

EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES AND
PEOPLE OF AFRICAN DESCENT IN OAS ACTIVITIES^{1/2/3/4/5/6/}

(Adopted at the first plenary session, held on June 27, 2019)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING the Charter of the Organization of American States, the American Declaration on Indigenous Peoples, the Plan of Action for the Decade for People of African Descent in the Americas (2016-2025), the Plan of Action on the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2017-2021), resolution AG/RES. 2924 (XLVIII-0/18) “Increasing and Strengthening the Participation of Civil Society and Social Actors in the Activities of the Organization of American States and in the Summits of the Americas Process,” and resolution CP/RES. 759 (1217/99), “Guidelines for the Participation of Civil Society Organizations in OAS Activities”;

RECOGNIZING the importance of participation by indigenous peoples and communities of people of African descent in consolidating democracy, social development, human rights, and security in all member states and their participation in the activities of the Organization of American States; and

BEARING IN MIND the important presence of indigenous peoples and people of African descent in the Americas and their immense contribution to development, plurality, and cultural diversity in our societies, and reiterating our commitment to their economic and social well-being, as well as the obligation to respect their rights and their cultural identity,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Secretariat for Access to Rights and Equity to submit to the Committee on Inter-American Summits Management and Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities in the first half of 2020, in consultation with the member states and taking into account input on the subject from the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, a report on existing challenges to effective participation of indigenous peoples and communities of people of African descent in the activities of the Organization of American States, with a view to strengthening that participation.

2. To instruct the General Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements, in the framework of the “Dialogue of the Heads of Delegation with Representatives of Civil Society Organizations and Other Social Actors,” for representatives of indigenous peoples and communities of people of African

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1. Mexico reiterates the position expressed in its statement delivered at the First Plenary Session of the Forty-Ninth Regular Session of the General Assembly ...
 2. The Plurinational State of Bolivia places on record its position in accordance with Article 1 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, which stipulates: “*The American States* ...
 3. Further to the Statement of the delegation of the Republic of Suriname on June 27, 2019 at the General Assembly of the Organization of American States and with reference to its Statement ...
 4. The Government of Barbados did not support Resolution CP/RES. 1124 (2217/19) of April 9, 2019 which sought to appoint Mr. Gustavo Tarre as the National Assembly’s designated Permanent ...
 5. The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica places on record its reservations to the participation and voting by the purported representative(s) of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela...
 6. Antigua and Barbuda considers that the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela is not a member state of the Organization of American States since, on 27 April 2017, the Government of the Bolivarian...

descent to attend and participate effectively, with a view to enhancing their level of impact at the fiftieth regular session of the General Assembly, pursuant to resolutions AG/RES. 2901 (XLVII-O/17) and AG/RES. 2924 (XLVIII-O/18), “Increasing and Strengthening the Participation of Civil Society and Social Actors in the Activities of the Organization of American States and in the Summits of the Americas Process,” and subject to the availability of resources.

FOOTNOTES

1. ... (Item 4. Report of the Secretary General on Credentials) and in the Footnote to the ‘Report of the Secretary General on the Presentation of Credentials of the Delegations Taking Part in the Forty-Ninth Regular Session of the General Assembly,’ document AG/doc.5653/19.

2. ... *establish by this Charter the international organization that they have developed to achieve an order of peace and justice, to promote their solidarity, to strengthen their collaboration, and to defend their sovereignty, their territorial integrity, and their independence.*

The Organization of American States has no powers other than those expressly conferred upon it by this Charter, none of whose provisions authorizes it to intervene in matters that are within the internal jurisdiction of the Member States.”

It also clearly places on record that, in keeping with Article 143 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, its denunciation by a member state shall come into effect two years after the receipt thereof, at which time it shall cease to be in force with respect to the denouncing state, which shall be left without rights and duties and unattached from all actions and decisions of the Organization.

The Plurinational State of Bolivia reserves the right to recognize resolutions and declarations adopted with the participation of non-member states.

3. ... during the Regular Meeting of the Permanent Council of April 23, 2019 in relation to Resolution CP/RES. 1124 (2217/19) rev. 2 of April 9, 2019, the delegation of the Republic of Suriname wishes to put on record that until further notice, Suriname reserves its rights to recognize All Resolutions and Declarations that will be adopted on the occasion of the 49th Regular Session of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States.

This reservation is based on our firm rejection of the selective interpretation of the procedural rules and other legal instruments of the Organization of American States.

4. ... Representative to the OAS and does not accept the credentials of the officials intending to represent the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at this 49th Meeting of the General Assembly of the OAS. The Government of Barbados therefore reserves its rights, until further notice, not to be bound by any decisions or Resolutions adopted at this General Assembly in which the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela participated.

5. ... on any resolutions, declarations, elections considered by the Forty-Ninth Regular Session of the General Assembly and any other body of the Organization of American States (OAS).

The Government of The Commonwealth of Dominica also places on record its view that in keeping with Article 143 of the Charter of the OAS which provides, inter alia, that the denunciation by a Member State shall come into effect *two (2) years from the date on which the General Secretariat receives a notice of denunciation, the present Charter shall cease to be in force with respect to the denouncing State, which shall cease to belong to the Organization*; that the denouncing State shall be without rights and duties and shall be unattached from all actions and decisions of the Organization; that Venezuela is no longer a Member State of the OAS and therefore not entitled to have a seat at the OAS. The Government of The Commonwealth of Dominica therefore does not recognise any person who occupies the seat of Venezuela who is not a person duly appointed by the Government of the State of Venezuela.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica reserves its full rights in respect of the recognition resolutions and declarations adopted by the Forty-Ninth Regular Session of the General Assembly and any resolution and declaration approved thereafter with the participation by the purported representatives of Venezuela.

6. ... Republic of Venezuela properly notified the Secretary-General of its denunciation of the Charter in accordance with Article 143 of the Charter of the Organization of American States and the Charter ceased to be in force with respect to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela which ceased to belong to the organization on 27 April 2019.

Antigua and Barbuda did not support resolution CP/RES. 1124 (2217/19) of April 9, 2019 which sought to appoint Mr. Gustavo Tarre as the National Assembly's Representative to the OAS and did not accept the credentials of the officials intending to represent the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the 49th Regular Session of the General Assembly.

Therefore Antigua and Barbuda notifies all member states and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States that until further notice, it will not consider itself bound by any declaration or resolution of the 49th Regular Session of the General Assembly or any future declarations or resolutions of any Council or organ of the Organization that includes the participation of any person or entity purporting to speak for or act on behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and in which 18 votes are attained with the participation of a purported representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.