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Minutes of the 5th Extraordinary General Assembly of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS), held on 20 April 2018 in the city of Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico.

On 20 April 2018, at 11:30 a.m., in the City of Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico, at the Tulum Conference Room of the J.W. Marriott hotel, the following members and representatives of the Conference gathered to carry out the *5th Extraordinary General Assembly of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS)*:

- Mr. Tuffic Miguel Ortega, President.
- Mr. Timothy A. Hodge of the Social Security Board, Anguilla.
- Mr. David A. Matthias of the Social Security Board, Antigua & Barbuda.
- Mr. Alejo Maxit of the Social Security Administration, Argentina.
- Mr. Edwin Marcelino Jacobs of Sociale Verzekeringsbank, Aruba.
- Ms. Patricia Hermanns of the National Insurance Board, Bahamas.
- Mr. Ian Carrington of the National Insurance Scheme, Barbados.
- Mr. Colin Young, Social Security Board, Belize.
- Mr. Marcelo Abi-Ramia Caetano, Ministerio da Fazenda, Brazil.
- Ms. Antoinette Skelton, Social Security Board, British Virgin Islands.
- Ms. Nathalie Martel, Employment and Social Development, Canada.
- María José Zaldivar, Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Chile.
- Yamira Yusimí Campos Suárez, Ministry of Labor and Social Security, Cuba.
- Michael Bonafasia, Social Insurance Banck, Curaçao.
- Janice Jean-Jacques Thomas, Dominica Social Security, Dominica.
- Jorge Briones, Instituto Ecuatoriano de Seguridad Social, Ecuador.
- Ricardo Cea Rouanet, Instituto Salvadoreño de Seguridad Social, El Salvador.
- Carlos Francisco Contreras Solórzano, Instituto Guatemalteco de Seguridad Social, Guatemala.
- Vilma C. Morales Montalván, Instituto Hondureño de Seguridad Social, Honduras.
- Kathya Ochoa, Caja del Seguro Social, Panama.
- Juan Torales, Instituto de Previsión Social, Paraguay.

- Emilio del Solar Portal, Seguro Social de Salud, Peru.
- Eduard del Villar, Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Social, Dominican Republic and Comptroller of CISS.
- Elvin Bailey, Social Security Board, St. Kitts & Nevis.
- Stewart Haynes, National Insurance Services, St. Vincent & the Grenadines.
- Rhesa Cartwright, National Insurance Board, Turks & Caicos.
- Omar de la Torre de la Mora, Secretary-General of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security.
- Reginald Thomas. Director of the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies.

The event was attended by the following associate and related CISS member institutions:

Argentina:

- Ministerio de Trabajo, Empleo y Seguridad Social.
- Asociación Mutual de los Agentes de los Organismos para la Tercera Edad (AMAOTE).
- Superintendencia de Riesgos del Trabajo.
- Superintendencia de Servicios de Salud.
- Obra Social del Personal Rural y Estibadores de la República Argentina.

Bolivia:

- Caja Nacional de Salud.

Chile:

- Fundación del Adulto Mayor Clotario Blest Riffo.

Colombia:

- Caja de Compensación Familiar COMPENSAR.
- Universidad Externado de Colombia.
- Colegio de Abogados Especializados en Derecho del Trabajo Social.

Costa Rica:

- Junta de Pensiones y Jubilaciones del Magisterio Nacional.
- Sociedad de Seguros de Vida del Magisterio Nacional.

- Sindicato de Trabajadoras y Trabajadores de la Educación Costarricense.

Ecuador:

- Instituto de Seguridad Social de las Fuerzas Armadas.
- Superintendencia de Bancos.

El Salvador:

- Instituto Salvadoreño de Bienestar Magisterial.

Honduras:

- Instituto Nacional de Previsión del Magisterio.
- Instituto de Previsión Social de los Empleados de la Universidad Nacional Autónoma de Honduras.
- Instituto de Previsión Militar.

Mexico:

- Instituto de Seguridad y Servicios Sociales de los Trabajadores del Estado.
- Instituto de Seguridad Social del Estado de México y Municipios.
- Instituto de Seguridad Social del Estado de Guanajuato.
- Instituto de Seguridad Social de las Fuerzas Armadas Mexicanas.
- Instituto de Seguridad y Servicios Sociales del Estado de Campeche.
- Instituto de Seguridad social de los Servidores Públicos del Estado de Guerrero.

