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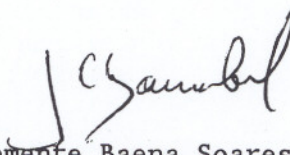
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THE SANTIAGO COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY AND  
THE RENEWAL OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM

(Adopted at the third plenary session held on  
June 4, 1991)

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the member states of the Organization of American States, meeting in Santiago, Chile, as the representatives of their democratically elected governments to the twenty-first regular session of the General Assembly of the OAS;

Aware that profound international political and economic changes and the end of the cold war open up new opportunities and responsibilities for concerted action by all countries through global and regional organizations, as well as in their bilateral relationships;

Bearing in mind that the changes towards a more open and democratic international system are not completely established, and that therefore, cooperation must be encouraged and strengthened so that those favorable trends may continue;

Recognizing the need to advance decisively towards a just and democratic order based on full respect for international law, the peaceful settlement of disputes, solidarity, and the revitalization of multilateral diplomacy and of international organizations;

Mindful that representative democracy is the form of government of the region and that its effective exercise, consolidation, and improvement are shared priorities;

Reaffirming that the principles enshrined in the OAS Charter and the ideals of peace, democracy, social justice, comprehensive development and solidarity are the permanent foundation of the inter-American system;

Recognizing that cooperation to guarantee the peace and security of the hemisphere is one of the essential purposes consecrated in the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), and that the proliferation of arms adversely affects international security and takes resources away from the economic and social development of the peoples of the member states;

Resolved to work for the intensification of the struggle against extreme poverty and the elimination of the economic and social inequalities in each nation and among the nations of the hemisphere;

Noting with interest the report of the consultation group on the renewal of the inter-American system; and



Convinced that the OAS is the political forum for dialogue, understanding, and cooperation among all the countries of the hemisphere, whose potential, enhanced by the admission of new member states, must be increased to make it an effective voice in the world for the decisions of its members,

DECLARE:

Their inescapable commitment to the defense and promotion of representative democracy and human rights in the region, within the framework of respect for the principles of self-determination and non-intervention;

Their firm resolve to stimulate the process of renewal of the Organization of American States, to make it more effective and useful in the application of its guiding principles and for the attainment of its objectives;

Their determination to continue to prepare and develop a relevant agenda for the Organization, in order to respond appropriately to the new challenges and demands in the world and in the region, and their decision to assign special priority on that agenda, during the present decade, to the following actions:

- a. Intensifying the common struggle and cooperative action against extreme poverty to help reduce economic and social inequalities in the hemisphere, and thereby strengthen the promotion and consolidation of democracy in the region;
- b. Strengthening representative democracy as an expression of the legitimate and free manifestation of the will of the people, always respecting the sovereignty and independence of member states;
- c. Promoting the observance and defense of human rights in accordance with the inter-American instruments in force and through the specific existing agencies; and ensuring that no form of discrimination becomes an obstacle to political participation by undervalued or minority ethnic groups;
- d. Promoting the progressive liberalization of trade and the expansion of investments, access to scientific and technological knowledge, and the reduction of the foreign debt of the countries of the region and, from this perspective, support for the "Enterprise for the Americas Initiative" and the Uruguay Round of the GATT negotiations;



- e. Contributing to the protection of our environment by all for the benefit of present and future generations, thus assuring sustainable development in the region;
- f. Encouraging the adoption and execution of appropriate measures to prevent and combat the illicit use and production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, and traffic therein, chemical precursors and money laundering, and related clandestine traffic in arms, ammunitions, and explosives;
- g. Favoring integration processes in the region and, to this end, adopting a program of work designed, *inter alia*, to harmonize legislation in the region, particularly that of the civil and common law systems;
- h. Promoting and intensifying cultural, educational, scientific, and technological exchanges as instruments for integration, with full respect for the cultural heritage of each of the member states;
- i. Increasing technical cooperation and encouraging a transfer of technology to enhance the capabilities for economic growth of the countries in the region.

Their decision to initiate a process of consultation on hemispheric security in light of the new conditions in the region and the world, from an updated and comprehensive perspective of security and disarmament, including the subject of all forms of proliferation of weapons and instruments of mass destruction, so that the largest possible volume of resources may be devoted to the economic and social development of the member states; and an appeal to other competent organizations in the world to join in the efforts of the OAS.

Their decision to adopt efficacious, timely, and expeditious procedures to ensure the promotion and defense of representative democracy, in keeping with the Charter of the Organization of American States.

Consequently, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs and the Heads of Delegation of the member states of the OAS, in the name of their peoples, declare their firm political commitment to the promotion and protection of human rights and representative democracy, as indispensable conditions for the stability, peace, and development of the region, and for the success of the changes and renewal that the inter-American system will require at the threshold of the twenty-first century.



AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-O/91)

REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session,  
held on June 5, 1991)

WHEREAS:

The Preamble of the Charter of the OAS establishes that representative democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace, and development of the region;

Under the provisions of the Charter, one of the basic purposes of the OAS is to promote and consolidate representative democracy, with due respect for the principle of non-intervention;

Due respect must be accorded to the policies of each member country in regard to the recognition of states and governments;

In view of the widespread existence of democratic governments in the Hemisphere, the principle, enshrined in the Charter, that the solidarity of the American states and the high aims which it pursues require the political organization of those states to be based on effective exercise of representative democracy must be made operative; and

The region still faces serious political, social, and economic problems that may threaten the stability of democratic governments,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Secretary General to call for the immediate convocation of a meeting of the Permanent Council in the event of any occurrences giving rise to the sudden or irregular interruption of the democratic political institutional process or of the legitimate exercise of power by the democratically elected government in any of the Organization's member states, in order, within the framework of the Charter, to examine the situation, decide on and convene an ad hoc meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs, or a special session of the General Assembly, all of which must take place within a ten-day period.

2. To state that the purpose of the ad hoc meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs or the special session of the General Assembly shall be to look into the events collectively and adopt any decisions deemed appropriate, in accordance with the Charter and international law.

3. To instruct the Permanent Council to devise a set of proposals that will serve as incentives to preserve and strengthen democratic systems, based on international solidarity and cooperation, and to apprise the General Assembly thereof at its twenty-second regular session.



AG/RES. 1081 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE  
INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) (AG/doc.2685/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of CIES decided to defer further consideration of the topic of the Economic and Social Challenges for the Nineties until a forthcoming Special Meeting at the Ministerial level;

That the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of CIES approved the conclusions and recommendations of the CEP-CIES Working Group on the establishment of a system of horizontal cooperation in the economic and social area;

That, at the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of CIES, the Chairman of the Special Ad Hoc Group of CECON reported on the progress made in the work of examining the purposes, priorities, and mechanisms of CECON in relation to the realities of the hemisphere today and the changing conditions of international trade; and

That the Twenty-fifth Annual Meeting of CIES reiterated the importance to the member states of technical cooperation in the economic and social area as an instrument for contributing to comprehensive development and to the strengthening of democracy in the region,

RESOLVES:

1. To note, endorse, and transmit to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council the Permanent Council's observations and recommendations on its Annual Report.

2. To express its satisfaction with the important work done by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, and particularly, with the advances made and progress achieved in the system of horizontal cooperation.



3. To take note of the decision of CIES to defer until an upcoming meeting consideration of the topic, Economic and Social Challenges for the Nineties.

4. To reiterate the importance of technical cooperation in the economic and social area, and to support the strengthening of the plurinational technical cooperation projects because of their regional and multilateral impact and their ability to attract external resources.

5. To reiterate the recommendation to CIES that it plan its annual meetings and conferences so as to maximize the coordination of its decisions and activities with those adopted and carried out by the General Assembly at its regular sessions.

6. To recommend to CIES that it intensify its cooperative relations with other organs, specialized agencies, and entities of the Organization, for purposes of the coordination of their respective activities.

7. To urge the member states to pay in their contributions on schedule so as to avoid delays in the execution of programmed activities.

AG/RES. 1082 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Pan American Health Organization, (AG/doc.2685/91);

CONSIDERING the significant work accomplished by the Pan American Health Organization in promoting and coordinating the efforts of the member states to prevent and combat disease, prolong life and promote the physical and mental well-being of their inhabitants; and

BEARING IN MIND the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 1027 (XX-O/90), Promotion of education on environmental matters; resolution AG/RES. 1039 (XX-O/90), Legal situation of refugees, repatriated, and displaced persons in the American Hemisphere; resolution AG/RES. 1040 (XX-O/90), The situation pertaining to refugees in Central America and regional efforts to solve their problems, and resolution AG/RES. 1056 (XX-O/90), Demobilization of the Nicaraguan Resistance,

RESOLVES:

1. To note, endorse, and transmit to the Pan American Health Organization the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on its Annual Report, with particular emphasis on the need to give due attention to the outbreak of cholera in the region.

2. To congratulate the Pan American Health Organization on the very important activities carried out in fulfillment of its purposes, objectives, and mandates.

3. To thank the Pan American Health Organization for its valuable cooperation in fulfillment of the mandates set forth in resolution AG/RES. 1027 (XX-O/90), Promotion of education on environmental matters; resolution AG/RES. 1039 (XX-O/90), Legal situation of refugees, repatriated, and displaced persons in the American Hemisphere; resolution AG/RES. 1040 (XX-O/90), The situation pertaining to refugees in Central America and regional efforts to solve their problems, and resolution AG/RES. 1056 (XX-O/90), Demobilization of the Nicaraguan Resistance.



AG/RES. 1083 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE  
FOR COOPERATION ON AGRICULTURE

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (AG/doc.2685/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture encourages, promotes, and effectively supports the efforts of the member states to achieve agricultural development and rural well-being;

That special mention should be made of the technical cooperation activities conducted by the Institute under the Plan of Joint Action for Agricultural Reactivation in Latin America and the Caribbean (PLANALC); and

That the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture has undertaken effective measures to strengthen ties of cooperation with the organs, specialized organizations, and bodies of the inter-American system, with other subregional and United Nations agencies, and with observer state governments and institutions,

RESOLVES:

1. To note, endorse, and transmit to the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture the observations and recommendations issued by the Permanent Council on the Institute's Annual Report.

