



THE GUATEMALA DECLARATION

FOR A RESPONSE TO THE CRISIS AND LONG TERM SUSTAINABILITY, BASED ON COLLABORATION, EDUCATION AND A CULTURE OF SOCIAL SECURITY

The representatives of International and Regional Organizations that operate in the region in the field of Social Security, gathered in Guatemala City on the occasion of the XXV General Assembly of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security, in order to achieve a better collective understanding of the effects of the crisis and to contribute to making national, sub-regional and regional social security strategies better, more efficient, inclusive and sustainable,



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Having borne witness to,

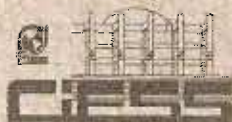
The breadth and depth of the economic crisis which is affecting in particular countries in the Americas (North America, Latin America and the Caribbean),

- I. That the crisis has had an impact on social security and social coverage in the Americas,
- II. The importance of education, training and the social security culture in sustainable economic development in the Americas.



Bearing in mind,

- i. That social security is a fundamental human right,
- ii. The important role that social security systems play, not only in the fight against poverty, but also as a buffer against the crisis and a driver of economic performance,
- iii. That social security is an essential element in overcoming the current crisis, and in preventing and abating greater crises,
- iv. The numerous international calls for integration and the mutual strengthening of economic, labor and social policies, as well as for the coordination and harmonization of activities carried out by international organizations,





- v. The common values and synergy in objectives between the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS), the International Social Security Association (ISSA), the Ibero-American Organization for Social Security (OISS) and the International Labor Organization (ILO),
- vi. The key role that strategy development, efficient social security systems and a culture of social security have in the fulfillment of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and the ILO Hemispheric Decent Work Agenda 2006–2015,
- vii. That a dynamic social security system should be accessible, sustainable, preventative and proactive, and it should provide appropriate benefits, in this way contributing to the achievement of societies that are more socially inclusive and hence more economically productive for all,
- viii. That the right to a safe and healthy working environment should be recognized as a fundamental human right and that globalization should be accompanied by a preventative culture, in order to guarantee health and safety for all in the workplace,
- ix. The importance of multilateral coordination among social security systems, so as to protect the social rights of migrant workers and to facilitate the all-embracing efficiency of such systems in the global environment and that the situation of migrant workers is fully taken into account,
- x. The importance of establishing links between the economic, labor and social policies within a conceptual framework and consistent application in practice.



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We agree to view positively and to support,

FIRST. The integral training program regarding Social Security values and principles called “Towards a Social Security Culture in the Americas”, developed and promoted by the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS), through the Inter-American Center for Social Security Studies (CIESS).

SECOND. The concept of dynamic social security developed by ISSA, as well as the Seoul Declaration on Safety and Health at Work (ISSA), that recognizes the importance of education as well as cooperation between international organizations and institutions.





THIRD. The Ibero-American Multilateral Convention on Social Security which is in process of ratification, its Application Terms and the "Ibero-American Strategy for Health and Safety at Work", promoted and administrated by the OISS.

FOURTH. The Global Jobs Pact and the Basic Social Protection Floor adopted by the International Labor Conference, which in turn forms an integral part of the world response to the crisis, adopted by the United Nations Chief Executives Board (CEB) and the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC).

We issue a call

- a. To all national stakeholders in the field of social security and social coverage, to increase efforts in improving coordination and synergy in their strategies, plans and programs,
- b. To all international organizations with activities in the Americas to intensify their efforts in the fields of information and coordination,
- c. To the CISS, ISSA, OISS and ILO to collaborate closely in promoting of their respective agendas, in particular as regards their programs for education, training and skills development, such as:
 - The CISS program "Towards a Social Security Culture in the Americas",
 - The OISS training offer,
 - The ISSA training offer, supported by the promotion of this Declaration worldwide,
 - The QUATRRAIN-AMERICAS Program, and the "Professorships in Social Security and Decent Work" developed jointly by the ILO in Geneva and the ILO International Training Center in Turin (Italy).



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We invite,

- I. All national States to declare the last week of April as a "Social Security Week", in commemoration that on 27 April 1955 Convention 102 (Minimum Standards) entered into force, and that this, together the Philadelphia Declaration, constitutes one of the corner stones worldwide of greatest relevance, influence and impact in the social security field.





II. The member states and bodies of the organizations that are signatories, formally to accede to this Declaration, as proof of their clear policy of supporting activities that increase the social security culture, both in their staff as well as in related enterprises, among affiliates and beneficiaries. With this in mind the Inter-American Conference on Social Security shall open a Register and will publish the accession therein.



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The International Labour Organization (ILO) states its support to the Declaration of Guatemala "In response to the crisis, towards long-term Sustainability based on collaboration, education and a culture on social security", signed by sister international organizations: CISS, AISS, OISS and CIESS, and approved during the XXV General Assembly of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security, conducted in Guatemala, from November 2 to 5, 2009.



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