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At 13:02 am on 26 April 2021, in order to hold the Extraordinary Meeting of the Permanent Committee of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security (CISS), the following members of the aforementioned body met virtually: Zoé Alejandro Robledo Aburto, General Director of the Mexican Institute of Social Security and Chairman of the CISS; José Bernardo Pineda Jurado, from the Guatemalan Institute of Social Security and Deputy Chairman of the CISS for 2020; Manuel Di Benedictis, from the National Administration of Social Security of Argentina, on behalf of the Deputy Chairman of the CISS for 2021; Naron Gutierrez Nogueira, from the Special Secretariat for Social Security and Labour of Brazil and Deputy Chairman of the CISS for 2022; Pablo Argüello Zabala, by express delegation representing the Ecuadorian Institute of Social Security and Representative of the Subregion I Andean; Vilma Morales Montalván, from the Honduran Institute of Social Security and Representative of Subregion II Central America; Rogerio Nagamine Costanzi, on behalf of the Special Secretariat for Social Security and Labour of Brazil and Representative of the Subregion III Southern Cone; Maglan Lewis, on behalf of the Social Security Board of Anguilla and Representative of Subregion IV North America and the Anglo Caribbean; Celia Grillo Esteban, representing the Ministry of Labour and Social Security of Cuba and Representative of Subregion V Mexico and the Latin Caribbean, and Héctor Santana Suárez, from the Institute of Social Security and Services for State Workers and Representative of Associate Members; as well as Daisy Corrales Díaz, Director of the Inter-American Centre for Social Security Studies (CIESS), and Eduard del Villar Liranzo, Comptroller of the Conference.

Before starting the scheduled points, Mr. Zoé Robledo Aburto, thanked the presence of all the members of the Committee, especially for the haste in which it was summoned.

Afterwards, the Chairman requested Mónica Nuño Nuño, Executive Director for Liaison and Cooperation of the Conference, who, on this occasion, acted as secretary to the Committee, to carry out the verification of the quorum to formally start the meeting, in compliance with article 16, subsection c) of the Regulations of the Permanent Committee.

The secretary expressed that there was quorum to hold the meeting in accordance with articles 53 of the Statute of this Conference and 17 of the Regulations of the Permanent Committee.

Once the quorum was confirmed, the Chairman read the agenda of the day set as follows:

Agenda

Single item. Proposal for the appointment of the acting Secretary General of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security.

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In order to address this item, the Chairman recalled that last November Dr Gibrán Ramírez Reyes informed the Committee about his resignation as Secretary General with effect from 31 December 2020. In this regard the Chairman pointed out that the Committee was responsible for the appointment of an interim Secretary General to hold that office for the remaining period, pursuant the resolution adopted at the 29th Ordinary General Assembly of September 2019.

Thus, the Presidency, according to article 21, second paragraph of the Conference Bylaws, proposed that Alvaro Velarca Hernández, M Econ, held the General Secretariat of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security.

Velarca Hernández, the Chairman added, has a bachelor's degree in Financial Administration and a master's degree in Economics. In the field of Social Security and Protection, he had served as Coordinator of Inter-institutional and International Monitoring and as Head of the Planning and Budget Division of the Mexican Social Security Institute, as well as Director of Operational Coordination of *Seguro Popular*. Likewise, he had been a consultant on financial and budget planning issues for international organisations such as the Inter-American Development Bank and the United Nations Development Program.

The Chairman said that with the appointment of Alvaro Velarca Hernández, M Econ, continuity would be given to the organisation's work; in addition, his experience in the international field would strengthen the ties with other Social Security organisations.

Once the Chairman completed his participation and since there were no additional interventions by other members, he submitted the following resolution to the Committee.

Resolution No 1: The Permanent Committee, in accordance with the provisions of articles 16, paragraph I) and 21, second paragraph of the Bylaws of the Conference, appoints Alvaro Velarca Hernández, M Econ, as acting Secretary General of the Inter-American

Conference on Social Security for the for the remainder of the corresponding period in accordance with the provisions of Resolution No. 11 adopted by the 29th Ordinary General Assembly, held on 20 September 2019 in Mexico City.

The resolution was approved unanimously, as indicated by the secretary.

The Chairman thanked the secretary and welcomed Alvaro Velarca Hernández, M Econ, as acting Secretary General of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security.

Once the entire agenda was fully addressed, at 13:09 on 26 April 2021, the Chairman of the Conference declared the Extraordinary Meeting of the Permanent Committee of the Inter-American Conference on Social Security closed, in accordance with article 17 of the Conference Bylaws.-----

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