2. To congratulate the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture and its General Directorate on the important activities it has carried out in its area of competence.

3. To make special mention of the line of action undertaken by the Institute to secure financial support from outside sources, and to thank the donor institutions for their valuable cooperation.

4. To encourage the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture to continue to develop close ties of cooperation with other bodies and organizations, both within and outside the region, so that they may coordinate their activities according to their respective purviews.



AG/RES. 1084 (XXI-O/91)

ORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE  
INTER-AMERICAN STATISTICAL CONFERENCE

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIES/RES. 440 (XXV-O/91) in which the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) decided to submit for approval by the General Assembly the Organization Plan of the Inter-American Statistical Conference (CIE), with the changes recommended in resolution CIE/RES. 1 (X-90), approved at the Tenth Conference, and specified in the declaration on that resolution made by the Permanent Executive Committee of CIE at its meeting in New York on February 14, 1991,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the following Organization Plan of the Inter-American Statistical Conference (CIE):

ORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE INTER-AMERICAN  
STATISTICAL CONFERENCE

I. NATURE

Article 1. The Inter-American Statistical Conference (CIE) is a specialized conference, in accordance with the Charter of the Organization of American States.

Article 2. The Inter-American Statistical Conference is permanent in nature, is directly associated with the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES), and accomplishes its purposes through its meetings, its Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CIE), its Technical Committees, and its Working Groups, in collaboration with the advisory organizations.



## II. PURPOSES

Article 3. The CIE has the following principal purposes:

- a. To facilitate and promote, by all means available to it, the continued development of statistics in this hemisphere;
- b. To promote the development and improvement of statistical services of the government, and of autonomous and semiautonomous organizations conducting statistical activities in each country, and to promote their integration and coordination into a national statistical system for the implementation of coordinated statistical programs;
- c. To formulate regional standards that will help improve, update, and promote comparability of national statistics and to promote the study, development, and use of more effective methods and procedures for the compilation, processing, and dissemination of data and for the evaluation of their quality and coverage;
- d. To help identify the technical assistance requirements, and needs for personnel training in statistics at the national and regional levels, and to propose measures for meeting those needs;
- e. To promote activities that will render more effective the work of the international organizations involved in the field of statistics in the American countries;
- f. To request the cooperation of international and regional governmental institutions and of international organizations that are interested in statistics;
- g. To act as principal advisory body of CIES in all matters relating to statistics in the American hemisphere; and
- h. To consider other matters related to inter-American cooperation in the field of statistics that are entrusted to it by the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, CIES, and other Councils of the Organization.

Article 4. To accomplish its purposes, the CIE shall adapt its operations to the provisions of the Charter of the Organization of American States, the Statutes of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, the Standards for Inter-American Specialized Conferences and this Organization Plan.



## PART ONE - MEETINGS

### III. REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

#### Frequency

Article 5. The Inter-American Statistical Conference (CIE) shall meet every two years and shall number its meetings consecutively.

#### Place and date

Article 6. The Conference shall meet in the country and on the date determined by the General Assembly or the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, bearing in mind the recommendation issued by the Conference at its previous meeting, in accordance with the principle of rotation.

Article 7. If for any reason it is not possible to hold the meeting of the Conference in the selected country, it shall be held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Organization, unless one of the member states represented on the CIE, duly in advance, should offer to host the meeting, in which case CIES may agree that the Conference may meet in that country.

#### Principle of Rotation

Article 8. In application of the principle of rotation for selecting the place where the Conference is to meet, it is understood that another meeting may not be held in the territory of a member state represented on the CIE if another member state, in which fewer such conferences have been held before, should offer its territory for this purpose.

Article 9. In special circumstances, at the initiative of COM/CIE, CIES may request the General Assembly of the Organization to convoke a special meeting of the CIE and propose the agenda for it. If the proposed date for the special meeting of the CIE precludes waiting until the next regular session of the General Assembly, CIES may convene and set the date and place for that special meeting after consulting with the member states.



#### IV. PARTICIPANTS

##### Governmental Delegations

Article 10. All member states of the Organization of American States are entitled to representation on the CIE. This right shall also extend to the governments of other American states that are not members of the Organization whose requests have been approved by the CIE, the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, and the General Assembly because of the special interest those governments have shown in cooperating towards the attainment of the purposes and objectives of the CIE.

Article 11. Each state is represented on the CIE by a principal representative who is the senior official of this country's national statistical system; another statistician shall be appointed as alternate representative. The advisors designated by a state may participate in the meetings of the Conference with voice but without vote.

##### Permanent Observers

Article 12. Nonmember states accredited as permanent observers to the Organization may be represented at meetings of the CIE with voice but without vote.

