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DRAFT RESOLUTION

IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE *COUP D'ÉTAT* IN CHILE

(Agreed upon by the Permanent Council at its regular meeting held on June 16, 2023,
and referred to the Plenary of the General Assembly for consideration)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND that the Charter of the Organization of American States affirms that democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace, and development of the region;

NOTING that in the American Convention on Human Rights, the states parties reaffirmed their “intention to consolidate in this Hemisphere, within the framework of democratic institutions, a system of personal liberty and social justice based on respect for essential rights of man”;

EMPHASIZING that the Inter-American Democratic Charter establishes that “democracy is essential for the social, political, and economic development of the peoples of the Americas” and that these peoples have a right to it and their governments have an obligation to promote and defend it;

RECALLING that the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights have upheld the right to the truth, including the preservation of memory;

RECALLING ALSO the *coup d'état* that occurred in Chile fifty years ago, on September 11, 1973;

RECALLING that similar events have occurred in other countries of the Hemisphere, resulting in a breakdown in democratic process, including the repression of human, civil, and political rights and the destruction of democratic institutions;

 NOTING that the State of Chile has considered this commemoration as an opportunity for broad-based dialogue; to thank those who defended democracy; and to honor the memory of the victims of persecution, with a view to building a future based on steadfast defense of democracy and human rights; and

 MINDFUL that Chile has also viewed this commemoration as an occasion to express its gratitude for the international solidarity conveyed to the people of Chile in response to the *coup d'état* and the subsequent dictatorship, including solidarity expressed through the widely-acclaimed inter-American tradition of asylum,

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize the 50th anniversary of the *coup d'état* in Chile as an opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to democratic values, including representative democracy, social justice, human rights, and personal freedoms.

2. To acknowledge the solidarity conveyed by various countries of the Americas to Chileans who left their country during the dictatorship in search of better living conditions, security, and refuge for themselves and their families.

3. To applaud the hemispheric progress made in consolidating democracy and human rights, while encouraging continued vigilance against and effort to defeat any threat in these areas.

4. To reaffirm its commitment to the consolidation of inclusive democratic institutions to promote the participation of all people in the exercise of their rights.

5. To request that the Permanent Council, in September 2023, include “In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the *coup d'état* in Chile” on the order of business of a regular meeting, with the participation of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR), through its Rapporteurship on “Memory, Truth, and Justice.”

6. To favorably consider the request from the Government of Chile for an appropriate recognition for former President of Chile Salvador Allende Gossens, on the same terms as those afforded the historical figures of the Hemisphere who are honored at the headquarters of the Organization.

7. To instruct the General Secretariat to collaborate and coordinate, within the scope of its functions and with available resources, in hosting events at the Organization's headquarters on the 50th anniversary of the *coup d'état* in Chile.

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