americas
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| 1. Universal Civil Registry and the Right to Identity
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| 1. Human rights defenders
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| 1. Rights of Children and Adolescents
 | 5. To instruct the General Secretariat, in consultations with the member states and with the Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN) and other OAS relevant bodiesto conduct a hemispheric analysis on prevention, eradication, and punishment of abuse and all forms of violence against children and adolescents with a view to, among other things, consider the necessity and importance of crafting a specific inter-American instrument on the subject using existing resources. Said study will be referred to the General Assembly at its fifty-first regular session, through the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs. |
| 1. Persons who have disappeared and assistance to members of their family
 | 4. To encourage member states to promote national adoption of measures related to the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 2134 (XXXV-O/05), “Persons Who Have Disappeared and Assistance to Members of their Family,” and subsequent resolutions on the subject adopted by the General Assembly and to provide information in that regard; and to instruct the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs to ensure that information is circulated prior to the fifty-secondregular session of the OAS General Assembly. |
| 1. Strengthening the Follow-up Mechanism for Implementation of the Protocol of San Salvador
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| 1. Promotion of the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance and the fight against all forms of discrimination
 | 1.To request the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs to organize a meeting with the purpose of gathering input from member states for countering intolerance and discrimination in the region. |
| 1. The Power of Inclusion and the Benefits of Diversity
 | PreambularSection xi of resolution AG/RES. 2941 (XLIX-O/19), Operative paragraph 4: “To request the CAJP to organize, within existing resources and in coordination with the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, a special meeting where member states may share lessons learned and exchange good practices to advance the goals of this resolution, with a special focus on aspects identified in paragraph 3(b) above that strengthen our democracies, and that the CAJP present the results of that meeting to the Permanent Council prior to the fiftieth regular session of the General Assembly.”[[4]](#footnote-4)/ [[5]](#footnote-5)/RESOLVES: 1. To extend this mandate so that this special session be held in advance of the 2021 General Assembly.2. To recommend that in addition to drawing its direction from section xi of resolution AG/RES. 2941 (XLIX-O/19), the proposed special session also take into account our evolving appreciation of the importance and complexity of inclusion, especially with regards to COVID-19 impacts and responses and concerning problems of racial discrimination.  |
| 1. Right to Freedom of Conscience and Religion or Belief
 | 4. Permanent Council. 5. To request that the General Secretariat follow-up on the mandates contained in AG/RES. 2941 (XLIX-O/19) by organizing a regional dialogue on the right to freedom of conscience and religion or belief, ideally as follow-up to International Religious Freedom Day which is observed on October 27, supported with input from member states, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and other religious and civil society actors to include a discussion on best practices including protecting places of worship; and to request the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs to organize, within existing resources, a second special meeting where member states may continue to discuss lessons learned and exchange good practices, and to present the results of that meeting to the Permanent Council prior to the next regular session of the General Assembly.  |
| 1. Situation of Afro-Descendant Populations in the Hemisphere and Racism
 | 4. To instruct the General Secretariat of the OAS – Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat of Access to Rights and Equity –, in the framework of its function of monitoring the implementation of the Plan of Action for the Decade for Persons of African Descent in the Americas (2016-2025), to elaborate a regional report on the situation of the persons of African descent and on the advancement of the actions of the Plan, in the terms of this resolution. The report shall be presented during a Special Meeting of the Permanent Council of the OAS in the framework of the IV Week for People of African Descent in the Americas in 2021. |
| 1. Autonomous official public defenders as a safeguard for the human rights of all, without discrimination, especially indigenous peoples
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| 1. Human rights and the environment
 | 1. Permanent Council2. Permanent Council |
| 1. Human rights of older persons
 | 4. To request the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, subject to its available resources, to prepare a report on the human rights situation of older persons in the Hemisphere.5. Permanent Council |
| 1. Program of Action for the Decade of the Americas for the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities 2016-2026 and Support for the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities
 | 8. To invite the member states and the General Secretariat to commemorate the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, which is celebrated every December 3, through actions that contribute to the full recognition, visibility, exercise and enjoyment of the rights of persons with disabilities, at the national and international levels for the achievement of common objectives, and with regard to the activities promoted by the Organization, that these be carried out subject to the availability of financial resources in its program-budget and other resources. |
| 1. Protection of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in the Americas
 | 4. To encourage, where appropriate, the updating of national rules and regulations, taking into account member states’ experiences and best preventive and protection practices and lasting solutions for persons needing international protection, such as the Comprehensive Regional Protection and Solutions Framework (MIRPS), with the support and technical cooperation of the OAS General Secretariat and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; as well as joint work on developing international solidarity, regional cooperation, and shared responsibility mechanisms, with the participation of all pertinent actors; and to instruct the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs to follow up on this resolution and report each year on its implementation. |
| 1. Follow-up of recommendations of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
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| 1. Human rights and prevention of discrimination and violence against LGBTI persons
 | 5. Permanent Council |
| 1. Strengthening of the Inter-American Commission of Women for the promotion of gender equity and equality and the human rights of women
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| 1. Strengthening the Follow-up Mechanism on the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women (MESECVI)
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| 1. Follow-up on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and on the Plan of Action of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021)
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| 1. Observations and recommendations on the 2020 Annual Reports of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and Inter-American Court of Human Rights
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II. FOLLOW-UP AND REPORTING

