COMMITTEE ON PARTNERSHIP FOR OEA/Ser.W

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METHODOLOGY FOR THE   
PRESENTATION AND NEGOTIATION OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION(S)   
THAT THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT   
IS TO SUBMIT TO THE FIFTIETH REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Approved by the Committee on March 3, 2020 and revised on August 17, 2020)

1. **INTRODUCTION**

The Chair of the Committee on Partnership for Development Policies of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development, in accordance with the practice agreed on in previous years, submitted for the Committee’s consideration a proposed methodology for establishing a negotiation procedure that will facilitate consensus-building and enable optimal use to be made of the assigned resources. The proposal was approved on March 3, 2020.

The basis for the negotiations will be a draft omnibus resolution, in accordance with General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 2939 (XLIX-O/19), “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development.” If other individual draft resolutions or declarations are presented, they will be examined using the same methodology.

The proposed changes are intended to adapt the methodology that was agreed upon last March to the current work situation, as well as to the financial situation being experienced by the Organization of American States and the time available for completing the work prior to the start of the fiftieth regular session of the General Assembly, to be held from October 20 to 21, 2020.

1. **METHODOLOGY**

The following guidelines are agreed upon for the presentation and negotiation of the draft omnibus resolution and, if applicable, any other draft resolutions or declarations on topics over which CIDI has competence and that are aligned with the guidelines of the Comprehensive Strategic Plan’s development pillar:

1. The Chair and Vice Chair, with the support of the Secretariat, will submit a draft omnibus resolution based on the resolution adopted in 2019 and in line with the thematic areas of the Strategic Plan for which concrete results have been reported or for which the Secretariat requires additional guidance from the member states. This draft resolution will be distributed in March 2020.
2. The draft omnibus resolution will take into consideration that earlier mandates adopted by the OAS General Assembly remain in effect until the General Assembly decides to update or cancel them and, as a result, it will not need to repeat or reiterate those mandates. It will also take due account of the availability of financial and human resources for mandate implementation.
3. The draft omnibus resolution will indicate the conclusion dates of the mandates and, when appropriate, will allow the establishment of mandates covering two or three years.
4. Once the negotiations begin, the delegations will be requested to submit their proposed texts at formal meetings. Those proposed texts must be submitted to the Secretariat in writing at least **48 hours** prior to the formal meeting at which they are to be presented, in order to allow their timely translation and distribution.
5. The deadline for presenting new proposed texts for inclusion in the draft omnibus resolution—and, if applicable, in the individual draft resolutions—will be **August 20, 2020**. The delegations are respectfully called on to present their proposals within the set deadline, both to ensure discipline within the Committee and out of consideration for those delegations that do submit their proposed texts on time.
6. The delegations are also urged to submit texts that are as concise as possible, aligned with the Organization’s Strategic Plan in the areas over which CIDI has competence, and clear with respect to the thrust of the policy or mandate they seek to convey.
7. Delegations presenting proposed texts should conduct informal consultations with other interested delegations in order to build consensus prior to the formal negotiations within the Committee.
8. The Chair will entrust those delegations that have submitted proposed amendments to language to pursue informal negotiations with a view to submitting a consensus proposal that will be the text to be deliberated on in formal session. This will enable resources available for formal sessions to be used efficiently.
9. The texts for the draft omnibus resolution that have been negotiated and agreed on within the permanent committees of CIDI will be included in the form in which they are received from those committees. The draft omnibus resolution may include texts sent to CIDI by the Permanent Council, if they are deemed to be of relevance to the OAS’s development pillar, and those texts will be incorporated in the form in which they are received, on the assumption that the delegations have already agreed to them.
10. The negotiation of paragraphs should focus on the substance of their contents and not on the style in which they are drafted. When difficulties arise in reaching consensus on a specific proposal, the Chair will ask the proposing delegation to conduct informal negotiations with the other interested delegations in order to overcome the obstacles.
11. The last meeting of the CPD for negotiating the omnibus resolution will take place on **October 6, 2020**, so that the Committee can present it to CIDI for its consideration and approval for its subsequent referral to the General Assembly. If there are still paragraphs on which agreement has not been reached on the last day of the negotiations, the CPD will convey the draft resolution to CIDI as it stands at that time.
12. The Secretariat will keep records of the negotiations, taking into account the drafting of the original proposals. To facilitate the negotiations, the Secretariat will preserve the numbering of the preambular and operative paragraphs during the negotiation process, and the numbering will be adjusted, if necessary, once the Committee has agreed on the final version.
13. In accordance with resolution CP/RES. 983 (1797/11), “Amendment of resolution CP/RES. 965 (1733/09) on the costing process for resolutions to be referred to the General Assembly for consideration,” those draft resolutions containing mandates with budgetary implications must abide by the procedure set out in Appendix I of document [CP/CAAP-3098/11](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=CP/CAAP&classNum=3098&lang=e) rev. 3, “Costing process for resolutions.”

