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VIRTUAL MEETINGS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

(Adopted during the regular meeting held on April 28, 2020)

THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT its essential role in supporting the efforts of the Organization of American States to help reduce the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in the OAS member states and to continue its other work in accordance with its function, objectives and commitments;

AGREEING that the Rules of Procedure for Regular and Special Meetings of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), while remaining fully applicable, allow in these exceptional circumstances the adoption of suitable alternatives to the face-to-face working modality for its meetings and those of its subsidiary bodies;

TAKING NOTE of document CIDI/doc.285/20 “Considerations on the Holding of Virtual Meetings of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development and its Subsidiary Bodies”; and

BASED ON Article 76 of the Rules of Procedure for Regular and Special Meetings of CIDI,

RESOLVES:

1. To take such steps that would enable CIDI and its subsidiary bodies to continue to perform their statutory functions while observing Federal and State-imposed guidelines for containing the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic.

2. To agree to hold its meetings by means of virtual communication platforms, until such time as optimal conditions obtain for face-to-face meetings.

3. To agreethat the participation of representatives of member states through technological platforms is equivalent to their physical presence in meetings and will be governed by the Rules of Procedure for Regular and Special Meetings of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development.

4. To authorize the use of virtual meetings for the committees, working groups, and other subsidiary bodies of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development, in accordance with the provisions of operative paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 hereinabove.

5. To instruct the General Secretariat to adopt the necessary measures to facilitate the convocation and conduct of virtual meetings of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development and its subsidiary bodies in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

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