RESOLVES:

 1. To instruct the General Secretariat to submit in due course, through the areas responsible for follow-up and execution of activities in connection with the purposes of this resolution, the plan of activities that it will carry out in the 2020-2021 period, for consultation or proper oversight by member states.

2. To request the Permanent Council to instruct the CAJP to include in its agenda the following matter covered by this resolution, prior to the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly with a view to promoting exchanges of experiences and best practices:

“Autonomous official public defenders as a safeguard for the human rights of all, without discrimination, especially indigenous peoples.” The holding in the first quarter of 2021, of a ninth special meeting of the CAJP on good practices employed by each official public defender institution in the region for ensuring access to justice for indigenous peoples in defense of human rights, to be attended by the member states and their respective official public defender institutions that provide legal assistance, members of the AIDEF, and experts from the academic community, civil society, and international organizations. Attendance by members of the AIDEF will be guaranteed by that organization.

3. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first regular session on the implementation of this resolution. Execution of the activities envisaged in this resolution will be subject to the availability of financial resources in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

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| AG/RES. 2891(XLVI-O/16) “Plan of Action for the Decade for People of African Descent in the Americas (2016–2025)” |
| **Plan of Action for the Decade for People of African Descent in the Americas(2016-2025)** | **Mandate** |
| 1. Implementation and Follow-Up on the Plan
 | **Paragraph 3**: “The General Secretariat will report on progress to the Organization every two years at a special meeting of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs of the OAS Permanent Council.” |

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| AG/RES. 2913 (XLVII-O/17) “Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021)”: |
| **Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021)** | **Mandate** |
| 1. Exchanges of best practices and experiences.
 | **Paragraph 5(2) (a)**: “Hold a special annual meeting of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs attended by officials from the national and subnational institutions working on indigenous issues and open to participation by representatives of indigenous peoples, in order to share information on progress, experience, lessons learned, and challenges in the implementation of the ADRIP.” |

# Observations and recommendations on the annual reports of the following organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization[[6]](#footnote-6)/

## Inter-American Juridical Committee (CJI)

* Presentation of Annual Report scheduled for: May 20, 2021
* Document: [CP/doc.5675/21](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/HIST_21/CP43521e03.docx)

## Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR)

* Presentation of Annual Report scheduled for: April 15, 2021
* Document: [CP/doc.5689/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/doc.&classNum=5689&lang=e) corr. 1

## Inter-American Court of Human Rights

* Presentation of Annual Report scheduled for: April 15, 2021
* Document: [CP/doc.5688/21](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/HIST_21/CP43751e03.docx)

## Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA)

* Presentation of Annual Report scheduled for: May 6, 2021
* Document: [CP/doc.5698/21](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_21/CP43967S03.docx) rev.1

# Schedule of meetings of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (for the 2020-2021 term)

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| **FEBRUARY 2021** |
| 1. **Thursday**