##### Other Observers

Article 13. The following may attend the meetings as observers with voice but without vote:

- a. Inter-American specialized organizations and American inter-governmental regional organizations;
- b. The Inter-American Statistical Institute;
- c. The United Nations and its specialized agencies;
- d. The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC);
- e. International and national organizations that are parties to agreements or arrangements establishing cooperative relations with the Organization or with its organs, agencies, or entities, when such agreements or arrangements provide for the participation of observers, and in special cases when COM/CIE so decides;



- f. Agencies of states accredited as permanent observers to the Organization; and
- g. The governments of other states not represented on the CIE when they express a desire to participate and when the corresponding invitation is approved by COM/CIE.

Invitations to the observers referred to in this article shall be issued by the Secretary General of the Organization.

#### Secretary General of the Organization

Article 14. The Secretary General of the Organization or his representative may participate with voice but without vote in the deliberations of the CIE.

#### Guests

Article 15. With the authorization of the COM/CIE, and in consultation with the government of the host country, the Secretary General of the Organization may send invitations to attend the meetings to persons and institutions not covered by Article 13, as may be deemed advisable.

These guests may participate in the discussions, if there are no objections on the part of the representatives of the states which are of the same nationalities as those guests.

### V. AGENDA

#### Approval of the Agenda

Article 16. COM/CIE shall prepare the preliminary draft agenda for each meeting, bearing in mind the topics proposed by the governments of the states represented on the CIE, and shall submit it to those governments for consideration, through the Secretary General of the Organization, at least three months in advance of the opening of the meeting. The governments shall have a period of 30 consecutive days in which to present their observations. On the basis of these observations, COM/CIE shall draw up the draft agenda and submit it to CIES for consideration.

Article 17. The final agenda shall be approved by CIES at its last meeting prior to the scheduled meeting of the CIE. The final text so approved shall be brought to the attention of the governments of the states represented on the CIE as far as possible in advance of the opening of the meeting.



Article 18. The agenda approved by CIES may be changed only during the meeting of the CIE, by majority vote of the participating states.

## PART TWO - THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (COM/CIE)

### Executive Body

Article 19. The Permanent Executive Committee of the CIE (COM/CIE) is the executive body of the Conference.

### Membership and Election

Article 20. COM/CIE shall be composed of representatives of five of the states represented on the CIE. These shall be a Chairman, a Chairman-elect, and three members. The Chairman shall be the person who was Chairman-elect at the previous meeting. The new Chairman-elect shall act as Vice Chairman.

Senior statisticians from other regional and subregional organizations who lend technical support to the activities of the CIE and whose participation is provided for in agreements concluded for this purpose may be members *ex-officio* of COM/CIE.

Article 21. The principles of rotation and of equitable geographic representation shall be observed, to the extent possible, in the election of three of the states represented on COM/CIE, and they shall be elected by a simple majority of the states participating in the meeting. The two remaining members shall be a) the representative from the state chosen for the office of Chairman-elect at the previous meeting; and b) the representative of the state whose territory is recommended, in accordance with the provisions of Article 6, to host the next meeting. In the event that during the meeting, no state offers to host the next meeting, or should the states in a) and b) above so agree, a fourth member of COM/CIE shall be elected.

Members of COM/CIE shall be elected at the meetings. Elections shall be held in two stages. Three or four states shall be elected in the first stage, in accordance with the outcome of the application of the preceding paragraph. In the second stage, the Chairman-elect shall be elected from among the members of COM/CIE other than the Chairman.



### Term of Office

Article 22. The term of office of the representatives of the member states of the COM/CIE shall continue until its new members are elected at the following meeting.

### Functions

Article 23. The following shall be the functions of COM/CIE:

- a. To carry out the decisions of the CIE, taking into consideration the recommendations of the General Assembly of the Organization and of CIES with respect to statistics;
- b. To perform and ensure performance of the purposes stated in Article 3;
- c. To make the preparations for the regular and special meetings of the CIE;
- d. To propose to CIES the date and place for the regular and special meetings of the CIE and any changes thereto when necessary;
- e. To prepare the draft agendas for the regular and special meetings of the CIE and to submit them to the governments of the member states for consideration, through the Secretary General of the Organization, pursuant to Article 17;
- f. To propose to CIES and to the CIE any amendments it may consider necessary to introduce into this Organization Plan;
- g. To negotiate and conclude cooperative agreements with international, regional, and subregional intergovernmental organizations to coordinate any technical support they might be able to provide for the CIE's activities;
- h. To establish a work program for the Office of the Chairman for implementation of the decisions of the CIE;
- i. To take emergency measures that cannot be delayed until the next meeting of the CIE;
- j. To represent the CIE, through its Chairman or any other member of COM/CIE, in international regional and national technical conferences on the subject of statistics and on any other subject in which statistics may have an instrumental function;



- k. To promote the coordination of inter-American activities in the area of statistics;
- l. With the cooperation of the General Secretariat, to prepare studies on statistics in the hemisphere;
- m. To submit to CIES, through the Secretary General of the Organization, an annual progress report on its activities;
- n. To form working groups as it considers them necessary and to assign the tasks they are to perform;
- o. To promote the performance by its members of their function of visiting, at least once a year, a country not represented on this body. Such visits shall take into account an equitable geographic distribution and their purpose shall be to arrive at a unity of views on the matters to be discussed at COM/CIE meetings. The expenses incurred on these visits shall be defrayed by the country of which the visiting member of COM/CIE is a national.

