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**Transcript of the Meeting of the Permanent Committee of the CISS
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English Version

The members of the Permanent Committee, Doctor Anina del Castillo, Vice Minister of Labor and Deputy Chairman of the National Social Security Council of Dominican Republic, the institution that occupies the Vice Presidency of the CISS for 2006, Mr. Rogelio Gómez, Associate Commissioner for Foreign Affairs of the Social Security Administration of the United States of America, Ms Martha Feito, General Director of the National Social Security Institute of the Ministry of Labor and Social Security of Cuba, Mr. Reginald Thomas, Director of the National Insurance Scheme of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Mr. Pedro Golcher Flores, Chairman of the *Junta de Pensiones y Jubilaciones del Magisterio Nacional* of Costa Rica, Doctor Helmut Schwarzer, Secretary of Social Security of Brazil, Doctor Onofre Muñoz, Director of Medical Benefits of the Mexican Institute of Social Security (IMSS), Mr. Sergio Gallardo Vera, from the Ministry of Social Security of Chile, Doctor Luis José Martínez Villalba, Director of the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS), assembled in the conference room of the Hermitage Hotel in Mar del Plata, Argentina, on the eighth of November of 2005 at 2:30 p.m. , to hold their ordinary meeting.

QUORUM VERIFICATION

Doctor Anina del Castillo, acting as Chairman for this meeting, indicated that once the motion to set up the Permanent Committee had been UNANIMOUSLY approved and quorum verification had been carried out in accordance with article 53 of the Bylaw of the CISS, she would proceed with the session, submitting the transcript of the meeting held July 12, 2005 for the approval of the members of the Permanent Committee; the minutes were unanimously approved. The following items in the Order of the Day were subsequently presented:

PRESENTATION OF THE REPORT FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER OF 2005 OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE CISS

Next, as agreed by the members of the Permanent Committee, the following report was presented by the General Coordinator of the CISS, Liliana Charles, and issues regarding financial and budget issues were presented by María Luisa Galicia, Coordinator and Financial Officer of the Conference.

Attached document: CISS/CP/A/05/02

As regards the issue of member affiliation and disaffiliation, the following requests to the Secretariat General of the CISS were received during the second semester of 2005. They were approved by those present to be presented before the XXI General Assembly.

Affiliations:

Instituto de Seguridad y Servicios Sociales de los Trabajadores de Zacatecas, Mexico. Associated Member

Instituto de Previsión Social, Paraguay. Full Member

Seguro Integral de Salud, Health Ministry, Peru. Associated Member

Nación AFJP of Argentina. Adherent Member.

REPORT OF THE COMPTROLLERSHIP OF THE CISS

In the absence of Mr. Ian Carrington, Comptroller of the CISS and Director of the National Insurance Scheme of Barbados, Mr. Reginald Thomas read the Report prepared for the ordinary session of the Committee; this report is attached as CISS/CONT/05/01. The report was unanimously approved.

ISSUES REGARDING VOTING IN THE CISS

With respect to the voting mechanism for the election of authorities, the Permanent Committee agreed to present before the XXI General Assembly a proposal to instruct the

Secretariat General to work in cooperation with the American Legal Social Commission, as well as with institution representatives who were members of the Bylaw Revisory Commission, to prepare the proper voting mechanism for non-present members that is to be used at the next election of authorities in 2007. The mechanism should be presented to the Committee during their ordinary semestral session in order to submit it before the XXI General Assembly for consideration and be able to distribute it with the summons that will be issued at the beginning of 2007.

For any other issues, the following was unanimously agreed: "The General Assembly may decide that non-present members be allowed to vote on specific issues (article 55 of the Bylaw and article 32 of the Regulation of the General Assembly). When a resolution has been discussed during an Assembly and the Assembly decides to ask for the vote of non-present members, it will instruct the Secretariat General to inform all members of the issue to be voted on, during the following three working days at the latest; in this case, the Secretariat General shall gather the votes in a period not to exceed 30 calendar days after the Assembly and notify members about the final voting results.

SEAT PROPOSAL FOR THE XXII GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Doctor Onofre Muñoz, Director of Medical Benefits of IMSS, in representation of Mr. Fernando Flores, President of the CISS and General Director of the Institute, presented a proposal to hold the XXII General Assembly in Cancun, Quintana Roo, Mexico. The Committee unanimously accepted this proposal, which is to be presented to the plenum of the General Assembly.

GENERAL ISSUES

1. We are planning on having the Report on Social Security in America for the fifth consecutive year. The Permanent Committee unanimously approved the proposal made by the Ministry of Labor and Social Security of Chile to address the topic of Globalization and Social Protection.
2. The plenum of the Permanent Committee unanimously requested that the proposal to honor Doctor Orlando Peñate for his extensive work in the CISS be presented before the General Assembly. It has been planned for this recognition to take place during the XXII General Assembly.

With no further general issues and no more issues in the order of the day, Doctor Anina del Castillo thanked the members of the Permanent Committee for their participation and comments, asking them if they had any other issues to discuss, and since there were none, the meeting concluded at 4.00 p.m. of the day mentioned in the introduction.