**Dates in the CPD’s negotiation process of CIDI draft resolution(s)   
for the 2020 General Assembly**

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| February 18, 2020 | | | * Consideration and approval of the proposed methodology for negotiating the draft resolution(s) | |
| **March 13, 2020** | | | * **Deadline for distribution of a preliminary version of the draft omnibus resolution to be prepared by the Secretariat** | |
| March 18, 2020 | | | * Presentation of the preliminary version of the draft omnibus resolution * Presentation of member states’ proposed texts | |
| June 9, 2020 | | | * Agreement on a new deadline for presentation of proposals | |
| July 10, 2020 | | | * Start of the reading out aloud of the draft omnibus resolution | |
| **AUGUST 20**  DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING NEW PROPOSALS FOR THE DRAFT OMNIBUS RESOLUTION OR NEW DRAFT RESOLUTIONS | | | | |
| Formal meeting  Virtual | August 25  2:30 p.m. | | - Negotiation of the draft resolution |
| Formal meeting  Virtual | September 3  2:30 p.m. | | - Negotiation of the draft resolution |
| Formal meeting  Virtual | September 11  2:30 p.m. | | - Negotiation of the draft resolution |
| Formal meeting  Virtual | September 22  2:30 p.m. | | - Negotiation of the draft resolution |
| Formal meeting  Virtual | September 29  2:30 p.m. | | - Negotiation of the draft resolution |
| Formal meeting  Virtual | October 6  2:30 p.m. | | - Negotiation and agreement on the draft resolution |

The general guidelines for draft resolutions agreed by the Committee in years past are appended.

**APPENDIX**

(The inclusion of these documents was requested at the Committee meeting

held on February 18, 2020)

1. GENERAL GUIDELINES FOR DRAFT RESOLUTIONS:

It is suggested that, as agreed upon by the Committee on Policies in 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, and 2019 (CEPCIDI/SCSD/doc.496/12, CIDI/CPD/doc.6/13 rev. 2, CIDI/CPD/doc.49/14 rev. 1, CIDI/CPD/doc.6/13 rev. 2, CIDI/CPD/ doc.94/16, CIDI/CPD/ doc.128/17 rev. 2, CIDI/CPD/doc. 156/18 rev.1 y CIDI/CPD/doc.182/19 rev.2 corr.1) as well as the latest decisions of the General Assembly, the delegations make an effort to abide by the following recommendations, taking into consideration the peculiarities of each draft resolution, on a case-by-case basis:

* That the proposals presented by the States be aligned with the Strategic Plan of the Organization so that the mandates have an already defined and negotiated reference framework.
* That, when submitting draft resolutions, delegations identify thematic affinities, similarities, and complementarities with other draft resolutions to facilitate grouping topics together or merging texts;
* That draft resolutions on areas of development in which CIDI has competence be presented in the framework of CIDI. Other draft resolutions on issues not related to CIDI should be presented to the competent bodies of the Permanent Council. Although CIDI endeavors to apprise the General Assembly Subcommittee on Agenda and Procedure of draft resolutions submitted in the framework of CIDI, delegations are asked to request said Committee to include the topic.
* That the delegations consider submitting draft resolutions on the same subject every two or three years or when there is solid progress in terms of the degree of implementation of the mandates on the issue they address and new guidelines or mandates for the Secretariat become necessary. To ensure that a resolution with a two- or three-year term is properly fulfilled, it is recommended that an operative paragraph be included in the resolution, to mandate periodic reporting to CIDI so that said body can determine whether a new resolution on the matter is advisable;
* That the delegations consider presenting texts that are as concise as possible, avoiding repetition of paragraphs already included in other resolutions, and making general reference to those mandates deemed necessary to reiterate, without this leading to unnecessary negotiation of wording;
* That the delegations include in the draft resolutions clauses indicating a specific timeframe for effectiveness of the text and the activities established therein;
* That mandates be drafted in accordance with the parameters agreed by CIDI **(CIDI/doc.42/13** [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=42&lang=s) - [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=42&lang=e)- [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=42&lang=f) - [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=42&lang=p)) and the agreements reached included in the report of the Chair of the ad hoc CIDI Working Group to review mandates on integral development **(CIDI/doc.83/14 rev. 1 -** [Español](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=83&lang=s) - [English](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=83&lang=e) - [Français](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=83&lang=f) - [Português](http://scm.oas.org/IDMS/Redirectpage.aspx?class=cidi/doc.&classNum=83&lang=p)), as well as the established criterion that defines three types of mandates:
* **TYPE A MANDATES**: Policies or general policy guidelines on the issue in question.
* **TYPE B MANDATES**: Specific measures and activities that support the implementation of type A mandates.
* **TYPE C MANDATES**: Operational mandates of an administrative or financial nature.

This will facilitate the work of classifying the mandates agreed by the General Assembly and immediately updating the database of mandates in the integral development area.

* Pursuant to the agreement reached by the Permanent Council ([CP/doc.4556/11](http://scm.oas.org.doc_public/ENGLISH/hist_11/CP26202E04.doc)) and adopted by CEPCIDI in 2011, (i) footnotes referring to any parts of a draft resolution shall be limited to a maximum of two lines. For footnotes that exceed that length, the first two lines will begin on the corresponding page and the remainder of the note will continue at the end of the text of the draft resolution; and (ii) no documents should be included in draft resolutions, except if they are documents to be adopted or approved by the General Assembly such as conventions, charters, statutes and the like. Any references to documents in the text of draft resolutions should be made using the appropriate title and classification and other identifying information such as name, place, and date of meeting at which the document was considered.
* With respect to the wording of draft resolutions, consideration should also be given to the parameters and procedures established by the Permanent Council in document [CP/RES. 965/09 (1733/09)](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/hist_09/cp23469e04.doc), “Templates to be Used by the Permanent Council for Resolutions to be Referred to the General Assembly for Consideration.” For the costing of draft resolutions, the parameters and procedures established by the Permanent Council in resolution [CP/RES. 983 (1797/11](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/hist_11/cp25928e04.doc)), “Amendment of Resolution CP/RES. 965 (1733/09) on the Costing Process for Resolutions to be Referred to the General Assembly for Consideration,” will be followed.

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