February 11, 20202:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | 1. Consideration and adoption of the draft CAJP Work Plan and Schedule of Meetings for 2020-2021.
2. Follow-up on the mandates from GA resolution AG/RES. 2961 (XLIX-O/19) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”
	1. Follow-Up and Reporting “Autonomous official public defenders as a safeguard for the human rights of all, without discrimination, especially indigenous peoples:
		1. O.P. 2: Preparations for the ninth special meeting of the CAJP on good practices employed by each official public defender institution in the region for ensuring access to justice for indigenous peoples in defense of human rights
		2. Suggested date: April 30, 2021
		3. Department of International Law
		4. Inter-American Association of Public Defender Offices (AIDEF)
		5. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
3. Follow-up on the mandates from GA resolution AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20) “International Law” - Section i “Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law”
	* 1. O.P. 7: Preparations on the Meeting to reflect collectively on the exceptional use of force in the inter-American context
		2. Suggested date: April 22, 2021
		3. Department of International Law
4. Follow-up on the mandate from GA resolution AG/RES. 2905 (XLVII-O/17) “Strengthening Democracy” - Section ix “Access to Public Information and Protection of Person Data”
	* 1. O.P. 2: Presentation by the DIL of the proposal of progress indicators to facilitate the preparation of the annual reports of the member states related to the implementation of the inter-American program on access to public information.
		2. Department of International Law
5. Other business
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| 1. **Thursday**

February 18, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | 1. Follow-up on the mandates from GA resolution AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20) “International Law”
2. Section i “Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law”
* O.P. 8: Preparations on the Meeting to reflect collectively on the inviolability of diplomatic premises as a principle of inter-American relations and its relationship to the notion of diplomatic asylum
	+ 1. Suggested date: April 30, 2021
		2. Department of International Law
1. Section iii “Promotion of and respect for international humanitarian law”
	* 1. O.P. 9: Preparations for the Course on International Humanitarian Law to promote knowledge of and respect for international humanitarian law and related regional instruments, including measures for their effective implementation.
		2. Suggested date: June 24, 2021
		3. Department of International Law
		4. International Committee of the Red Cross
2. Section iii “Promotion of and respect for international humanitarian law”
	* 1. O.P. 8: Preparations for the Special Meeting on topics of current interest in international humanitarian law among others, the applicability of this regulation to the issue of lethal autonomous weapons.
		2. Suggested date: April 29, 2021
		3. Department of International Law
		4. International Committee of the Red Cross
3. Other business
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| 1. **Thursday**

February 25, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | 1. Follow-up on the mandates from GA resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”
	* 1. Section iv “Universal Civil Registry and the Right to Identity”
		2. Department of Effective Public Management
		3. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
2. Follow-up on the mandates from AG resolution AG/RES. 2958 (L-O/20) “Strengthening Democracy”
3. Section i “Public Management Strengthening and Innovation in the Americas”
	* 1. Department of Effective Public Management
4. Section ii “Strengthening Cadastre and Property Registry in the Americas in the face of COVID-19
	* 1. Department of Effective Public Management
5. Section viii “Open and Transparent Digital Government”
	* 1. Department of Effective Public Management
6. Follow-up on the mandates from AG resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”
	1. Section xi “Right to Freedom of Conscience and Religion or Belief”
		1. O.P. 5: Preparations for the second special meeting to share lessons learned and exchange good practices on the right to freedom of thought, conscience, and religion or belief
		2. Suggested date: May 6, 2021
		3. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
7. Other business
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| **MARCH 2021** |
| 1. **Thursday**

March 4, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | 1. Consideration and approval of the draft Work Plan and schedule of meetings of the CAJP for the 2020-2021 period
2. Follow-up on the mandates from resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”
3. Section i “Protecting human rights in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic”
	* 1. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
		2. Pan-American Health Organization
4. Section xv “Human rights of older persons”
	* 1. O.P. 4: To request the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, subject to its available resources, to prepare a report on the human rights situation of older persons in the Hemisphere
		2. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
5. Section v “Human Rights Defenders”
	* 1. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
6. Other business
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| 1. **Thursday**

