



**RESOLUTIONS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the
JUSTICE STUDIES CENTER OF THE AMERICAS**

The Board of Directors of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas met on December 10, 2004 in the city of Santiago, Chile. In attendance were Board members **Federico Callizo, George M. Thomson, Jaime Arellano, Lloyd Ellis and Douglass Cassel** and member elect **Germán Garavano**. By virtue of Article 13 of the JSCA Statute and Articles 18 and 19 of the Regulations, the Board resolved:

1. To congratulate the Executive Director and the Executive Office staff for the presentation of the 2004 Activities Report and the projects and proposals included in the Center's 2005 Plan of Action, and to approve both documents by unanimous vote.
2. To approve the 2004 Financial Report presented by the Executive Director and to thank the US State Department, represented by Francis Armstrong, for presenting the document: "Towards a Plan for Financing the Justice Studies Center of the Americas," during this Board meeting.
3. To note the above document, and the Financial Analysis and Funding Proposal presented by the Executive Director, and to charge the Director with preparing a Strategic 5-Year Plan of Action for JSCA that includes new and well-defined areas of action for the Center and a projected structure of operating costs for the same time period. JSCA's Executive Directorship shall make the necessary preparations with the intention of presenting a preliminary proposal for consideration at the next Summit of the Americas.
4. To express its gratitude for the letter from Vicente Fox, President of Mexico, regarding JSCA's role in that country, accepting the Mexican judiciary's offer to intensify JSCA's presence in that country. In order to respond to said letter, the Board of Directors will take into account the considerations expressed by William Benson, Director of the Department of Legal Services at the OAS, in fact and by law and takes this opportunity to thank him for said observations.
5. To reiterate that the actions promoted and developed by the Center should always meet the following criteria:
 - 5.1 JSCA's contribution to improving public policy for justice systems in the Americas.
 - 5.2 The promotion of better standards in justice administration among judicial system actors.

- 5.3 The confirmation that JSCA's efforts in supporting and following-up on the reform processes is independent of the ideological visions and other internal political considerations to which the Governments adhere.
6. To charge the Executive Director with drafting a declaration that restates the above ideas and ensuring that it is disseminated by the most capable and appropriate media to OAS member states, public and private institutions, and entities linked with justice systems that work with JSCA:
 7. To express its satisfaction with the results of the Follow-up Project on Criminal Procedure Reform and to propose that it be disseminated by the mass media in the region that the Executive Director deems most appropriate, and to approve the dissemination of Project results: "Index of Online Access to Judicial Information."
 8. To approve the request for Associate Membership presented by the Argentine institution *Unidos por la Justicia*, and express our pleasure at the signing of cooperation agreements with the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Province of Chubut and Río Negro, Argentina; *Policía de Investigaciones* of Chile; the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico; the Supreme Court of Justice of Mendoza; the Supreme Court Prosecutor's Office of the Province of Buenos Aires and the Judicial Council of the same city.
 9. To congratulate JSCA's Executive Office for holding a joint meeting of the JSCA Board and the Editorial Committee of *Judicial Systems Journal*, and to request that the Office thank those who attended and draw up the minutes of the main topics addressed in the following areas:
 - 9.1 JSCA Strategies and Future Agenda
 - 9.2 The Center's Position and Role
 - 9.3 New Leadership
 10. To agree to hold the next meeting of the Board of Directors at the end of June 2005. The Board duly notes and thanks member Justice Ellis for his offer to hold said meeting in Jamaica. JSCA's Executive Office is hereby asked to coordinate the arrangements and preparations for this meeting and report to the Director and the Board in this regard.