

Mr Jose Carlos Jacob de Carvalho from Brazil has requested to have the floor.

Mr Jose Carlos Jacob de Carvalho (Brazil).

Mr President, members of the CISS, I would like, on behalf of Brazil, to request the approval of the following Declaration

**1995 Mexico Declaration  
114 CISS Resolution**

Considering,

That consensus has now been reached in most countries of the Americas regarding the need to conduct deep reforms to social security systems, in light of their structural crisis.

That there is a general conviction that the majority of social security institutions have not achieved an acceptable degree of coverage, that solidarity and fairness are still the great challenges of the future and that economic and administrative rationality expect transcendental political decisions to reaffirm the fundamental principles of social security.

That the analysis and debate on these issues have led several countries, taking into account their characteristics, needs and specific interests, to start important reform processes in their social security systems.

That the conviction exists that any social security reform must arise from social dialogue, with the committed participation of the government and the representatives of workers and employers.

That the reforms, in order to be feasible, must be based on firm democratic processes and substantial political consensus that, committed to reality, achieve the active participation of society and its institutions. As it is a time of great transformations, the demand of full social responsibility is required.

That no matter the type of reform applied, consistent with the context of each country, there is full agreement in the sense that such reform must increase the wellbeing of the population and translate into real social development, and that it must be based on solid financial bases.

That before the recurrent economic crises the world goes through, it is necessary to have solidarity mechanisms that promote the coverage expansion of the protected population and that also condition the transparency and efficiency in the administrative-financial management, to ensure fairness in the execution of the actions.

That general consensus exists in the Americas in the sense that the evolution of social security systems must be towards structures that promote social participation, in order to achieve significant advances regarding the goals of universality, solidarity and fairness.

In consequence,

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Recognise that the Inter-American Conference on Social Security, by bringing together social security institutions from thirty-five countries of the Americas, that meet periodically to present their experiences and progress, has reaffirmed itself as an important Proposal and Discussion Forum.

Express that in the context of this Forum, meetings of great importance and usefulness have been held to enrich and disseminate the reforms that American social security institutions plan to carry out or are carrying out, by enabling their analysis, study and solid debate.

Urge the institutions so that in the future they use this important Proactive and Debate Forum, to present their progress, and, where appropriate, reform processes, helping the sectors involved to enrich themselves with direct knowledge of the experiences and advances of American Social Security so general recommendations may arise.

Mexico City, 10 November, 1995.