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WORKING GROUP 1 : THE ROLE OF DEVELOPMENT AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN CITIZEN SECURITY

RECOMMENDATIONS

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Recommendations

1. Have legislatures contribute to the design and implementation of government policies on public safety and public policy from a human rights perspective, with a focus on preventing and controlling violence and crime;
2. Evaluate incorporating the guidelines set forth in reports of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights concerning public safety and human rights (2009) and juvenile justice (2011) within the legal framework of American states;
3. Reinforce the ongoing respect of government agents for human rights as an essential tool for greater public safety. This means that governments are responsible for preventing, investigating and judging crimes and violence and avoiding impunity for them;
4. Produce standards to ensure that, in the systems which select government officials in public security institutions (judges, prosecutors, members of the security forces and penitentiary operators), these officials receive training and retraining on human rights;
5. Legislate to regulate and supervise the operation of private security companies, requiring their employees to be properly trained in theoretical and operational aspects and on respect for human rights guarantees;
6. Implement policies for early childhood, with state support for the personal development of children in their family or foster home and special emphasis on one-parent families;

7. Strengthen penitentiary systems for juveniles and adults by implementing programs to resocialize offenders and prevent recidivism, based on successful experiences, with support from interdisciplinary working groups;
8. Promote support for civil society organizations specializing in public safety to implement legislative agendas, as well as public safety projects and programs, while respecting human rights;
9. Promote national and international observatories of crime and violence as a basic tool to produce and analyze sound information, in order to design government policies on public safety;
10. Give priority to development issues on the legislative agenda as a way to build more integrated and equitable societies with greater dignity. Promote and monitor the passage of budgets that are sensitive to development processes and respect the rights of all persons.