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RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED BY
THE 55th CONFERENCE
OF THE INTER-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION
San Jose, Costa Rica – June 17th—21st, 2019

RESOLUTION 1

WHEREAS:

Various countries throughout the Americas frequently amend presidential term limits through diverse mechanisms including decisions by constitutional chambers or constitutional courts which interpret the American Convention on Human Rights;

At the request of the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), the Venice Commission issued on March 20, 2018, a Report, CDL-AD (2018) 010 Study Number 908/2017), regarding the right to presidential re-elections and presidential term limits;

In many cases, these practices are contrary to constitutional processes and represent transgressions to the Democratic Charter of the Organization of American States;

THEREFORE:

The Inter-American Bar Association (IABA), which brings together lawyer associations and bar organizations from Latin America, Spain and France, in furtherance of its institutional mission to defend the principles of democracy and the rule of law,

RESOLVES:

First.- To express its concern regarding the practices of several countries of amending their presidential term limits.

Second.- To urge the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to urgently request an advisory opinion from the Inter-American Court of Human Rights regarding Article 23 of the American Convention on Human Rights.

*Note: The original draft of this Resolution was submitted and adopted in Spanish.
Resolution 1 proposed by IABA Chapter of Individual Members of Bolivia..*

RESOLUTION 2

FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

WHEREAS:

The 55th Conference of the IABA has analyzed an alarming increase in the use of minors for the production of child pornography, which directly affects children's health, as well as their physical, mental, moral and social development, and constitutes a violation of their human rights .

WHEREAS:

The dramatic increase of child pornography worldwide produced by pedophiles and pederasts, is one of the cyber-crimes which spills over national frontiers and constitutes a transnational crime, and every day, minors are sold and used for pornography and prostitution, requires that an effort must be made to raise awareness of the problem among the citizenry in order to and reduce the incidence of these crimes as part of an important worldwide effort to combat this problem head-on by all organizations.

International legal norms and instruments, as well as national positive law protecting children, motivated by the Convention on the Rights of the Child, require that we acknowledge the need of defending the most vulnerable, and the need to fight more effectively against this cruel form of child abuse. .

THE INTER-AMERICAN BAR ASSOCIATION:

Expresses Its concern regarding the increasing number of victims of child pornography around the world .

Repudiates the commission of crimes involving the sale of children and their use in prostitution and the production of child pornography .

Calls upon all persons to report acts of child pornography .

San Jose, Costa Rica, June 21st, 2019.

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Resolution 2 proposed by the IABA Permanent Committee VI – Criminal Law and Procedure.



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