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**ADJUSTMENTS TO THE TRIENNIAL MINISTERIAL CYCLE CALENDAR OF THE SECTORAL SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT PROCESS**

(Approved by CIDI at the regular meeting held on April 25, 2023)

The three-year ministerial cycle for Social Development has fallen behind the timelines established in the “General Guidelines for Sectoral Ministerial Processes within the Framework of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI)” (CIDI/doc.228/17).

The Planning Meeting of Authorities of the Ministerial Process for Social Development should have been held in February 2023, three months after the ministerial meeting; however, it has not been possible to hold it in a timely manner due to the difficulty of coordinating the agendas of the different authorities of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development (CIDES)[[1]](#footnote-1)/ owing to previous commitments, the closing of ministerial activities at the end of the year 2022 and periods of leave for the staff and the beginning of budgetary negotiations at the start of a new year at member states.

In addition, during the summer months, the southern hemisphere was affected by severe droughts that caused forest fires with serious socioeconomic and environmental consequences for several OAS member states. In particular, Chile -Chair of CIDES- had to deal with a series of serious and prolonged outbreaks of fires that required the State to deploy all its efforts to address this national priority, which implied the sustained presence of the Ministry of Social Development and Family in the affected territories, providing assistance to those populations.

Due to these reasons, the preparation process for the Planning Meeting has faced certain delays, and meetings with CIDES authorities began in March 2023 to coordinate the meeting and discuss the documents to be negotiated (CIDES Draft Work Plan 2023-2025).

Therefore, appreciating the commitment of the CIDES authorities and the members of the Troika[[2]](#footnote-2)/ and taking into account that the General Provisions of the “General Guidelines for Sectoral Ministerial Processes within the Framework of CIDI” establish that “(...) in case of unforeseen circumstances the CIDI, on the advice of the Secretariat, will have the prerogative to approve changes to a particular ministerial cycle on an exceptional basis and taking into consideration the logistical, budgetary and organizational implications of the proposed change”, CIDI approved that the Planning Meeting of Authorities of the Ministerial Process for Social Development be convened to be held virtually on May 24, 2023.

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2. . Minister of Social Development of Guatemala, Social Policy Cabinet of the Dominican Republic, and Welfare Secretary of Mexico. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)