



General Assembly

Distr.: General
13 November 2023

Original: English

Seventy-eighth session
Agenda item 171

Observer status for the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture in the General Assembly

Report of the Sixth Committee

Rapporteur: Mr. Moussa Mohamed **Moussa** (Djibouti)

I. Introduction

1. The item entitled “Observer status for the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture in the General Assembly” was included in the provisional agenda of the seventy-eighth session of the General Assembly at the request of Argentina, Colombia, El Salvador, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain and Uruguay.
2. At its 2nd plenary meeting, on 8 September 2023, the General Assembly, on the recommendation of the General Committee, decided to include the item in its agenda and to allocate it to the Sixth Committee.
3. The Sixth Committee considered the item at its 14th and 36th meetings, on 16 October and 8 November 2023. The views of the representatives who spoke during the Committee’s consideration of the item are reflected in the relevant summary records.¹
4. For its consideration of the item, the Committee had before it a letter dated 1 August 2023 from the representatives of Argentina, Colombia, El Salvador, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain and Uruguay to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General ([A/78/191](#)).

II. Consideration of draft resolution [A/C.6/78/L.3](#)

5. At the 14th meeting, on 16 October, the representative of Argentina, also on behalf of Andorra, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Nicaragua,

¹ [A/C.6/78/SR.14](#) and [A/C.6/78/SR.36](#).



Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain and Uruguay, introduced a draft resolution entitled “Observer status for the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture in the General Assembly” ([A/C.6/78/L.3](#)) and announced that Brazil, Honduras and Mexico had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

6. At the 36th meeting, on 8 November, the representative of Argentina announced that the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. At the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution [A/C.6/78/L.3](#) without a vote (see para. 7).

III. Recommendation of the Sixth Committee

7. The Sixth Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

Observer status for the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture in the General Assembly

The General Assembly,

Wishing to promote cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture,

1. *Decides* to invite the Organization of Ibero-American States for Education, Science and Culture to participate in the sessions and the work of the General Assembly in the capacity of observer;
 2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take the action necessary to implement the present resolution.
-