Message from the Assistant Secretary General

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OAS Assistant Secretary General

I am delighted to announce the launch of the new DCMM quarterly newsletter, DCMM News. As the DCMM’s Director (a.i.), I am excited about the launch of this initiative as it aims to build awareness of the important work performed by the DCMM at the OAS. The newsletter will provide information on the accomplishments of our Department, our staff, our partners, and our friends. This initiative will serve as a practical guide to our publications, services, and staff members.

The Role of the DCMM

The Department of Conferences and Meetings Management (DCMM) has been providing services, coordination, and planning for successful negotiations and effective decisions by the member states, specialized agencies, and other entities of the inter-American system, as well as to different areas of the General Assembly every year. Our competent and dedicated team is pivotal in supporting the work performed by the Departments of the General Secretariat. Together with our in-house personnel, the freelance translators, and interpreters working for the OAS for over 20 years, we are committed to the OAS mandates by ensuring that all conferences and meetings proceed effectively and efficiently throughout the year. We are also referred to as the four primary colors used for color printing, which are cyan, magenta, yellow, and black. They are also referred to as the four inks or the CMYK color model.

The DCMM in Action

The DCMM has a team of 1,007 dedicated employees in 2016. In 2016, we translated 6,687,302 words and printed 12,392 documents. We distributed 5,727 documents in meetings away from OAS headquarters. We provide in-room conference services to 1,007 meetings at headquarters and in member states. We perform 6,687,302 words translated and 12,392 documents printed.

Our Staff

Margaret Palmer, our English Proofreader, speaks (at conferences). So, if you read it, it is translation; if you listen to it, it is interpretation. Despite translation and interpretation being two different professions, we often hear people say that they are the same thing. Margaret has been working for the OAS for over 20 years. She is known that she wanted to work with the OAS since 1994 and transferred to the OAS in 1998. She joined the OAS in 1998 and has worked for seven years. Our Senior IT Technician has been with the OAS since 1994 and transferred to the OAS in 2000. He has worked for seven years in international banking. Our Staff have been working for the OAS for over 20 years.

The DCMM in Numbers:

- 6,687,302 words translated
- 12,392 documents printed
- 5,727 documents distributed after each meeting to gather information for preparing meetings and surveys. Its purpose is to serve as a practical guide, contributing to the fulfillment of OAS mandates by ensuring that all conferences and meetings proceed effectively and efficiently throughout the year. We are pleased to announce that the Documents Section has expanded its services. In addition to printing, it now also provides high-end graphic design services from its new DCMM Section. We are pleased to announce that the Documents Section has expanded its services. In addition to printing, it now also provides high-end graphic design services from its new DCMM Section.

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