#### Installation Session

Article 24. COM/CIE shall be installed by the Chairman of CIE before the closing of the meeting at which the member states that are to serve on COM/CIE are elected. Delegations of all the participating states shall be invited to this installation session.

#### Work Program

Article 25. At the installation session, COM/CIE shall prepare its work program and shall set the date and place for its next meeting.

#### Functions of the Chairman

Article 26. The Chairman of COM/CIE shall have the following duties:

- a. To serve as the representative of COM/CIE;
- b. To convoke and preside over the sessions of the Committee, and to preside provisionally over the meetings of CIE until the Chairman of the Conference is elected;
- c. To prepare the agenda for the meetings of the Committee in consultation with the other Committee members;



- d. To advise the Chairman of CIES, through the Secretary General of the Organization, and in the name of the Committee, of the decisions adopted by the Committee of which that Chairman must be informed;
- e. To address the governments of the states represented on the CIE and the institutions interested in the purposes of the CIE on matters relating to its work;
- f. To submit to CIES, through the Secretary General of the Organization, an annual progress report on the activities of the Committee;
- g. To assign and coordinate, on behalf of COM/CIE, the work of the technical committees and working groups; and
- h. To perform other functions that may be given him by COM/CIE.

#### Meetings

Article 27. COM/CIE shall meet at least once a year, in the country represented by its Chairman or in another country, as the Committee may decide by a simple majority of votes of its members at its previous meeting. The meetings shall be numbered consecutively.

Article 28. Any state represented on the CIE may participate in the meetings of COM/CIE, with voice but without vote. Furthermore, in consultation with the other Committee members, the Chairman may invite representatives of other specialized agencies or experts in matters to be considered at meetings to participate in them as observers or in an advisory capacity.

#### Quorum

Article 29. The presence of an absolute majority of its members, either the principal delegates or, in their absence, their alternates, shall constitute the necessary quorum for holding a meeting of the Committee.

#### Voting

Article 30. The decisions of the Committee shall be adopted by the vote of an absolute majority of its members. However, in matters of procedure, decisions shall be adopted by a majority vote of the members present and voting. In the latter case, abstentions shall not be considered as votes cast. Each member shall have the right to one vote.



#### Travel Expenses

Article 31. Travel expenses incurred by Committee members for participation in its meetings or in those of the Conference shall be borne by their respective governments or by the organizations they represent.

Article 32. Should the Chairman of the Committee or some other member acting in his behalf attend a meeting of an international organization as the representative of the CIE, the travel expenses shall be defrayed by the Organization, provided the corresponding items have been provided for in the Program-Budget of the Organization, for which purpose COM/CIE must arrange with the General Secretariat for their inclusion therein sufficiently in advance of presentation of the proposed Program-Budget of the Organization.

#### Office of the Chairman

Article 33. The country elected to chair COM/CIE shall organize, at its expense, a permanent office under a full-time Assistant to the Chairman, composed of the necessary technical and administrative personnel. In addition, that country shall provide the premises for meetings, secretariat offices, and other suitable work facilities for the proper performance of the Committee's duties and functions.

Article 34. The office to which Article 33 refers shall, for all purposes, be under the exclusive authority of the Chairman of COM/CIE and shall not be answerable to the General Secretariat of the Organization, with which it shall maintain close working and cooperative relations for coordination and liaison and for the best possible performance of the various tasks of the Committee.

### PART THREE - TECHNICAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

#### Technical Committees

Article 35. The Conference shall appoint the technical committees it considers necessary to accomplish the purposes stated in Article 3, with mandates to be determined in each case and to continue in force until the Conference itself or COM/CIE deems them to be concluded.

The technical committees shall meet as convoked by the Chairman of COM/CIE, and their resolutions shall be adopted by absolute majority.



The meetings of the technical committees shall abide by the procedures established in CIE's Rules of Procedure to the extent that such procedures are applicable.

#### Working Groups

Article 36. COM/CIE may form the working groups that it considers necessary for the study of specific subjects, particularly those of a technical nature, for the most effective implementation of the decisions adopted by the CIE and to accomplish the purposes established in Article 3.

Each working group shall be composed of specialists chosen by COM/CIE from among the candidates nominated by the representatives of the states represented on the CIE.

The meetings of the working groups shall be called by the Chairman of COM/CIE, bearing in mind the schedule approved by COM/CIE. Any necessary changes in the schedule must be authorized by the Chairman of COM/CIE acting on behalf of the Committee.

#### PART FOUR - SECRETARIAT SERVICES

Article 37. The General Secretariat of the Organization shall provide the CIE, on a permanent basis, with adequate secretariat services in accordance with the funds allocated in the Program-Budget of the Organization, and shall carry out the mandates and instructions it receives from the CIE and COM/CIE.

Furthermore, if the necessary financial resources are available to the General Secretariat of the Organization, it shall cooperate with the Chairman of COM/CIE, at the latter's request, in the provision of technical advice and secretariat services for COM/CIE meetings.

