

AG/RES. 2262 (XXXVII-O/07)

PROTOCOL OF SAN SALVADOR:  
COMPOSITION AND FUNCTIONING OF THE WORKING GROUP  
TO EXAMINE THE PERIODIC REPORTS OF THE STATES PARTIES

(Adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 5, 2007)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Permanent Council to the General Assembly (AG/doc.4698/07 corr. 1) and resolutions AG/RES. 2074 (XXXV-O/05) and AG/RES. 2178 (XXXVI-O/06);

CONSIDERING the provisions of the American Convention on Human Rights, Chapter III of which refers to economic, social, and cultural rights;

UNDERSCORING the entry into force, in November 1999, of the Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, "Protocol of San Salvador," and its ratification by 14 member states of the Organization of American States (OAS);

RECALLING that both the American Convention and the Protocol of San Salvador recognize that the essential rights of an individual are not derived from one's being a national of a certain state, but are based upon attributes of the human person;

RECALLING ALSO that, in Article 19 of the Protocol of San Salvador, the states parties undertake to submit, pursuant to the provisions of that article and the corresponding rules to be formulated for that purpose by the OAS General Assembly, periodic reports on the progressive measures they have taken to ensure due respect for the rights set forth in said Protocol;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that resolution AG/RES. 2074 (XXXV-O/05) adopted the "Standards for the Preparation of Periodic Reports pursuant to Article 19 of the Protocol of San Salvador," and that AG/RES. 2178 (XXXVI-O/06) instructed the Permanent Council to make proposals as soon as possible, through the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, on the composition and functioning of the working group established to examine the national reports in accordance with the Standards;

BEARING IN MIND that the states parties to the Protocol presented a "Proposal for the Composition and Functioning of the Working Group," which was considered by the political organs of the Organization; and

RECOGNIZING that the Plan of Action of the Fourth Summit of the Americas (Mar del Plata, Argentina, 2005) urged the member states to consider signing and ratifying, or acceding to, as the case may be, the Protocol of San Salvador, and to collaborate in the development of progress indicators in the area of economic, social, and cultural rights,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the document “Composition and Functioning of the Working Group to Examine the National Reports Envisioned in the Protocol of San Salvador,” which is attached hereto.

2. To reiterate its request to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to continue its work with a view to proposing to the Permanent Council for possible adoption, no later than the third quarter of 2007, the progress indicators to be used for each group of protected rights on which information is to be provided, taking into account, *inter alia*, the contributions of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights.

3. To reiterate that the request set forth in operative paragraph 2 of this resolution must be fulfilled before the time periods for submission of the national progress reports to be presented by the states parties to the Protocol of San Salvador begin to run.

4. To urge member states to consider signing and ratifying, ratifying, or acceding to, as the case may be, the Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, “Protocol of San Salvador.”

5. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its thirty-eighth regular session on the implementation of this resolution, which will be carried out within the resources allocated in the program-budget of the Organization and other resources.