

**AG/RES. 1853 (XXXII-O/02)**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM ON THE PROMOTION OF  
WOMEN'S HUMAN RIGHTS AND GENDER EQUITY AND EQUALITY**

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session held on June 4, 2002)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND the mandates contained in resolution AG/RES. 1732 (XXX-O/00), "Adoption and Implementation of the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality";

RECALLING resolution AG/RES. 1777 (XXXI-O/01), "Implementation of the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality," whereby the General Assembly received the first report of the Secretary General on implementation of the Program;

RECALLING ALSO resolution AG/RES. 1741 (XXX-O/00), "Integrating a Gender Perspective in the Summits of the Americas," which recommended that the Meetings of Ministers or of the Highest-Ranking Authorities Responsible for the Advancement of Women in the Member States be held every four years, and that they take the Inter-American Program into account and contribute to the preparatory and follow-up activities of the Summits of the Americas;

CONSIDERING that the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality has as objectives the integration of a gender perspective as a decisive strategy for implementing the Program and achievement of the ultimate goal, namely, the promotion and protection of women's human rights and gender equity and equality;

REAFFIRMING the commitment undertaken at the highest level in the Plan of Action of the Third Summit of the Americas, section 15 of which expresses support for this Program;

EMPHASIZING that the adoption of the Inter-American Program reaffirmed the states' commitment to combat all forms of discrimination and to promote equal rights and opportunity for women and men, with a gender perspective, which will require the ongoing participation of the OAS and, in particular, of the CIM, as the principal forum for generating hemispheric policy on gender equity and equality, as well as cooperation between the OAS and the different regional and subregional agencies and entities;

WELCOMING the establishment of the ad hoc inter-Institutional Forum on Gender Equality,

RESOLVES:

1. To receive with satisfaction the second report on the implementation and promotion of the Inter-American Program on the Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality, in fulfillment of resolution AG/RES. 1732 (XXX-O/00)].

2. To reaffirm the governments' commitment to integrate a gender perspective into their national programs and policies.

3. To welcome the support received from the Secretary General and urge him to continue his efforts to implement the objectives of the Inter-American Program and promote the integration of a gender perspective into the Organization's activities, policies, programs, projects, and agendas.

4. To instruct the Secretary General and the Permanent Council:

a. To continue allocating to the Inter-American Commission of Women, in the program-budget for 2003, the human and financial resources it needs to act as an organ for follow-up, coordination, and evaluation of the Inter-American Program and of actions taken to implement that Program, bearing in mind the other priorities of the Organization; and

b. In the 2003 budget, under Subprogram 10W OAS Conferences to assign the funds needed to hold meetings to follow up on the Program, including of the ad hoc inter-Institutional Forum on Gender Equality;

c. To take into account, in the budget to be approved in 2004, the second Meeting of Ministers or of the Highest-Ranking Authorities Responsible for the Advancement of Women in the Member States, which should be convened in April 2004.

5. To request the Secretary General to instruct the OAS organs, agencies, and entities, through the appropriate channels, to include in their reports to the General Assembly a detailed account of the measures taken to implement the Inter-American Program and to mainstream the gender perspective into the programs, projects, and activities carried out.

6. To request the Secretary General to report to the thirty-third regular session of the General Assembly on the implementation of this program by the organs and agencies of the inter-American system.