#### PART FIVE - ADVISORY AGENCIES

Article 38. The CIE may request technical advisory services on an ad hoc or continuing basis from IASI, ECLAC, and other specialized agencies for the formulation and execution of its programs of activities, and particularly of those of the working groups.

#### PART SIX - AMENDMENTS TO THE ORGANIZATION PLAN

Article 39. The provisions of this Organization Plan may be amended by the General Assembly at its own initiative or upon request by CIES.



PART SEVEN - TRANSITORY PROVISION

Article 40. At the first meeting of the CIE after approval of this Organization Plan, a special vote shall be taken to elect the Chairman of COM/CIE.

2. That, as of the date on which the OAS Secretary General and the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC) conclude the agreement cited in operative paragraph 3 of resolution CIES/RES. 440 (XXV-O/91) whereby, among other provisions, the CIE and the Meeting of Directors of Statistics of the Americas shall hold simultaneous joint meetings every two years, at ECLAC headquarters in Santiago, Chile, the application of the following provisions shall be temporarily suspended :

a. Articles 6, 7, and 8 with respect to the principle of rotation and to the selection of the venue for the meetings of the CIE;

b. Article 13.d with respect to ECLAC's status as an observer;

c. That portion of Article 15 that refers to the "consultation with the government of the host country", since it will not apply when the CIE holds its meetings at the headquarters of an international organization;

d. That portion of Article 21 that refers to the correlation between the selection of one of the members of COM/CIE, on the one hand, and the principle of rotation as regards the state in which the meetings are to be held, on the other; moreover, that the following text shall be adopted provisionally in its place:

Article 21. Transitory. In the election of four of the states represented on the COM/CIE, the principles of rotation and of equitable geographic distribution shall be observed to the extent possible, and those four states shall be elected by an absolute majority of the states participating in the meeting. The fifth member shall be the representative of the state chosen for the office of Chairman-elect at the previous meeting.

The election of the members of COM/CIE shall be held at the meetings and conducted in two stages. In the first stage, four states shall be elected. In the second stage, a vote shall be taken to choose the Chairman-elect from among the members of COM/CIE other than the Chairman.



3. That the suspension of the provisions specified in operative paragraph 2 of this resolution, as well as transitory Article 21, shall be in effect as long as the agreement between the OAS General Secretariat and ECLAC mentioned in operative paragraph 2 of this resolution remains in effect.

AG/RES. 1085 (XXI-O/91)

REVISION OF THE STATUTES OF  
THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIES/RES. 445 (XXV-O/91) of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, approved at its twenty-fifth regular meeting, concerning the revision of the Statutes, Rules of Procedure, and other instruments of the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization; and

CONSIDERING that, by resolution AG/RES. 999 (XIX-O/89), it instructed the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, *inter alia*, to revise its Statutes and other governing instruments that needed to be amended as a result of the entry into force of the Protocol of Cartagena de Indias,

RESOLVES:

To approve the following amendments to the Statutes of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council:

- a. Article 2. "Chapters VII and VIII of the Charter" should read "Chapter VII of the Charter".
- b. Article 4: In subparagraph (d), "Article 118:h of the Charter" should read "Article 117:h of the Charter". In subparagraph (e), "Article 35 of the Charter" should read "Article 36 of the Charter".
- c. Add the following subparagraph to Article 4, in order to regulate the provisions of Article 143 of the Charter as amended by the Protocol of Cartagena de Indias:  
  
"f. Endeavor to obtain the greatest possible cooperation from countries not members of the Organization in the area of cooperation for development".
- d. Article 12: "Article 128 of the Charter" should read "Article 127 of the Charter".



- e. Article 15: "Article 130 of the Charter" should read "Article 129 of the Charter".
- f. Article 20: In the third paragraph, "Article 35 of the Charter" should read "Article 36 of the Charter".
- g. Article 22: In subparagraph g, "Article 118 (c) of the Charter" should read "Article 117.c of the Charter".
- h. Article 31: In subparagraph (b), "Article 118.c of the Charter" should read "Article 117.c of the Charter". In subparagraph (f), "Article 35 of the Charter" should read "Article 36 of the Charter".

AG/RES. 1086 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR  
EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND CULTURE

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report and the Report on Execution of the Program and Budget and Financial Situation of the CIECC Area for 1990 (AG/doc. 2685/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That programming for the period 1990-1995, which includes twelve national projects, was launched during 1990; and

That the Forum of Regional Experts was held from November 26 through 29 in commemoration of the centennial of the inter-American system and that at that forum the main topic under consideration was challenges the OAS will face in the 21st century in the fields of education, science, and culture (CIECC/doc.1259/90);

RESOLVES:

1. To note, endorse, and transmit to the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on its Annual Report and its Report on Execution of the Program Budget and financial situation.

2. To express satisfaction with the significant activities carried out by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture and make special note of the services provided by the Executive Secretariat to that effect, especially in the Fellowships and Training Programs.

3. To reiterate the recommendation to the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture that it plan its annual meetings and conferences in such a way as to ensure the maximum possible coordination of its decisions and activities with those adopted and carried out by the General Assembly at its regular sessions.