March 11, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Virtual | * + - 1. Follow-up on the mandates from resolution AG/RES. 2958 (L-O/20) “Strengthening Democracy”, Section v. “Follow-up on the Inter-American Democratic Charter”
		1. O.P. 5: Preparations for the CAJP-CISC special joint session on “Democratic Resiliency, the Role of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and the Summits Process”
		2. Suggested date: CISC Meeting of May 4, 2021
		3. Summits of the Americas Secretariat
			1. Follow-up on the mandates from GA resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”
1. Section iii “Eradication of Statelessness in the Americas”
	* 1. Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
		2. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
2. Section xvii “Protection of Asylum Seekers and Refugees in the Americas”
	* 1. Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
		2. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
3. Section vii “Persons who have disappeared and assistance to members of their family”
	* 1. O.P.4: To encourage member states to promote national adoption of measures related to the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 2134 (XXXV-O/05), “Persons Who Have Disappeared and Assistance to Members of their Family,” and subsequent resolutions on the subject adopted by the General Assembly and to provide information in that regard; and to instruct the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs to ensure that information is circulated prior to the fifty-second regular session of the OAS General Assembly.
		2. International Committee of the Red Cross
		3. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
4. Section xix “Human rights and prevention of discrimination and violence against LGBTI Persons”
	* 1. Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
		2. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
			1. Other business
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| 1. **Thursday**

March 18, 20212:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Follow-up on the mandates from resolution AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20) “International Law”, Section i “Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law”1. O.P. 3: Preparations for the special meeting to promote the study of private international law in the Americas
	* 1. Suggested date: June 3, 2021
		2. Department of International Law
2. O.P. 7: Meeting to reflect collectively on the exceptional use of force in the inter-American context
	* 1. Date: April 22, 2021
		2. Permanent Mission of Mexico
		3. Draft Agenda: [CP/CAJP-3574/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3574&lang=e)
3. O.P. 8: Meeting to reflect collectively on the inviolability of diplomatic premises as a principle of inter-American relations and its relationship to the notion of diplomatic asylum
	* 1. Date and time: April 30, 2021 (2:30 to 5:30 p.m.)
		2. Permanent Mission of Mexico
		3. Draft Agenda: [CP/CAJP-3573/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3573&lang=e)

Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2930 (XLIX-O/19) “International Law” – section iv “Promotion of the International Criminal Court”* + 1. O.P. 5: Preparations for the Technical Working Meeting to discuss measures that could strengthen cooperation with the International Criminal Court
		2. Suggested date: June 3, 2021
		3. Department of International Law/International Criminal Court/international organizations and institutions/civil society

Follow-up on the mandates from resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”1. Section x “The Power of Inclusion and the Benefits of Diversity”
	* 1. O.P. 1 and O.P. 2: Preparations for the Special Meeting on “the Power of Inclusion and the Benefits of Diversity”
		2. Suggested date: April 8, 2021
		3. Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
		4. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
		5. Concept paper and draft agenda: [CP/CAJP-3569/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3569&lang=e)
2. Section v, “Human rights defenders”
	* 1. Request from the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the Organization of American States, along with the Permanent Missions of Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Dominica Republic, for a special meeting to be held: [CP/CAJP-3571/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3571&lang=e)
		2. Suggested date: June 10, 2021
			1. Other business
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| **APRIL 2021** |
| 1. **Thursday**

April 8, 20212:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Follow-up on the mandates from GA resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights” - Section x “The Power of Inclusion and the Benefits of Diversity” * O.P. 1 and O.P. 2: Special meeting where member states may share lessons learned and exchange good practices to advance the goals of this resolution, with a special focus on aspects identified in paragraph 3(b) above that strengthen our democracies…, and also take into account our evolving appreciation of the importance and complexity of inclusion, especially with regards to COVID-19 impacts and responses and concerning problems of racial discrimination.
* Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
* Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
* Concept paper: [CP/CAJP-3569/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3569&lang=e)
* [CP/CAJP-3569/21 add. 1 rev. 3](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/HIST_21/CP43779e03.docx)
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| 1. **Thursday**

April 15, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.Virtual | 1. Presentation of the annual report of the IACHR to the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly
	* 1. Document: [CP/doc.5689/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/doc.&classNum=5689&lang=e) corr. 1
2. Presentation of the annual report of the Inter American Court of Human Rights to the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly
	* 1. Document: [CP/doc.5688/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/doc.&classNum=5689&lang=e)
3. Other business
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| 1. **Thursday**

April 22, 20212:30 - 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Follow-up on the mandate from to GA resolution AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20) “International Law” - Section i “Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law”* O.P. 7: Meeting to reflect collectively on the exceptional use of force in the inter-American context
* Permanent Mission of Mexico
* Department of International Law
* Agenda: [CP/CAJP-3574/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3574&lang=e) rev. 1
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| 1. **Thursday**

