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**DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**CONVOCATION OF THE** **SIXTH MEETING OF MINISTERS AND HIGH AUTHORITIES OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT (CIDI),

HAVING SEEN Resolution AG/RES. 2955 (L-O/20), “Advancing Hemispheric Initiatives on Integral Development: Promoting Resilience,”

HAVING SEEN ALSO the Plan of Action of Guatemala 2016-2020, “Inclusive Innovation: Key to Reducing Inequality and Increasing Productivity in The Region,” (CIDI/REMCYT-IV/doc.5/15 rev. 2), the Declaration of Medellin, “Science, Technology, and Innovation as Pillars of Transformation in The Americas” (CIDI/REMCYT-V/DEC. 1/17 rev. 1), and the COMCYT Work Plan 2018-2020 (CIDI/COMCYT/RPA/doc.4/18), extended through 2021,

CONSIDERING:

That the Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology is a specialized Ministerial process of the Organization of American States;

 That Member States of the Organization of American States have been significantly affected by the social, economic, and environmental impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic,

BEARING IN MIND that the pandemic reinforces the need for OAS member states to urgently design and implement policies, strategies, and programs aimed at reducing their vulnerability and building their resilience to external shocks, including to the adverse effects of climate change, consistent with their national and international obligations;

AWARE of the potential of science, technology and innovation to address development imperatives in the Americas, including those arising as a consequence of COVID-19, and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT Permanent Council resolution CP/RES. 982 (1797/11), “Update of Costs of Conferences and Meetings Funded by the OAS,”

RESOLVES:

1. To convene the Sixth Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Science and Technology (VI REMCYT) virtually on December 7, 2021.
2. To instruct that the maximum available resources envisaged in Chapter 7, Subprogram 74F

 thereof be allocated in accordance with the guidelines set down in resolution CP/RES. 982 (1797/11) for the preparation and holding of the VI REMCYT.

1. To instruct the General Secretariat to assist, through the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, with the preparation and organization of the VI REMCYT and to report to the Inter-American Council for Integral Development on its preparatory process and outcomes.

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