TWENTY-SECOND PAN-AMERICAN CHILD CONGRESS
THIRD PAN-AMERICAN CHILD FORUM

(Adopted at the Fourth Plenary Session, held on October 3, 2018)

THE DIRECTING COUNCIL,

CONSIDERING:

That in accordance with the Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN), it is the duty of its Directing Council to determine the venues and dates of Pan-American Child Congresses, as well as to adopt their draft agendas and rules of procedure; that the resolution adopted by the Directing Council of the IIN, CD/RES. 04 (85-R/10), established that the Pan-American Forum of Children of the Americas should be implemented as part of every Pan-American Child Congress, as an opportunity to promote children’s participation so that they could contribute to and have influence on the subjects that concern and affect them;

BEARING IN MIND:

That the Pan-American Congresses are inter-American meetings at the highest level, whose purpose is to promote the sharing of experience and knowledge among the peoples of the Americas and the Caribbean, in relation to issues pertaining to the Institute, and to make recommendations in this regard, and that these Congresses may have the status of Inter-American Specialized Conferences;

CONSIDERING, ALSO:

That the Government of the Republic of Colombia has offered to host the 94th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN, the 22nd Pan-American Child Congress and the 3rd Pan-American Child Forum, to be held during the second semester of 2019;

That the Directing Council, at its 93rd Regular Meeting held in Panama City, Panama, has agreed on the agenda, programme and rules of procedure that will govern the 22nd Pan-American Child Congress and the 3rd Pan-American Child Forum,
RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Government of the Republic of Colombia for its generous offer to host the 94th Regular Meeting of the Directing Council of the IIN, the 22nd Pan-American Child Congress and the 3rd Pan-American Child Forum, to be held during the second semester of 2019, and to accept this offer.

2. To reiterate the commitment of the Directing Council of the IIN with regard to holding this Congress and Pan-American Forum, in view of the fact that they are the highest-level events on issues related to childhood and adolescence and child participation within the Inter-American system.

3. To adopt the agenda and rules of procedure for the 22nd Pan-American Child Congress, attached to this resolution, incorporating the comments arising from the plenary assembly.

4. To adopt the proposal for the celebration of the 3rd Pan-American Child Forum, in the context of the 22nd Pan-American Child Congress.

5. To urge member States and members of the Directing Council to disseminate information regarding the Congress and the Forum and to take part in them.

6. To submit the agenda and rules of procedure adopted by the Directing Council of the IIN to the Permanent Council, and through this body, request the General Assembly of the OAS to declare the 22nd Pan-American Child Congress a “Specialized Inter-American Conference”.

7. To request the Office of the Director General of the Inter-American Children’s Institute to give its support to the celebration of the 22nd Pan-American Child Congress, in coordination with the Representative of the Republic of Colombia to the Directing Council.