CD RES. 08 (95-R21)

**NETWORKS OF CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS**

(Submitted by the Delegation of Jamaica)

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

**RECALLING:**

The fifth anniversary of the Network of Child and Adolescent Correspondents (CORIA Network), a space where children from the four regions of the Americas inform, express their opinions and communicate the situation of their rights and represent their peers in national, regional and international forums;

The relevance of the CORIA Network as the first experience within a regional organization that brings together the participation of children from advisory councils and organized groups and promotes intergenerational dialogue with representatives of governing bodies for children;

That the Inter-American Children's Institute (IIN) provides uninterrupted technical assistance to the pro tempore presidencies of the Permanent Commission Niñ@sur Initiative and the Red Sur de Crianças e Adolescentes, since its creation in 2018;

**BEARING IN MIND:**

That Article 7 of the Statute of the IIN establishes that " Children younger than 18 years of age from all member states, through their representatives, as provided for in the Rules of Procedure of the Institute";

That since its 93rd Ordinary Meeting, the Directing Council of the IIN has maintained a space for intergenerational dialogue in the development of its activities;

The recent creation of the Network of Children and Adolescents of Central America, Mexico and the Dominican Republic, being an initiative promoted by the children, adolescents and technical liaisons and driven by the President of the Directing Council, Lolis María Salas Montes;

**TAKING INTO SPECIAL CONSIDERATION:**

The opinions expressed by the children and adolescents of the aforementioned networks and the dialogue generated with the members of the IIN Directing Council developed at this meeting on priority issues for the networks on the promotion and protection of their rights,

**RESOLVES:**

1. To take into consideration the opinions and agenda items shared by the networks of children and adolescents, and to emphasize that, the axes raised by them, constitute priorities common to the member countries of the IIN Directing Council.

2. To continue consolidating within the meetings of the Directing Council of the IIN a space for intergenerational dialogue with networks of children and adolescents of the region, based on the Methodology for the Participation of Children and Adolescents in the meetings, instances and activities of the Inter-American Children's Institute, approved by resolution CD/RES. 07 (93-R/18).

3. To ask the General Directorate of the IIN to continue to develop guidelines and methodologies to promote the participation and organization in networks of children and adolescents of the Americas in institutional forums, including the Directing Council.