Dominican Republic:

- Superintendencia de Salud y Riesgos Laborales.
- Administradora de Riesgos Laborales Salud Segura.
- Asociación Dominicana de Iguales Médicas y Administradoras de Riesgos de Salud, Incorporada.
- Dirección de Información y Defensa de los Afiliados.

The following institutions and international agencies were also present as special guests:

- International Social Security Association.
- Organization of American States.

- International Organization for Migration.
- Comisión Nacional de los Derechos Humanos, México.
- Universidad Antioquia, Colombia.
- Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO).
- Instituto Nacional de Geriatria, México.
- International Labour Organization, Office for the Southern Cone of Latin America.
- The World Bank.
- Centro de Implementación de Políticas Públicas para la Equidad y el Crecimiento.
- Asociación Mexicana de Administradoras de Fondos para el Retiro, Mexico.
- United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction.
- Sistema Económico Latinoamericano (SELA).
- Comisión Económica para América Latina y el Caribe (CEPAL).
- Oficina Nacional de Emergencia del Ministerio del Interior, Chile.
- Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).
- United Nations Development Programme.
- Secretaría del Trabajo y Previsión Social, Mexico.
- Delegación del Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social en Quintana Roo, Mexico.

Having been given the floor, Mr. Tuffic Miguel Ortega, President of CISS, greeted everyone and thanked them for attending the *5th Extraordinary General Assembly* as part of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security. He also expressed his appreciation to the members of the General Assembly for their participation, as the event could not be held in November due to the incidents that took place in 2017.

1. Quorum call.

Subsequently, the President of the Conference requested Mr. Omar de la Torre de la Mora, Secretary-General of CISS and Technical Secretary of the Assembly, to ascertain whether there was a quorum to hold the Assembly meeting. Having been given the floor, Secretary-General Omar de la Torre de la Mora greeted the participants and requested all full members to raise their hands, subsequently stating that there were 26

full members with voting rights. Therefore, there was a quorum to hold the meeting in accordance with Articles 53, 54, and 59 of the Statute, and Article 22 of the Bylaws of the General Assembly.

The President thanked the Secretary-General and proceeded by submitting the Agenda of the meeting to the consideration of the General Assembly.

2. Agenda.

1. Welcome and Quorum call.
2. Adoption of the Agenda.
3. Message from special guests of the Assembly: Honorable Vance Amory, Minister of Labour, Social Security and Ecclesiastical Affairs of St. Kitts & Nevis, and Honorable Robert Browne, Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment of St. Vincent & the Grenadines.
4. Reading and approval of the Declaration of Cancun, on occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Conference.
5. Submission of recognitions.
6. General Affairs and close of the meeting.

The President asked the attending members whether there were any comments and submitted the following resolution to the consideration of the Assembly:

Resolution 1: The General Assembly approves the Agenda.

Approved unanimously.

3. Message from special guests of the Assembly.

Honorable Vance Amory, Minister of Labour, Social Security and Ecclesiastical Affairs of St. Kitts & Nevis, and Honorable Robert Browne, Minister of Health, Wellness and the Environment of St. Vincent & the Grenadines.

The President thanked them for their participation and expressed his appreciation to special guests Honorable Vance Amory, Minister of Labour, Social Security and Ecclesiastical Affairs of St. Kitts & Nevis, and Honorable Robert Browne, Minister of Health, Wellness and Environment of St. Vincent & the Grenadines for taking part in the activities of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Conference. Subsequently, he gave the floor to Hon Vance Amory, who addressed those in attendance.

Minister Amory expressed his appreciation for such an opportunity, commending the leadership of the Conference and thanking them for giving him that honor. His participation started with some remarks about the activities that took place on 19 April 2018, which were critical to attract leadership and guidance for institutions. He mentioned that in February, the Social Security Board of St. Kitts & Nevis celebrated its 40th anniversary, and that one of its missions was to transform the lives of people in his country. He also highlighted the importance of addressing climate change and creating jobs, which is critical for the existence of the social security system. St. Kitts & Nevis has undertaken activities aimed at improving people's quality of life and ensuring an effective administration of security funds to promote economic and social development in his nation.

He mentioned the achievements made in 2017, with assets being allocated to older adults, pensions, and assistance to those who are not contributors but need it. He pointed to St. Kitts' investment in wellness for people and the positive role of its institutions in ensuring that social security achieves not only returns on the investment but also sustainability, supporting the development of healthcare systems.

