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Summary of the special meeting “Inclusive dialogue for effectively dealing with social conflicts in investments for integral development,” held on February 27, 2020

The meeting was conducted under the chairmanship of Ambassador Carlos Alberto Játiva, Permanent Representative of Ecuador and Chair of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs (CAJP). It was called to order at 2:46 p.m.

The statutory quorum was established with the presence of representatives of Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Saint Lucia, Suriname, United States, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

The audio recording of the meeting can be found at the following link:

 <http://scm.oas.org/audios/2020/CP_CAJP-3520_02-27-2020.MP3>

1. Adoption of the draft order of business

The Committee adopted the draft order of business ([CP/CAJP-3520/19](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/english/HIST_20/CP41983e07.docx) rev. 1).

1. Follow-up on the mandate from resolution AG/RES. 2931 (XLIX-O/19) “Strengthening Democracy”:
* Inclusive dialogue for preventing, effectively managing, and comprehensively resolving social conflicts in investments for integral development

Mr. Roberto Menéndez, Chief of the Mission to Support the Peace Process in Colombia ((MAPP/OAS), gave a presentation on the work being performed by his Mission to deal constructively with social conflicts.

In his statement, he shared three important aspects as to how the OAS General Secretariat, through the MAPP, has implemented the General Assembly mandates, which the Delegation of Peru has been promoting in the area of social conflicts since 2014. The first aspect has to do with the legal and political framework for involvement of a peace mission of the Organization in social conflicts in a member state – Colombia in this case. The second aspect is the type of issues and/or matters that call foMAPP attention and action; the third aspect being the strategies the Mission uses to provide the Colombian state support in handling social conflicts constructively.

Mr. Menéndez touched as well on four forms of advocacy or support that the MAPP provides Colombia in social conflicts, namely: 1) conflict dynamics monitoring; 2) supporting and legitimizing settings for dialogue between the state and social actors; 3) dialogue facilitation; and 4) institutional strengthening through training.

In concluding, the MAPP Chief cited the following five dimensions of work that an international third party (good offices or mediation) has to address and consider in order to provide a country with support in handling social conflicts: 1) knowledge; 2) skills and capabilities; 3) legal and institutional framework; 4) attention to and support for processes, primarily dialogue; and 5) attitudes such as how every citizen should constructively deal with conflicts.

1. Exchange of experiences and information for effectively dealing with social conflicts in investments for integral development

Before the delegations began the exchange of experiences and information, a video presentation by Mr. José Miguel Flórez, Secretary for Social Management and Dialogue, Office of the President of the Council of Ministers of Peru, was shown. It can be found in document [CP/CAJP/INF. 708/20](http://scm.oas.org/doc_public/SPANISH/HIST_20/CP42063T03.docx).

Following this, the delegations of Peru, Colombia, Suriname, Canada, and United States acknowledged the importance of the issue and expressed appreciation for the convening of the meeting and for the presentations that were given. A number of delegations also shared information on laws, policies, plans, an program designed to prevent and resolve social conflicts in their respective countries.

At the end of the presentations, the CAJP took note of the presentation by the Head of the MAPP, the presentation by the Secretary for Social Management and Dialogue, Office of the President of the Council of Ministers of Peru, and the comments made by the delegations during the exchange of experiences and information to effectively deal with social conflicts in investments for integral development, and decided that the outcomes of this special meeting should be sent to the Permanent Council for subsequent transmittal to the General Assembly at its fiftieth regular session, pursuant to the mandate contained in resolution AG/RES. 2931 (XLIX-O/19).

 There being no further matters to consider, the meeting was adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

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