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## DEMILITARIZATION OF GUYANA

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Topic No. 2 of the agenda

Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Guyana

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Article 3(d) and 3(j) of the Charter of the Organization of American States, which affirm that representative democracy and social justice are essential for stability, peace, and development in the Hemisphere;

Articles 3 and 4 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter (2001), which establish that transparency, accountability, and respect for human rights are fundamental components of democratic governance;

Article 7 of the American Convention on Human Rights, which guarantees the right to personal liberty and protection from arbitrary detention and excessive use of force;

General Assembly Resolution AG/RES. 2866 (XLIV-O/14), "Promotion of Public Security and Human Rights," which emphasizes that citizen security policies must be consistent with human rights obligations;

RECOGNIZING:

The persistent challenges across the hemisphere related to the militarization of law enforcement, including the excessive use of force, lack of accountability, and erosion of public trust between citizens and security institutions;

Acknowledging that militarized policing practices disproportionately impact vulnerable and marginalized communities, undermining democratic governance, human rights protections, and long-term social stability;

Emphasizing the importance of civilian-led law enforcement institutions that prioritize community policing, proportional use of force, and adherence to international human rights standards;

DEEPLY CONCERNED:

That initiatives such as the Security Hemisphere Integrated Law Enforcement Directive (SHIELD) may contribute to the expansion of militarized policing practices within Member States;

AWARE OF:

Existing regional mechanisms within the Organization of American States aimed at promoting public security cooperation, while noting the need for more coordinated, well-funded, and enforceable frameworks to address militarization; and

GUIDED BY:

The principles of sovereignty, non-intervention, and respect for national legal systems, while encouraging collective regional action to strengthen democratic institutions and public security systems,

RESOLVES:

1. To Commend Costa Rica for maintaining national security through civilian-led institutions and for reallocating resources toward education, social services, and public security infrastructure following the abolition of its military.
2. To establish a Hemispheric Civilian Security Reform Fund (HCSRF) under the framework of the Organization of American States, administered through the Department of Public Security (DPS), with the mandate to support Member States, upon request, in the transition from militarized policing models to civilian-led law enforcement systems. HCSRF will:
  - a. Provide financial assistance and technical support for restructuring national police forces toward community-based policing models;
  - b. Develop and implement standardized training programs focused on proportional use of force, de-escalation techniques, and human rights compliance with international standards;
  - c. Establish monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track the use of funds and assess progress toward demilitarization, emphasizing accountability and transparency, including periodic reporting to DPS.
3. To recommend the creation and strengthening of independent civilian oversight bodies within Member States to:



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3. To recommend the creation and strengthening of independent civilian oversight bodies within Member States to:

- a. Monitor law enforcement conduct and investigate allegations of excessive force or abuse of authority;
  - b. Ensure transparency and accountability through public reporting mechanisms by:
    - i. Publishing accessible reports on law enforcement activities and outcomes;
    - ii. Providing recommendations for corrective action and institutional reform;
  - c. Promote trust-building initiatives between communities and law enforcement institutions; and
  - d. Enhance accountability through independent review processes and enforcement of disciplinary measures.
4. To support initiatives that will lead to the gradual reduction of military involvement in domestic law enforcement roles.
5. To request that the General Secretariat and other competent OAS entities seek voluntary financial and technical support from international and regional partners, including: the World Bank; the Inter-American Development Bank; the International Monetary Fund; the United Nations, and other international nongovernmental organizations and philanthropic entities working such as the GS-Foundation.

Approved for form and substance: \_\_\_\_\_

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