4. To recommend to the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture that it step up its cooperative relations with other specialized organs, agencies, and entities so that they may coordinate their respective activities.

5. To urge the member states to honor their pledges on time so as to avoid delays in the execution of programmed activities.

6. To express satisfaction that the Forum of Regional Experts in commemoration of the centennial of the inter-American system materialized and applaud its success.

AG/RES. 1087 (XXI-O/91)

EDUCATION FOR CIVIC PARTICIPATION AND DEMOCRACY

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC 813/91; and

CONSIDERING:

That the school is the means that a society uses to transmit the principles and values that shape the essence of its identity;

That democracy requires the joint participation of both the state and the community to attain the objective of well-being of the society as a whole,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the member states that, in accordance with their priorities, they study the possibility of incorporating, particularly, civics education subjects in the curriculum of the initial years of primary education to promote among the students a sense of participation in community affairs and to guide them toward best fulfillment of their responsibilities as citizens, both in the awareness and assertion of their rights and in the fulfillment of their obligations.

2. To instruct the General Secretariat to seek the collaboration of external sources to fund pilot projects having the purpose set out in the preceding operative paragraph in those member states that so desire.



AG/RES. 1089 (XXI-O/91)

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 24 OF THE UNIFORM  
STATUTE FOR FEMCIECC AND ITS ACCOUNTS

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC 824/91; and

CONSIDERING:

That the intent of Article 24 of the Uniform Statute for FEMCIECC and its Accounts, the Mar del Plata Account, and the Special Account for Culture, was to require the member states to honor their pledges for appropriations in the period in question; and

That application of Article 24 to the appropriations of earlier biennia penalizes countries that have met the requirements established by that Article in that period,

RESOLVES:

To add subparagraph (d) to article 24 of the Uniform Statute for FEMCIECC and its Accounts, which shall read as follows:

Article 24. Activities for projects presented by a member state and approved by the competent bodies may be initiated only when that state has fulfilled the following requirements:

- a) It has made its pledge to the corresponding account for the current year;
- b) It has paid its pledges for previous years;
- c) It has paid at least 25% of its pledge for the current year to each account and has presented a schedule of payments to the General Secretariat to cover the difference within the fiscal period;
- d) These requirements should not apply to appropriations from the previous biennium for which the country has fulfilled the payment requirements. These appropriations may be used in the same proportion that payment requirements have been fulfilled, giving priority to activities of a multinational character.

Once a country has met the minimum payment established in paragraph (c) of this Article, the available resources to be obligated for the project's activities may not exceed 50% of the total budget for such activities for the corresponding fiscal year. The remaining 50% shall be available when the country has paid at least 50% of its pledge for the current year.

The preceding provisions shall apply to each of the accounts of the Fund and shall not affect the execution of ongoing projects, thereby allowing to be completed during the fiscal period in question.

In exceptional cases, the Executive Secretary may authorize the execution of regional activities in a country that has not met the requirements set out above.



AG/RES. 1090 (XXI-O/91)

CHILDREN AND YOUTH AT RISK

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-808/91 and the report of the Group of Regional Experts on the topic of Children and Young People at Risk: The Hemisphere's Great Challenge (CIECC/doc.1260/90), and document CEPCIECC/doc.1152/91 rev. 1, Children and Young People at Risk;

BEARING IN MIND:

The Plan of Action for Implementing the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection, and Development of Children in the Decade of the Nineties;

The World Declaration on Education for All; and

The Convention on the Rights of the Child, approved by the United Nations General Assembly on November 20, 1989; and

CONSIDERING:

The urgency of making renewed efforts to strengthen international solidarity based on the acknowledgement that the satisfaction of basic learning needs constitutes a universal responsibility shared by all of humankind;

That the member states of the Organization, at the Twenty-second Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, voiced their concern that children and youth at risk should be properly protected by means of immediate and viable undertakings;

That these undertakings should consider alternatives that lead to comprehensive treatment of the problems and take a preventive approach, primarily in education and social welfare;

That these actions should be dealt with at the regional level by drawing upon the experiences of the countries to draft a hemisphere-wide policy that will make it possible to eradicate or drastically reduce the incidence of abject poverty and moral and social neglect of children and youth by the year 2000;



That these problems have an especially significant effect on children of six years of age or less living in absolute poverty; children disadvantaged by linguistic and cultural differentiation; indigenous, refugee, and immigrant children; the vast majority of children living in rural areas and in the impoverished areas of big cities; working children and street children; children and youth suffering from such disadvantages and those who are at particular risk because of armed conflicts and acts of violence, unemployment, limited participation in society, and the possibility of psycho-social damage leading to delinquency, drug addiction, alcoholism, and teenage pregnancy; and others who need comprehensive care, specifically relevant and quality education; and

That to address these problems, the Group of Regional Experts has proposed a number of strategies that should be adapted to the individual conditions in each country, particularly emphasizing preventive work, specific and decentralized solutions, services with an intersectoral approach, and long-range national commitments that ensure proper continuity of educational and other related policies,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm in the Americas the international commitments assumed by the countries through the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the World Declaration on the Survival, Protection and Development of Children, and the World Declaration on Education for All.