April 29, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Follow-up on the mandate from GA resolution AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20) “International Law” - section iii “Promotion of and respect for international humanitarian law”O.P. 8: Special meeting on topics of current interest in international humanitarian law among others, the applicability of this regulation to the issue of lethal autonomous weapons* + 1. Department of International Law
		2. International Committee of the Red Cross
		3. Agenda: [CP/CAJP-3557/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3557&lang=e) rev. 1
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| 1. **Friday**

April 30, 202110:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.Virtual | Follow-up on the mandate from GA resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights” - Section xiii “Autonomous official public defenders as a safeguard for the human rights of all, without discrimination, especially indigenous peoples - II Follow up and Reporting* O.P. 2: Ninth special meeting of the CAJP on good practices employed by each official public defender institution in the region for ensuring access to justice for indigenous peoples in defense of human rights
* Department of International Law
* Inter-American Association of Public Defender Offices (AIDEF)
* Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
* Agenda: [CP/CAJP-3553/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3553&lang=e) rev. 1
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| 1. **Friday**

April 30, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Follow-up on the mandate from to GA resolution AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20) “International Law” - Section i “Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law”* O.P. 8: Meeting to reflect collectively on the inviolability of diplomatic premises as a principle of inter-American relations and its relationship to the notion of diplomatic asylum
* Permanent Mission of Mexico
* Department of International Law
* Agenda: [CP/CAJP-3573/21 rev. 1](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3573&lang=e)
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| **MAY 2021** |
| 1. **Tuesday**

May 4, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. CISC-CAJP joint meeting Virtual | Follow-up on the mandate from GA resolution AG/RES. 2958 (L-O/20) “Strengthening Democracy” – Section v. “Follow-up on the Inter-American Democratic Charter”* O.P. 5: Special joint session on “Democratic Resiliency, the Role of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, and the Summits Process”
* Summits of the Americas Secretariat
* CISC-CAJP
* Concept paper: [CP/CISC-994/21 rev. 1](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/hist_21/cp43727e03.docx)
* Agenda: [CP/CISC-994/21 add. 1 rev. 1](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/HIST_21/CP43743e03.docx)
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| 1. **Thursday**May 6, 2021

4:00 – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | 1. Presentation of the annual report of the JSCA to the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly : [CP/doc.5698/21](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_21/CP43967S03.docx) rev.1
2. Follow-up on the mandates from GA resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and protection of human rights”
3. Section xx “Strengthening of the Inter-American Commission of Women for the promotion of gender equity and equality and the human rights of women”
* Inter-American Commission of Women
1. Section xxi “Strengthening the Follow-up Mechanism on the Implementation of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women (MESECVI)”
* Inter-American Commission of Women

Background document – 2020 Annual Report of the CIM: [CP/doc.5696/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/doc.&&classNum=5696&&lang=s)1. Presentation of the Report of the Working Group to Update the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council and its subsidiary organs with the Recommendations for updating the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council and its Subsidiary Organs, for submission to the Council Permanent: [CAJP/GT/ANP-21/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CAJP/gt/anp&&classNum=21&&lang=s)
2. Consideration of the draft methodology for the presentation and negotiation by the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs of draft resolutions to be referred to the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly
3. Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2905 (XLVII-O/17) “Strengthening Democracy” - Section ix “Access to Public Information and Protection of Person Data”
* O.P. 2: Annual and voluntary report by Member States on their progress and exchange of best practices in implementing the Inter-American Program on Access to Public Information
* Department of International Law
1. Other business
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| 1. **Thursday**

May 13, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | 1. Follow-up on the mandates from resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”
2. Section xii “Situation of Afro-Descendant Populations in the Hemisphere and Racism”
* Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
* Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
1. Section xxii “Follow-up on implementation of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and on the Plan of Action of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021)”
* Office of the Assistant Secretary General
* Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
* Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
1. Section viii “Strengthening the Follow-up Mechanism for Implementation of the Protocol of San Salvador”
* Presentation of the report of the Working Group to Examine the National Reports Envisioned in the Protocol of San Salvador (WGPSS) by its Chair
* Technical Secretariat to the WGPSS: Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
* Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
1. Section xvi “Program of Action for the Decade of the Americas for the Rights and Dignity of Persons with Disabilities (2016­–2026) and Support to the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities”
* Technical Secretariat to CEDDIS: Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
* Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
1. Other business
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| 1. **Thursday**

