



RESOLUTIONS OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors met at the headquarters of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas, henceforth JSCA, in Santiago on June 7 2003. In attendance were President Douglass Cassell, Board Members Callizo, Thompson, Executive Director Juan Enrique Vargas, and Loreta Ruz, assistant to Board Member Alvear, who apologized for her absence. The following resolutions were taken in virtue of Article 13 of the Statutes and Articles 18 and 19 of the Regulations:

1. To manifest the Board's satisfaction with the presence of Professor Ramón Brena, the director of ARGENJUS, and the report on activities that he presented at the beginning of this session. The Board is particularly grateful for his participation in the Seminar on Justice and Democratic Governance, which JSCA and the Ministry of Justice of Chile organized during the 33rd Ordinary Period of Sessions of the OAS General Assembly. At the request of the Vice President, it would also like to highlight the importance of ARGENJUS's contributions to the Center's continued work in this area, specifically its work coordinating justice sector institutions in Argentina.
2. To approve the Executive Director's review of activities and reaffirms its positive evaluation of the activities carried out by the administration. The members would like to make special mention of the projects associated with the Network of Civil Society Organizations and the research projects on Gender and Judicial Reform, Statistics in the English-speaking Caribbean, and Training for Criminal Justice Reform in Latin America. In regard to this last, the Board congratulates the Director on the formal initiation of the subscription of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) instrument in the preamble of the General Assembly.
3. To renovate the Executive Director's mandate so that this resolution may be approved by the V Reunión de Ministros de Justicia o Ministros o Procuradores Generales de las Américas (REMJA) in accordance with Article 12.a of the Statutes.
4. To approve the proposal to modify the Statutes that was presented by the Executive Board Secretary. The proposed change affects the manner in which vacancies on the Board that are produced for reasons other than the normal expiration of a member's mandate are handled according to Article 11.3 of the Statutes. Members may only be replaced with the approval of the Permanent Council of the OAS, and only when the next Ordinary or Special General Assembly will not be held for at least six months after the vacancy has been made official.
5. To approve the Auditing Report submitted by the Executive Director and establish a limit of three years on the audit carried out by Ernst & Young subject to the Director's consent.



6. To ratify the Work and Mutual Collaboration Agreements signed by the Executive Directorship.
7. To propose that Board Members Callizo and Thompson assume the roles of President and Vice President of the Board beginning January 1 2003, when their current mandates expire. The members note that there is a special procedure (Chapter III) for electing the President and Vice President that allows for this to be done in a way other than the procedures associated with the general voting regulations.
8. To observe that in view of the regrets presented by Board Member Alvear, who was unable to attend the meeting due to reasons beyond her control associated with her position, her votes could not be included in this session, but should be submitted later in written or verbal form to the Board President. Board Member Callizo moves that it be noted that this is a regular but extraordinary procedure and that Article 38 of the Regulations stipulates that it may be applied on a case by case basis.
9. To congratulate the Executive Director and his staff and ask that they convey the Board's gratitude to the Chilean Minister of Justice for the success of the Seminar on Justice and Democratic Governance, which was held June 4 and 6. The Board notes and recognizes the conclusions that were reached at the above mentioned event and charges the Executive Secretary with disseminating them in a timely and proper fashion.
10. To establish that the next Executive Board meeting will be held during the first half of the month of January, and to ask that the Executive Secretary propose the 5th or 9th of January as the date for the meeting. The dates should be presented to the present Board Members and those who are elected at the General Assembly so that they may be promptly confirmed.
11. The Executive Board charges its Secretary with exploring channels for informing the appropriate institutions of the decisions adopted during this session that require the participation and approval of said institutions, particularly in regard to Resolutions 3, 4, and 9 of this act.

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