



# MINUTES OF CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## Thematic Line B DEMOCRACY, ARMED FORCES, SECURITY AND SOCIETY

### Subtheme II Modernization, Interculturality, Education in Defense and Democracy

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#### Conclusions

1. In recent decades, the concept of interculturalism has emerged and evolved in many nations of the Americas, which has had an impact on armed forces and defense institutions.
2. There should be no distinction between ethnic groups within armed forces and defense institutions and there should be equal opportunities for all.
3. While similarities exist, there are distinct differences within the countries of the Americas, be they demographic and/or social among others, including within the armed forces and defense institutions.
4. It is important that the concepts of equal rights and opportunity and the benefits of diversity be reflected in civil and military education within the armed forces and defense institutions.
5. Social inclusion and interculturality in the armed forces and defense institutions should be reflected in the political will of the countries of the Americas.