May 20, 20212:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.Virtual | 1. Presentation of the annual report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee to the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly.
* Inter-American Juridical Committee
* Department of International Law
* Document: [CP/doc.5675/21](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/ENGLISH/HIST_21/CP43521E03.docx)
1. Follow-up on the mandates from resolution AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20) “International Law”
2. Section i. “Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law”
* O.P. 1: Presentation of the biennial report on the Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law
* Department of International Law
1. Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and protection of human rights” - Section ix “Promotion of the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance and the fight against all forms of discrimination”

O.P.1: Meeting with the purpose of gathering input from member states for countering intolerance and discrimination in the region* Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
* Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
* Consideration and approval of the Draft Agenda
* June 17, 2021 – 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. – Virtual
1. Other business
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| **JUNE 2021** |
| 1. **Thursday**

June3, 20212:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.Virtual | Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20) “International Law” – Section i “Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law”* O.P. 3: Special meeting to promote the study of private international law in the Americas
* Department of International Law
* Agenda: [CP/CAJP-3566/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3566&lang=E) rev. 1
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| 1. **Thursday**

June 3, 20214:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2930 (XLIX-O/19) “International Law” – section iv “Promotion of the International Criminal Court”O.P. 5: Technical working meeting to discuss measures that could strengthen cooperation with the International Criminal Court* Department of International Law/International Criminal Court/International organizations and institutions/Civil society
* Agenda: [CP/CAJP-3565/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3565&lang=e) rev. 1
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| 1. **Thursday**

June 10, 20212:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.Virtual | Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/21) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights” – section v “Human Rights Defenders”* Request from the Permanent Mission of Uruguay to the Organization of American States, along with the Permanent Missions of Canada, Mexico, Costa Rica, and Dominica Republic, for a special meeting to be held
* Diplomatic Note: [CP/CAJP-3571/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3571&lang=e)
* Agenda: [CP/CAJP-3571/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3571&lang=e) add.1
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| 1. **Thursday**

June 17, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | * + - 1. Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and protection of human rights” - Section vi. “Rights of Children and Adolescents”

O.P. 5: * + - 1. Status of the hemispheric analysis on prevention, eradication, and punishment of abuse and all forms of violence against children and adolescents.
			2. Consideration of the necessity and importance of crafting a specific inter-American instrument on the subject using existing resources.
* General Secretariat
* Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN)
* Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
	+ - 1. Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2958 (L-O/20) “Strengthening Democracy”

Section iii, “Rights of Children and Adolescents”* Inter-American Children’s Institute
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| 1. **Thursday**

June 17, 20214:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and protection of human rights” - Section ix. “Promotion of the Inter-American Convention against Racism, Racial Discrimination, and Related Forms of Intolerance and the fight against all forms of discrimination”O.P.1: Meeting with the purpose of gathering input from member states for countering intolerance and discrimination in the region* Department of Social Inclusion of the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
* Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
* Draft Agenda: [CP/CAJP-3592/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3592&lang=e)
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| 1. **Thursday**

June 24, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2959 (L-O/20) “International Law” - section iii “Promotion of and respect for international humanitarian law”O.P. 9: Course on International Humanitarian Law to promote knowledge of and respect for international humanitarian law and related regional instruments, including measures for their effective implementation* Department of International Law/International Committee of the Red Cross
* Draft agenda: [CP/CAJP-3559/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3559&lang=e)
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| **JULY 2021** |
| 1. **Thursday**

July 1, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | 1. Follow-up on the mandates from to resolution AG/RES. 2958 (L-O/20) “Strengthening Democracy”

Section iii. “Rights of Children and Adolescents”* Inter-American Children’s Institute
1. Elections for the post of second vice chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs for the 2020-2021 term
2. Approval of the Methodology for the presentation and negotiation in the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs of draft resolutions to be referred to the General Assembly at its fifty-first regular session (CP/CAJP-3600/21 rev.1)
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| 1. **Thursday**