He referred to the reflection made during the activities, where the challenges of the ageing population were addressed, aiming to offer a quality healthcare system and providing support to those who have provided service to the country and are currently unable to work due to sickness, deserving decent treatment and the assurance that their final days will be comfortable, which is a responsibility of the authorities.

He highlighted the significance of social security to create jobs and stressed the investment of St. Kitts & Nevis in quality housing for people

who earn the minimum wage and cannot afford a mortgage, for whom the Social Security Board has introduced an investment policy enabling the government to build houses for those who cannot afford it, thus contributing to social and healthcare infrastructure.

Regarding disaster preparedness, in the aftermath of hurricanes Irma and Maria — both classified in category 5 — the Social Security Board was able to provide assistance, in collaboration with the government, to Anguilla, Dominica, and St. Martin. He stressed that all nations are vulnerable, and no one knows when someone may need this kind of aid. But, in the meantime, it is necessary to keep on building strength to have the necessary human capacity to deal with these kinds of events. He claimed that it is necessary to invest in education, highlighting the importance of education to build a strong nation.

Honorable Minister Vance Amory ended his speech referring to the significance of institutions for the development of nations, making a call to genuinely undertake the responsibility of convincing governments that social security is not an inert institution, and that, if effectively managed, such institution can lead to transformation, build capacities, and gain strength by achieving sustainability of social security, thus having a positive impact on people in the region. Finally, he thanked the attendees for the opportunity to speak.

The President thanked Minister Amory for his remarks, and he then gave the floor to Minister Browne.

Minister Browne expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to speak, and he started by acknowledging the role of the Conference on behalf of St. Vincent & the Grenadines, commending the work carried out by Reginald Thomas, Director of the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies. Subsequently, Minister Browne congratulated the Conference for its 75th anniversary, highlighting the strength, flexibility, and resources the Conference needs to be able to operate in the current circumstances, constituting a test in time. He noted that the Conference has not only survived, but it has also had a notable performance, bringing significant benefits to members and remaining true to its fundamental values. He expressed his appreciation for the work that has been done to

strengthen social security in the region, requiring technical forms of support for institutions to be able to implement them. He also claimed that the importance of social security should not be underestimated, as it constitutes a very powerful tool to reduce poverty. As social security and development go hand in hand in economic inequality, he stressed that CISS has contributed to social improvement throughout the continent and that it has done its part in creating a better world. He also added that the Conference must now focus on the future, and that taking part in the anniversary celebration of the Conference contributes to renewing commitment to social security in the twenty-first century.

He referred to the challenges facing social security and social protection in the future — addressing them by ensuring a healthy and decent ageing, considering the increased life expectancy of people — the need for greater participation of women in the labor force, health care and prevention of non-communicable diseases, and attention to the social security needs of migrants. He expressed his expectation about the Conference as a leader in the implementation of health programs in member states, hoping that CISS will be able to renew itself, be up to date, and embrace diversity in leadership, thus showing adaptability and remaining faithful to the principles of solidarity, universality, participation, equality of treatment, comprehensiveness, and shared responsibility. This requires commitment to the future of social security in the Americas as an instrument to improve the well-being of people, including the most vulnerable, focusing on the labor market and the epidemiological and demographic transitions. He expressed confidence in the fact that the Inter-American Conference on Social Security will continue to fulfil its goals in the future, with many years of work to come. He concluded by thanking everyone for the opportunity to participate.

4. Reading and approval of the Declaration of Cancun, on occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Conference.

The President acknowledged the participation and proceeded to give the floor to Secretary Omar de la Torre de la Mora to read the draft Declaration of Cancun, which was prepared by the members of the Assembly and had been previously distributed to attendees.

Having been given the floor, Secretary-General Omar de la Torre began reading:

Declaration of Cancún: 75th Anniversary

Strengthening Social Security and Protection as an inclusive mechanism to address the challenges of the fourth industrial revolution.

We, the institutions that comprise the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS) came together in Cancún, Quintana Roo, Mexico, on 19-20 April 2018 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the agency, strengthen our ties to encourage continuous cooperation, and reaffirm our commitment to the ideals of Social Security and Protection in the Americas.

We reassert the fact that Social Security and Protection have played a critical role in the development of our countries by providing protection for income and health to millions of people, thus meeting imperative needs of society.

We declare that, in addressing the new challenges and opportunities for Social Security and Protection — the demographic changes, the epidemiological transition, occupational risks, automation, and the changing nature of employment, among others — the members of the CISS wish to reaffirm our commitment to strengthening Social Security and Protection, and the Conference itself as a privileged space for dialogue, cooperation, and collective action.

