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VIRTUAL MEETINGS OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL
DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC[[1]](#footnote-1)/

(Adopted by the Permanent Council at its virtual special meeting of April 16, 2020)

 THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

AFFIRMING the importance for the Organization of American States to help lead regional efforts to prevent and reduce the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and to continue its other work in accordance with its functions and objectives;

RECOGNIZING that, due to the pandemic, measures have been adopted to prevent the spread of contagion and to safeguard the lives and health of people;

EXPRESSING that the important work of the Organization of American States must continue, even as the pandemic evolves;

AGREEING that the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council, while remaining fully applicable, allow in these exceptional circumstances the adoption of alternatives to the physical face-to-face working modality for meetings of the Permanent Council;

TAKING NOTE of document CP/doc.5602/20 “Considerations on the Holding of Virtual Meetings of the Permanent Council and its Subsidiary Bodies” presented by the Secretariat of the Permanent Council on April 13, 2020; and

BASED ON Article 80.b of the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To continue the important work of the Permanent Council during the mandatory application of the social distancing measures that have been implemented to prevent the spread of contagion in the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic in order to safeguard the health and lives of people.

2. To agree to the holding of meetings of the Permanent Council by means of virtual communication platforms, until there are optimal conditions in place for that body to meet physically face to face.

3. To agreethat in the above-mentioned virtual meetings, the participation of representatives of member states through technological platforms is equivalent to their physical presence in the Permanent Council and will be governed by the Rules of Procedure of that body.

4. To recognize that, within the framework of the COVID-19 pandemic, the quorum, voting process, acts and decisions of the Permanent Council during virtual meetings shall have the same legal weight as those in the physical face-to-face modality.

5. To authorize the virtual meetings modality for the committees, working groups, and other subsidiary bodies of the Permanent Council, in accordance with the provisions of operative paragraphs 2, 3, and 4 hereinabove.

6. To instruct the General Secretariat to adopt the necessary measures to facilitate the convocation and conduct of virtual meetings of the Permanent Council and its subsidiary bodies in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

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1. . The delegation of Trinidad and Tobago announced that it would submit a footnote. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)