July 29, 20212:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.Virtual | 1. Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2958 (L-O/20) “Strengthening Democracy”
* Section x “Technical Cooperation and Electoral Observation Missions”
* Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy
1. Follow-up on the mandates from to resolution AG/RES. 2958 (L-O/20) “Strengthening Democracy,” section ix, “Strengthening the activities of the Inter-American Judicial Facilitators Program”
* Secretariat for Strengthening Democracy
* Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity
1. Follow-up on the mandates from to resolution AG/RES. 2958 (L-O/20) “Strengthening Democracy”
2. Section iv. “Meeting of Ministers of Justice or Other Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas”
* Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs
1. Section vi. “Follow-up on the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and on the Inter-American Program for Cooperation in the Fight against Corruption”
* O.P. 8: Progress Report on the implementation of the mandates from the Lima Commitment: “Democratic Governance against Corruption,” adopted at the Eighth Summit of the Americas held in April 2018 in Lima, Peru
* Chair of the Committee of Experts of MESICIC
* Department of Legal Cooperation of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs
1. Preparation for the process of negotiating the draft omnibus resolutions for the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly
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| **Friday, July 30** | **Deadline for submitting texts for the draft resolutions for the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly** |
| **AUGUST 2021** |
| August 2 to 6 | Period for compiling the texts received by the CAJP Secretariat, into draft omnibus resolutions |
| August 9 to 31 | Period for the delegations to continue consultations with their capitals and among themselves |
| **SEPTEMBER 2021** |
| **Wednesday, September 1** | **Deadline for the delegations that have led the informal consultations to report the outcomes of those consultations to the CAJP Secretariat** |
| **September 1 to 6** | Period for the CAJP Secretariat to compile final observations on draft omnibus resolutions received from member states, based on consultations held in August |
| 1. **Thursday**

September 92:30 - 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Consideration of draft resolutions for the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly:1. Draft Omnibus Resolution “International Law” - [CP/CAJP-3609/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3609&lang=e)
2. Draft Omnibus Resolution “Strengthening Democracy” - [CP/CAJP-3611/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3611&lang=e)
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| 1. **Thursday**

September 162:30 - 5:30 p.m.Virtual Informal | Consideration of draft resolutions for the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly:1. Draft Omnibus Resolution “International Law” - [CP/CAJP-3609/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3609&lang=e) and revisions
2. Draft Omnibus Resolution “Strengthening Democracy” - [CP/CAJP-3611/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3611&lang=e) and revisions
3. Draft resolution “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights” - [CP/CAJP-3610/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3610&lang=e) and revisions
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| 1. **Thursday**

September 232:30 - 5:30 p.m.Virtual Informal | Consideration of draft resolutions for the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly:* + - 1. Draft Omnibus Resolution “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights” - [CP/CAJP-3610/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3611&lang=e)
			2. Draft omnibus resolution “International Law” - [CP/CAJP-3609/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3609&lang=e) and revisions
			3. Draft omnibus resolution “Strengthening Democracy” - [CP/CAJP-3611/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3611&lang=e) and revisions
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| 1. **Thursday**

September 302:30 - 5:30 p.m.Virtual Informal | Consideration of draft resolutions for the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly:1. Draft Omnibus Resolution “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights” - [CP/CAJP-3610/21 and revisions](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3611&lang=e)
2. Draft omnibus resolution “Strengthening Democracy” - [CP/CAJP-3611/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3611&lang=e) and revisions
3. Draft omnibus resolution “International Law” - [CP/CAJP-3609/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3609&lang=s) and revisions
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| **OCTOBER 2021** |
| 1. **Wednesday**

October 6 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Consideration of draft resolutions for the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly:1. Draft resolution “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights” - [CP/CAJP-3610/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3610&lang=e) and revisions
2. Draft omnibus resolution “Strengthening Democracy” - [CP/CAJP-3611/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3611&lang=e) and revisions
3. Draft omnibus resolution “Strengthening Democracy” - [CP/CAJP-3609/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3609&lang=e) and revisions
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| 1. **Thursday**

October 14 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.Virtual Informal | Consideration of draft resolutions for the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly:1. Draft omnibus resolution “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights” - [CP/CAJP-3610/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3610&lang=e) and revisions

Draft omnibus resolution “Strengthening Democracy” - [CP/CAJP-3611/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3611&lang=e) and revisions  |
| 1. **Thursday**

 October 21 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Approval of draft resolutions for the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly:1. Draft omnibus resolution “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights” - [CP/CAJP-3610/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3610&lang=e) and revisions
2. Draft omnibus resolution “Strengthening Democracy” - [CP/CAJP-3611/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3611&lang=e) and revisions
3. Draft omnibus resolution “International Law” - [CP/CAJP-3609/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3609&lang=e) and revisions
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| 1. **Thursday**