We affirm that this commitment originates from the enduring values that have inspired Social Security and Protection in the region, building on the purpose of achieving a better quality of life and on the progress of science and technology.

We are committed to bringing a renewed dynamism to our participation in the CISS to strengthen its most important functions: advancing and disseminating the principles set out in this Declaration and the

implementation of the best practices; promoting cooperation among its members, and creating the knowledge and the tools to improve Social Security and Protection.

We are also convinced that we will build the future of CISS based on the values, principles, experience, best practices, and lessons learned — all concepts that have been developed over its long history and tradition — to continue significantly strengthening the well-being of people, societies, and their contribution to their communities in the coming decades.

A history of hemispheric cooperation:

1. The Inter-American Conference on Social Security has had a remarkable performance in the construction and development of Social Security and Protection in the Americas thanks to the contributions of the countries and institutions in the Continent, which, driven by the solidarity ties established to address the major problems facing our society, have provided a more humane and integrating meaning to the concept of Social Security.
2. The CISS established for the first time in 1943 the goal of making Social Security and Health universal rights, and it was adopted five years later in Article 22 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.
3. Among other important contributions throughout the history of the Conference, in 1951 it resolved "To call upon the United Nations to include the urgent need for an international declaration of the rights of the elderly in the Economic and Social Council Agenda," setting a precedent for the current International Convention on the Rights of Older Persons.
4. Notably, among its most consequential actions is the creation in 1963 of the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS), which has become a key instrument to carry through cooperation initiatives among member countries and institutions, and which has undertaken significant activities over the course of its history for the training of professionally qualified personnel on the various areas of Social Security all over the Americas through educational programs for continuous and relevant training.

5. Furthermore, in pursuance of the "Declaration of Santo Domingo" adopted in the 20th General Assembly in 2004, the CISS has persistently worked in promoting cooperation among its Members to achieve the "objective of universal coverage through the gradual inclusion of not yet covered population groups."

6. Also, the CISS has supported and promoted social protection for migrant workers in pursuance of the principle of equality of treatment for national and foreign workers, and of the 2008 Declaration of Santiago de Chile, signed in the context of the Inter-regional Joint Meeting "Social Security without Borders," which was carried out jointly with the International Social Security Association (ISSA) and the Ibero-American Social Security Organization (OISS).

Considering its development and contributions throughout its 75 years of existence, and bearing in mind the major challenges that will face Social Security and Protection in the coming decades, we, the members of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security,

Declare that:

Social Security and Protection are driven by principles that constitute the cornerstone for the formulation and implementation of its social policies to ensure the well-being of society.

Social Security is a human right that every member of society should be able to access and a sine qua non for the achievement of social cohesion and justice. It is also a powerful tool to reduce poverty, channeling major investments into social and human development.

We endorse the principles that guide Social Security and enable, with a shared responsibility approach, the adaptation of its policies to address the current challenges.

- The principle of **Solidarity** as an expression of mutual support, relying on the existing capacities to address needs and achieve common goals and interests.

- The principle of **Universality**, which reflects the aspiration towards ensuring that all people are covered with effective access to all nations in the continent.
- The principle of **Participation**, promoting that all members of society should become involved in the definition, strengthening and management of Social Security and Protection.
- The principle of **Equality of Treatment**, establishing that those who are integrated into the system will be treated on equal terms against any contingency.
- The principle of **Comprehensiveness**, aiming to address the whole range of identified social needs with protection initiatives.
- We also recognize the need to promote a **Shared** Responsibility Approach as a mechanism to ensure progress and adaptation in the fulfilment of the principles of any Social Security and Protection system, calling for the participation of everyone — government, institutions, employers, workers and beneficiaries — and the awareness that every right entails the fulfilment of obligations for its full realization.

Reaffirming our commitment to building a vision of the future to adopt Social Security and Protection as an instrument to ensure people's well-being, especially that of the most vulnerable We agree that the Conference will undertake efforts aimed at implementing an **Action Plan** comprising the following objectives:

1. Develop a **2030 Action Program** including the necessary actions to put it into effect, defining the challenges we are currently facing and the actions to address them, and establishing the objectives and goals based on the scenarios, trends and needs that Social Security and Protection will have to face in the coming years.
2. Define **measurement and monitoring mechanisms** with strategic, focused and operating objectives so that they are presented and approved in the next Assembly.

