

Working Group on the Protocol of San Salvador



The Working Group on the Protocol of San Salvador (Working Group) is the monitoring body of the [Protocol of San Salvador](#) and functions in the framework of the [Inter-American Council for Integral Development](#). The Protocol of San Salvador is an additional and optional protocol to the [American Convention on Human Rights](#) that enshrines social, economic, and cultural rights. Pursuant to resolution [AG/RES. 2262 \(XXXVII-O/07\)](#), adopted on June 5, 2007, the Working Group is tasked with monitoring the implementation of the Protocol of San Salvador, and examining the periodic reports that States parties are required to submit.

The Working Group is composed of three government experts elected by the States parties during the [General Assembly](#) of the [Organization of American States](#) (OAS), taking account of equitable geographic distribution, one independent expert, and one member of the [Inter-American Commission on Human Rights](#), in addition to three alternate members (one from each category). [Civil society](#) organizations may participate in joint meetings with the Working Group and in consultations.

States Parties to the Working Group on the Protocol of San Salvador:

Nineteen of the [35 OAS Member States](#) have signed the Protocol and 16 have ratified it. Those 16 are: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Suriname, and Uruguay.

The Working Group's Activities:

- Prepare [Progress Indicators for Measuring Rights Under the Protocol of San Salvador](#) and make recommendations to States. These are published on the Working Group's [website](#).
- Conduct [sessions](#) to analyze the [national reports](#) related to the Protocol of San Salvador
- Publish [Reports of Activities](#)
- Engage with [civil society](#) on various issues related to its mandate
- Prepare and compile other [resources and tools](#) useful for advancing social, economic, and cultural rights

Basic Instruments:

The following is a list of core instruments relevant to the Working Group's mandate:

- Protocol of San Salvador ([text](#))
- Composition of the working group to examine the national reports envisioned in the Protocol of San Salvador ([text](#))
- Guidelines for Preparation of Progress Indicators in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights ([text](#))
- Standards for the preparation of Periodic Reports pursuant to the Protocol of San Salvador ([text](#))
- Indicators for the first sub-group of rights to be reported ([text](#))
- Indicators for the second sub-group of rights to be reported ([text](#))

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