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**THE INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION AGAINST CORRUPTION AND THE MECHANISM FOR FOLLOWING  
ITS IMPLEMENTATION (MESICIC)**

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## **The Inter-American Convention against Corruption and the Mechanism for following its implementation (MESICIC)**

- **1<sup>st</sup> International Legal Instrument on the Matter**
  - Signed in Caracas, in March 1996
  - OECD: 1997; CoE:1999; UN: 2003.
- **Ratified by 33 States (Except for Barbados and Cuba)**
  - One of the Inter-American Treaties most ratified by the member States, if not the most ratified, after the Charter of the Organization itself.
- **Content and scope**
  - Preventive measures.
  - Classification of crimes.
  - International cooperation and assistance: extradition, reciprocal assistance, assets, bank secrecy, asylum.
- **MESICIC**
  - Established in 2001. Started working: 2002.
- **34 States Parties (Except: Cuba).**
- **Objectives:**
  - Evaluate the implementation of the Convention by the States Parties.
  - Facilitate and strengthen cooperation between the States Parties.



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- **Main characteristics:**

- Impartial.
- Equal treatment.
- Intergovernmental and open to civil society.

- **Rounds of analysis**

- All countries are analyzed
  - Selection of topics
  - Selection of the subgroup countries
  - Questionnaire
  - Participation of civil society
    - Alternative answer
    - In situ visit (amplified)
  - In situ visit
  - Civil society
  - Stages for the adoption of the report
- Five rounds carried out and starting the sixth
- In situ visits since the fourth round

- **Topics analyzed:**

- First round. Conflicts of interest, patrimonial declarations, obligation to report; Civil society participation and Access to Information.
- Second round. Hiring of public officials, contracting of goods, services and public works by the State; protection for whistleblowers of acts of corruption; Classification of acts of corruption.
- Third Round: Among others, transnational bribery; illicit enrichment; extradition; internal controls of State institutions.



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- Fourth Round: Functioning of the control bodies and monitoring of the implementation of the recommendations of the first round; conflicts of interest, patrimonial declarations, obligation to report; Civil society participation and Access to Information.
- Fifth Round: Follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations of the Second Round, which were those that had to do with the hiring of public officials, contracting of goods, services and public works by the State; protection for whistleblowers of acts of corruption; Classification of acts of corruption. In addition, the issue of salary systems and instructions to personnel regarding their functions and ethical standards were analyzed.
- Sixth Round: Follow-up on the implementation of the recommendations of the Third Round, among others, transnational bribery; illicit enrichment; extradition; internal controls of State institutions. In addition, the issue related to bank secrecy contemplated in Article XVI of the Convention will be analyzed.

**For more Information please consult:**

- Anti-corruption Portal of the Americas: <http://www.oas.org/en/sla/dlc/mesicic/default.asp>
- Introductory guide on the operation of the MESICIC:  
[http://www.oas.org/en/sla/dlc/mesicic/docs/guide\\_exp\\_new.pdf](http://www.oas.org/en/sla/dlc/mesicic/docs/guide_exp_new.pdf)
- Reports by country, from the first to the fifth rounds:  
<http://www.oas.org/en/sla/dlc/mesicic/paises-home.html>
- Model laws and legislative guides: <http://www.oas.org/en/sla/dlc/mesicic/leyes.html>
- Good practices: <http://www.oas.org/en/sla/dlc/mesicic/buenas-practicas.html>
- Civil Society's role: <http://www.oas.org/en/sla/dlc/mesicic/sociedad-civil.html>