3. Promote spaces for discussion through **Forums and high-level Dialogues to** foster and strengthen technical-political dialogue among CISS members and with global players through the organization of forums on priority issues for the formulation of new Social Security policies.
4. Assess the model of the CIESS in **terms of Capacity Building** to be able to address the emerging critical challenges, aiming to adapt its proposals to the most pressing needs of the membership and propose new initiatives, strategies and best practices to facilitate the shift towards the Social Security and Protection required in the 21st century.
5. Develop a proposal to strengthen **Hemispheric Cooperation** through the creation of Regional Offices of the CISS.

Finally, we encourage the realization of coordinated and inclusive actions to develop a platform with an Integrated Information System based on a common conceptual framework on social security and protection, fed with data, documents and technical evaluations of institutions and countries to support decision-making, facilitate public policy design, contribute to the implementation of new programs, report on progress and developments, and provide useful and relevant elements for institutions and agencies to be able to address the challenges of Social Security and Protection.

Thus, the Inter-American Conference on Social Security commits to ensuring that, based on our principles and on the fulfilment of the objectives set, any future action will respond effectively to the challenges and the legitimate demands of our population.

The President of the Conference thanked the Secretary for reading the document and asked whether any of the attendees wished to make a remark. He gave the floor to Mr. Marcelo Abi-ramia Caetano, who first thanked everyone for the opportunity to participate and then acknowledged the countries that have regarded social security as a prerequisite for achieving cohesion of social justice, recognizing it as a right of people, and be able to build a more just society, supporting the fundamental of social security. He also emphasized that such commitment to the fundamental principles of social security is a result of teamwork, giving voice to all members and proving that it is possible to achieve

consensus and agreements based on fundamental principles, while respecting the sovereignty of each institution. He expressed satisfaction with the work that was carried out.

The President thanked Secretary Abi-ramia Caetano for his participation and proceeded to give the floor to Ms. Antoinette Skelton, Director of the Social Security Board of British Virgin Islands.

Having been given the floor, Ms. Antoinette Skelton thanked everyone for the opportunity to participate and expressed an opinion on the Declaration of Cancún, highlighting that, in producing this Declaration, the Conference was manifesting the strength of social security and protection as an inclusive mechanism addressing the challenges of the fourth industrial revolution. It could not have been produced at a better time, with CISS sending the message that it is not possible to continue acting in the same way as has been done for the past 75 years; now is the time for members to reassess the challenges facing the region and become contributors, reaffirming their commitment to work towards improving the lives of contributors in the region. There are many challenges facing social security: ageing, migration, pensions, communicable and non-communicable diseases, the wage gap, prevention at work, and natural disasters. She mentioned the actions carried out by the Social Security Board to respond to natural disasters, and she said that there is still work being done to address the effects of the phenomena.

She highlighted the work carried out by Reginald Thomas, Director of the CIESS, in the area of training, which has met the expectations of the Social Security Board, and she recognized the Center for its work.

She noted that Social Security makes it possible for people to get access to health care, housing, and education, and she emphasized that social security institutions must work towards sustainability. She closed her remarks by endorsing the Declaration, asking for it to be disseminated among the Public and leaders, and for it not to be kept in a drawer. She concluded by claiming that the Declaration represents social peace and social justice for our people.

The president thanked Ms. Skelton for her participation and submitted the following resolution to the consideration of the General Assembly:

Resolution 2: The Extraordinary General Assembly of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security approves the Declaration of Cancun, issued on occasion of the 75th anniversary of the Conference in accordance with Article 12, paragraph b) of the Statute.

The President asked the Secretary-General, as Secretary of the Assembly, to ascertain the number of votes on each side and report the result of the vote.

The Secretary-General requested all attending members in favor of adopting the declaration to raise their hands.

Approved unanimously.

The President praised and congratulated the membership for the formulation and adoption of the Declaration, embodying the institutional intentions that have a significant value for social security these days and constituting a collective decision made by over 80 institutions specializing in the matter that shall become a benchmark for the coming years.

He stated that the Declaration is certainly a token of the strength and collaboration of the Conference in this context and on occasion of the celebration of the 75th anniversary of the Conference.

5. Submission of recognitions.

To address the next item on the agenda, the President highlighted the history of the institutions that have accompanied the Conference through the years. He proceeded by giving the floor to the Secretary-General, who commended the institutions that have been recognized as founders of the Conference.