October 282:30 - 5:30 p.m.Virtual | Approval of draft resolutions for the fifty-first regular session of the General Assembly:1. Draft omnibus resolution “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights” - [CP/CAJP-3610/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3610&lang=e) and revisions

Draft omnibus resolution “Strengthening Democracy” - [CP/CAJP-3611/21](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAJP&classNum=3611&lang=e) and revisions  |
| **NOVEMBER 2021** |
|  | **Referral of the draft omnibus resolutions of the CAJP to the Permanent Council** |

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# Mandates of the omnibus resolutions to be followed up by the Permanent Council

1. AG/RES. 2958 (L-O/20) “Strengthening Democracy”

Except section v, paragraph 4

4. To reaffirm the validity of the Inter-American Democratic Charter as an instrument for promoting and defending the values and principles of representative democracy in the region; and to instruct the Permanent Council to promote the holding of a special preparatory meeting for the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, with emphasis on reflection on this instrument in the face of new challenges, and to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-first regular session on the results of that special meeting.

1. AG/RES. 2961 (L-O/20) “Promotion and Protection of Human Rights”

Except section xi paragraph 4

4. To encourage the OAS’s technical and autonomous bodies to conduct a study on the implementation of Article 12 of the American Convention on Human Rights, and also to encourage the Permanent Council to hold a special meeting in order to share the results of that study with the member states and, in the context of the proposed special meeting, so that the states can exchange opinions on the study, with a focus on the promotion of freedom of religion and conscience in the absence of all distinction.

Except section xiv, paragraph 1

CONSIDERING that the global health emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic has prevented the Permanent Council from including the topic of access to information, public participation, and access to justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean at one of its regular meetings, in fulfillment of the mandate established in section VII of resolution AG/RES. 2941 (XLIX-O/19),

RESOLVES:

1. To extend this mandate so as to instruct the Permanent Council to include the topic of access to information, public participation and justice in environmental matters in Latin America and the Caribbean in one of its regular meetings and invite the IACHR and the Working Group to Examine the National Reports Envisioned in the Protocol of San Salvador (WGPSS) to provide a report on the situation in Latin American and the Caribbean in that regard.

2. To recommend that the Permanent Council, when addressing this issue at one of its meetings, in addition to the provisions of section vii. of resolution AG/RES. 2941 (XLIX-O/19), ponder including reflections on the impact of environmental issues, including climate change, on poverty and the enjoyment of human rights, and on the life, environment, and well-being of all species on the planet, including human beings, taking into account post-pandemic economic reconstruction plans.

Except section xv, paragraph 5

5. To instruct the Permanent Council to mark World Elder Abuse Awareness Day on June 15 every year.

Except section xix, paragraph 5

5. To instruct the Permanent Council to organize, with existing resources and in coordination with the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity, an extraordinary session on “Human rights and prevention of discrimination and violence against LGBTI persons in the Americas” with special attention to the situation of trans persons.

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1. . Listed in chronological order. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. . Except section v, paragraph 4. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. . **Except section xi, paragraph 4; section xiv, paragraph 1; section xv, paragraph 5; and section xix, paragraph 5.** [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. . AG/RES. 2941 (XLIX-O/19) “Promotion and protection of human rights” - Section xi “The power of inclusion and the benefits of diversity”

3. To urge member states to continue their efforts towards building more inclusive communities that cement respect for the inherent dignity of the person and that foster a greater degree of economic, social, cultural, civil, and political well-being for all by:

	1. Promoting a culture of inclusion that respects diversity, through political leadership, inclusive democratic processes, and an open civic space that provides an enabling environment for civil society, in both digital and physical contexts, championing initiatives that bridge differences and foster understanding and mutual respect between those from different backgrounds, perspectives, and identities. [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. . See note from the Permanent Mission of Canada to the Chair of the CAJP requesting that the special meeting referred to in section xi of resolution AG/RES. 2941 (XLIX-O/19) be held in 2020–2021 ([CP/CAJP/INF.763/20](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/hist_20/CP42392E03.docx)). [↑](#footnote-ref-5)
6. . Article 91.f of the OAS Charter [↑](#footnote-ref-6)