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**EXECUTIVE COUNCIL TO THE
INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR GLOBAL
CHANGE RESEARCH
Forty-six meeting
Antigua, Guatemala, 22 June 2018**

Report of the 46th meeting of the IAI Executive Council

1. This document has been prepared by the IAI Directorate.

Introduction

2. The Executive Council to the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research held its forty-sixth (EC-46) meeting in Antigua, Guatemala, on 22 June 2018.
3. The account of the proceedings and discussions of the meeting are provided in section I of the report.

Section I

Proceedings of the Meeting

Introduction

4. In accordance with *the Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research*, Article VI, *The Executive Council*, paragraph 3, the 46th meeting of the Executive Council to the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research was held in Antigua, Guatemala on 22 June 2018.

5. This meeting is being held back-to-back with the 26th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP-26, Antigua, Guatemala, 2018) in accordance to Article VI, paragraph 3 of the *Agreement establishing the Inter-American Institute for Global Change Research* and Decision XXVI/19: *Joint SAC, SPAC and EC-CoP meetings*.
6. The following Parties to the Agreement with membership in the Executive Council (EC) attended: Brazil, Mexico, Panama, United States, and Uruguay. Parties present not members of the EC were Canada and Peru.
7. The list of observers is provided is provided as an Annex to this document.

Morning session

Opening of the meeting

8. The IAI Executive Director opened the meeting and offered the floor to the Chair of the Standing Committee for Rules and Procedures.
9. The Chair of the Standing Committee for Rules and Procedures was invited to Chair the 46th meeting of the EC given that elections for members of the EC were held during CoP-26.
10. The Chair welcomed the EC members and observers.

Agenda item 1: Approval of the agenda

11. The Chair invited members of the EC to approve the agenda.
12. The Agenda was approved by consensus.

Agenda item 2: Election of the EC Bureau

13. The Chair invited members of the EC to welcome the new members elected by the Conference of the Parties at its 26th meeting.
14. Three positions needed to be covered on the EC Bureau: the Chair, First Vice-Chair and Second Vice-Chair.
15. The Chair invited the IAI Executive Director to open the floor to discussions. Comments were made by representatives from Mexico, Brazil, Uruguay, and United States.
16. The Parties asked for clarification of the time required to serve as First and Second Vice-Chairs of the EC. The former Chair informed representatives that it depended on the number of issues and the time required could equal a few hours a month. The Chair

noted that work associated with the drafting of an IAI Strategic Plan, may require an increase of involvement by EC members.

17. The Chair declared that the meeting had achieved a quorum.
18. The IAI Executive Director asked for clarification on the voting process. The Chair responded that in the past it had been done by nomination and second motions.
19. The United States nominated Mr. Gabriel Aintablian from Uruguay for the Chair. Brazil seconded the nomination. The representative from Uruguay accepted the nomination.
20. With regard to Vice-Chair, nominations Brazil nominated Dr. Maria Uhle from the United States for the First Vice-Chair. Mexico seconded the nomination.
21. The representative from United States declined the nomination, stating that her current post made her ineligible to hold the position of Vice-Chair.
22. The Executive Director asked for additional nominations. Mexico nominated Mr. Jean Pierre Ometto from Brazil. The motion was seconded by the United States.
23. The representative from Brazil accepted the nomination for First Vice-Chair.
24. Ms. Milagro Mainieri from Panama was nominated by the United States for the Second Vice-Chair. Uruguay seconded the nomination.
25. Ms. Mainieri accepted the nomination.
26. The Bureau of the EC was formed. The new Chair of the EC extended gratitude to the former Bureau for their work and contributions to the objectives of the IAI.

Agenda item 3: Review of the Decisions of EC-45

27. The Chair informed representatives that EC-45 Decisions were adopted by CoP-26.

Agenda item 4: Review of CoP-26 items for action by EC-46 and implementation strategies for action items from EC-45 and CoP-26

28. Agenda item 4 was opened to the floor by the Chair who requested members to review CoP-26 Decisions and to discuss implementation strategies.
29. Comments on agenda item 4 were made by the new Chair of the EC.
30. It was the view of the Chair of the EC that the Strategic Plan may require extra attention from the EC during the intersessional period. He also stated his intent to work with the IAI Directorate to increase joint activities with the host country, Uruguay, and to encourage non-active Parties to become re-engaged with the IAI.

Agenda item 5: Other decisions

31. The IAI Executive Director invited members to discuss other Decisions, including Decisions adopted at meetings of the Conference of the Parties previous to CoP-26 that may require attention by the EC.

Agenda item 6: Future meetings and venues

32. The Chair informed participants that the 47th and 48th meetings of the EC would be held back-to-back with CoP-27. Ecuador expressed its willingness to host the meetings.
33. Members of the EC congratulated Ecuador on its offer to host the meetings.

Closing remarks and closure of the meeting.

34. The Chair of the EC invited members to make closing remarks.
35. Closing remarks were made by representatives from Guatemala and the United States.
36. The representative from Guatemala stated that this meeting had been productive and to the point. He invited the Parties to return to Guatemala. He thanked the translators for the difficult job. He congratulated the new EC Bureau.
37. The representative from United States congratulated the new EC Bureau and offered her support to new members.
38. The Chair of the EC closed the meeting by thanking Guatemala for its warm hospitality, members of the Council for their support of the IAI, the IAI Directorate for its preparation of documents and organization of the meeting, and the translators for their work.
39. The meeting was closed on 22 June 2018 at 4:41 PM.

Annex
List of participants

46th Meeting of the IAI Executive Council

**Antigua, Guatemala
22 June 2018 / 22 de junio de 2018**

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