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Fifty-Fourth Regular Session

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STRENGTHENING DEMOCRACY

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**“TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CREATION OF THE JUSTICE
STUDIES CENTER OF THE AMERICAS (CEJA/JSCA)”**

EMPHASIZING that the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) proclaims that one of its purposes is to achieve an order of peace and justice;

RECALLING that at the Second Summit of the Americas held in Santiago, Chile, in April 1998, the Heads of State and Government agreed to create **the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (CEJA/JSCA), an OAS agency specializing in justice systems, to facilitate human resource development, the exchange of information, and other forms of technical cooperation in the Hemisphere;**

RECALLING that on **November 15, 1999, by resolution AG/RES. 1 (XXVI-E/99), the OAS General Assembly adopted the Statutes of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA), with the mandate to gather and disseminate information on national experiences pertaining to modernization and reform of justice systems in the region; carry out comparative analysis, research, and justice issues studies; facilitate the dissemination of research and studies related to justice issues in the Americas; facilitate, among other things, the training of justice system personnel and the improvement of existing mechanisms for that purpose in the countries of the Hemisphere;**

CONSIDERING that **2025 will mark the twenty-fifth anniversary of the creation of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA);**

EMPHASIZING the **important role that the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA) plays in strengthening democracy and the rule of law in the Hemisphere, being recognized by the states and judicial systems for its technical expertise in the promotion, training, and monitoring of justice reforms to ensure oral proceedings, transparency, promptness, and equality for all persons, as well as effective criminal prosecution and trial of criminal activity, corruption, and violence in the Hemisphere; and**

RECOGNIZING that commemoration of JSCA's twenty-fifth anniversary in 2025 is important to **creating a roadmap for raising the Center's visibility, increasing its collaboration with other OAS bodies, and enhancing its institutional sustainability,**

RESOLVES:

1.To officially commemorate, during the first half of 2025, the twenty-fifth anniversary of the creation of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA) by including said commemoration in a regular meeting of the Permanent Council.

2.To recognize the value of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA) in strengthening democracy and the rule of law and in enhancing justice systems in the Hemisphere.

3.To invite the states, the General Secretariat, the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security, the Department against Transnational Organized Crime, the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and the other appropriate organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization, within the scope of their respective areas of competence, to pursue collaboration with the Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA) with a view to creating synergies to contribute to their shared goals, taking into account the importance and experience of this organization in the justice systems of the Hemisphere.

4.To instruct the Office of the Executive Director of the JSCA to develop a roadmap for enhancing Justice Studies Center of the Americas (JSCA) visibility, collaboration with other OAS bodies, and institutional sustainability, for presentation at a regular meeting of the Permanent Council in the first half of 2025.