

PERMANENT COUNCIL



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The Chair of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States, Ambassador Washington Abdala, Permanent Representative of Uruguay, presents his compliments to all delegations and is pleased to invite them to a special meeting of the Permanent Council at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, May 31, 2023. This meeting was requested by the Permanent Mission of Mexico, for the purpose of fostering an exchange of experiences in the promotion and protection of human rights and the role of arms companies in this area, in fulfillment of the mandate set forth in resolution AG/RES. 2990 (LII-O/22) ([CP/INF.9704/23](#)) ([add. 1](#)).

This meeting will be held in a face-to-face format in the Hall of the Americas, although virtual participation will also be possible, in keeping with the “Recommendations on procedures for face-to-face Permanent Council meetings with virtual participation” ([CP/INF.9344/22](#)).

DRAFT ORDER OF BUSINESS

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO FOSTER AN EXCHANGE OF EXPERIENCES IN THE PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE ROLE OF ARMS COMPANIES IN THIS AREA, IN FULFILLMENT OF THE MANDATE SET FORTH IN RESOLUTION AG/RES. 2990 (LII-O/22)

Date: May 31, 2023
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Place: Hall of the Americas

1. Adoption of the order of business (CP/OD-2433/23)
2. Introductory presentations by:
 - Mr. Alejandro Alday González, member of the Inter-American Juridical Committee and rapporteur on the subject of “the corporate responsibility of manufacturers and sellers of weapons in the area of human rights”
 - Commissioner Margarette May Macaulay, President of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
3. Promotion and protection of human rights and the role of arms companies in this area
 - Presentations by:
 - Mr. Jonathan Lowy, Founder and President of Global Action on Gun Violence
 - Prof. Humberto Cantú Rivera, Director of the Institute of Human Rights and Business, University of Monterrey, Mexico
 - Prof. Salvador Herencia Carrasco, Director of the Human Rights Clinic, Human Rights Research and Education Centre, University of Ottawa
 - Ms. Fernanda Hopenhaym, member of the United Nations Working Group on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises
 - Mr. Salvador Tinajero Esquivel, Assistant Legal Consultant “B”, Secretariat for Foreign Affairs, Mexico
 - Comments by member states
4. Conclusions, by Dr. Jean Michel Arrighi, Secretary for Legal Affairs
5. Closing remarks, by Ambassador Luz Elena Baños, Permanent Representative of Mexico

