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**Appointment of the External Auditor**

In accordance with Article 46 of the Financial Regulations<sup>1</sup>, the Office Vieyra Mota y Asociados, S.C. was appointed by Resolution CG/E/Res.04/2022 as the External Auditor of the Agency for the period of one year from 1 January 2023 to 31 December 2023, renewable. The Secretariat, after consulting the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters – CCAAP, at its 163<sup>rd</sup> Meeting on September 12, 2023, proposes to hire the Office Vieyra Mota y Asociados, S.C. as External Auditor of OPANAL for the period from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

The Secretariat considers that the Office Vieyra Mota y Asociados, S.C., an office of public accountants, based in Mexico City, has extensive experience in auditing companies in Mexico, in addition to having experience in auditing International Organizations, such as the Pan American Institute of Geography and History – IPGH. So, the mentioned office will certainly be able to review, with authority and freedom, the accounts of OPANAL in order to certify them, in accordance with the Financial Regulations.

It is understood that extra-budgetary resources should not be subject to external audits. They currently comprise the amounts granted by the Government of Mexico for specific activities and projects. These resources were subject to specific agreements with the aforementioned State to which the OPANAL Secretariat reports directly, informing the Committee on Contributions and Administrative and Budgetary Matters – CCAAP and the Council.

The Office Vieyra Mota y Asociados, S.C. has confirmed, by letter of proposal of audit services, that its work will be in accordance with the provisions established in the Financial Regulations as well as the Standards Governing the Operations of the Secretariat.

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<sup>1</sup> Inf.01/2019