- Ministerio del Trabajo y Previsión Social, Chile.
- Ministerio de Trabajo y Seguridad Social, Cuba.
- Instituto Salvadoreño de Seguridad Social, El Salvador.

- Instituto Guatemalteco de Seguridad Social, Guatemala.
- Instituto Mexicano del Seguro Social, México.
- Instituto de Previsión Social, Paraguay.
- Consejo Nacional de Seguridad Social, Dominican Republic.
- Ministerio de Trabajo, Empleo y Seguridad Social, Argentina.
- Caja Nacional de Salud, Bolivia.
- Ministerio de Hacienda, Brazil.
- Employment and Social Development, Canada.
- Ministerio del Trabajo, Colombia.
- Instituto Ecuatoriano de Seguridad Social, Ecuador
- Office National d'Assurance Vieillesse, Haïti.
- Instituto Nicaragüense de Seguridad Social, Nicaragua.

Subsequently, the Secretary-General granted recognitions to the officials of the institutions that have collaborated with the Conference for over 15 years:

- Estela Altalef, Asociación Mutual de los Agentes de los Organismos para la Tercera Edad, Argentina.
- Néstor Alcides López, Asociación Mutual de los Agentes de los Organismos para la Tercera Edad, Argentina.
- Néstor Ricardo Rodríguez Ardila, Caja de Compensación Familiar Compensar, Colombia.
- Yamira Yusimí Campos Suárez, Ministerio de Trabajo y Seguridad Social, Cuba.
- Ian Carrington, National Insurance Scheme, Barbados.
- Nicolás Starck, Fundación del Adulto Mayor Clotario Blest Riffo, Chile.
- Antoinette Skelton, Social Security Board, British Virgin Islands.
- Timothy A. Hodge, Social Security Board, Anguilla.
- Reginald Thomas, National Insurance Services, St. Vincent & the Grenadines.
- Jorge D'Angelo, Asociación Mutual de los Agentes de los Organismos para la Tercera Edad, Argentina.
- Seplin Lawrence, Social Security Board, St. Kitts & Nevis.

Finally, recognitions were given to the institutions that have participated as members of the Conference for over 20 years.

- Instituto Hondureño de Seguridad Social, Honduras.
- Social Security Board, Antigua and Barbuda.
- Social Security Board, Belize.
- Dominica Social Security, Dominica.
- Social Security Board, St. Kitts & Nevis.
- National Insurance Scheme, Barbados.
- Instituto de Seguridad y Servicios Sociales de los Trabajadores del Estado, Mexico.
- National Insurance Board, Bahamas.
- Social Security Board, British Virgin Islands.
- Social Security Board, Anguilla.
- Junta de Jubilaciones y Pensiones del Magisterio Nacional, Costa Rica.
- Instituto de Seguridad Social del Estado de México y sus Municipios, Mexico.
- Administración Nacional de Seguridad Social, Argentina.
- Sociale Verzekeringsbank, Aruba.
- National Insurance Services, St. Vincent & the Grenadines.
- Caja de Compensación Familiar Compensar, Colombia.
- Asociación Mutual de los Agentes de los Organismos para la Tercera Edad, Argentina.
- National Insurance Board, Turks & Caicos.
- Instituto de Seguridad Social de las Fuerzas Armadas de Ecuador.
- National Insurance Corporation, St. Lucia.
- Instituto Nacional de Servicios Sociales para Jubilados y Pensionados, Argentina.
- Instituto Nacional de Jubilaciones y Pensiones de los Empleados y Funcionarios del Poder Ejecutivo, Honduras.
- Caja de Compensación Los Andes, Chile.
- National Insurance Board, Trinidad & Tobago.
- Superintendencia de Riesgos del Trabajo, Argentina.
- Positiva Compañía de Seguros, Colombia.
- Superintendencia del Sistema Financiero, El Salvador.
- National Insurance Scheme, Grenada.

Finally, recognition was given to the following founding institutions that are still active since the creation of the CISS in 1942:

- International Labour Organization (ILO).
- Caja Costarricense de Seguro Social, Costa Rica.
- Caja de Seguro Social, Panamá.
- Seguro Social de Salud, Perú.
- Social Security Administration, United States of America.

The President thanked the Secretary for his participation and asked attendees whether there was any other general item to be addressed.

As there were no other issues to discuss, and having addressed all the items in the agenda, on 20 April 2018 at 12:25, the President formally closed the meeting of the *5th Extraordinary General Assembly of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security*.