2. To reiterate the urgent need to take immediate steps to guarantee a solution to the problem of illiteracy among children and youth who have been unable to attend school or have had to drop out before completing at least four years of schooling.

3. To urge the member states to strengthen comprehensive child care programs from birth to entrance into primary school, and movements and organizations that combine and promote educational services for children and youth who do not have access to school systems.

4. To suggest that the member states promote programs that focus on basic learning needs and preparation for incorporation into economic life and the working world, with special emphasis on developing educational alternatives and modes for rural and marginal urban areas, so that the educational content and methods are consistent with the pace and style of learning in those environments.

5. To recommend that the member states encourage and support innovation in the organization and content of school curricula in such a way as to emphasize the acquisition of relevant skills; in the training and preparation of teachers, and in the use of up-to-date educational technologies that can be evaluated in a pertinent and systematic manner.



6. To recommend that the General Secretariat assist member states in the work that they undertake in investigating and improving systems to provide statistical indicators properly reflecting the real living conditions of children and youth, and in the preparation of diagnoses and evaluations of the programs by the competent authorities of said member states. Pursuant to this recommendation, to request that the General Secretariat study the feasibility of establishing a data bank to collect and process national statistics on these topics.

7. To recommend that member states, in accordance with their individual situations and within their new education programs, consider establishing the following targets for the year 2000:

- a. endeavor to increase progressively the preschool education coverage that was available at the start of this decade with the intent of doubling it;
- b. ensure that all school-age children have access to basic education;
- c. take the necessary steps to ensure school completion particularly during the first four years of basic education and progressively expand the minimum levels of schooling for the under-18 population;
- d. increase secondary education services annually so as to be able to meet the potential demand for education services at that level.

8. To direct the OAS regional programs in the CIECC area, particularly the multinational projects, to take specific action and support initiatives that target children and youth at risk.

9. To support, through the OAS publicity organs, the exchange of experiences and information on useful knowledge, methodologies, materials, and strategies to care for specific groups of children and young people at risk, in addition to the most appropriate methods for evaluating effectiveness.

10. To remind the member states of the importance of concentrating on social and educational programs for children and youth at high risk and the urgent need to consider this matter as a priority line of action in their national policies.

11. To urge the member states to increase their horizontal cooperation and to allocate, in accordance with their abilities and national priorities, more resources for removing the root causes of the problems of children and youth.

12. To recommend that in their international technical cooperation programming requests, the member states bear in mind the important topics of this resolution.



AG/RES. 1091 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAN AMERICAN INSTITUTE  
OF GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (AG/doc.2685/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Pan American Institute of Geography and History works effectively with the member states in conducting scientific activities in the areas of cartography, geography, history, and geophysics;

That the Institute's publications program is a particularly valuable source of technical information and advisory support for government agencies and scientific and cultural institutions in the member states, as well as a means for identifying regional and international needs and studying approaches toward meeting them;

That the Pan American Institute of Geography and History has undertaken effective efforts to strengthen cooperative relations with the organs, specialized organizations, and entities of the inter-American system, as well as with the United Nations agencies; and

BEARING IN MIND that only twenty-two American states are members of the Institute, and that, under Article 2 of the PAIGH Statutes, requests for admission are to be approved by its General Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To note, endorse, and transmit to the Pan American Institute of Geography and History the observations and recommendations issued by the Permanent Council on the Institute's Annual Report.

2. To congratulate the Pan American Institute of Geography and History and its General Secretariat on the important work it has carried out in its area of competence.

3. To note, in particular, the line of action undertaken by the Institute to secure financial support from outside sources, and to thank the contributing institutions for their valuable cooperation.

4. To encourage the Pan American Institute of Geography and History to continue to pursue close cooperative ties with other organs, agencies, and entities, both within and outside the region, so that they may coordinate activities according to their respective purviews.

5. To urge those American states that have not yet done so to become members of the Institute, in accordance with applicable regulations, so that they may participate actively in the endeavors of the Institute.



AG/RES. 1092 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Children's Institute (AG/doc.2685/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That the task of addressing problems affecting children, young people, and the family, is one that has social significance and is a priority for the member states;

That the Inter-American Children's Institute is engaged in activities that contribute significantly toward the accomplishment of this important task;

That these activities constitute a Plan of Action, with programs and projects that should be carried out in coordination with those of other international organizations and agencies, in accordance with the provisions of Article 134 of the Charter; and

BEARING IN MIND:

That the Seventeenth Pan American Children's Congress will be held during the course of 1992;

That the United Nations has decided to celebrate the International Year of the Family in 1993, and to that effect the Secretary General of the OAS has designated the Inter-American Children's Institute as the liaison agency to work with the United Nations coordinating office,

RESOLVES:

1. To note, endorse, and transmit to the Inter-American Children's Institute the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the presentation of its Annual Report.

2. To congratulate the Inter-American Children's Institute and its Office of the Director General on the important work they have accomplished and to express satisfaction with their future working agenda.



3. To declare that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 127 of the Charter, the Seventeenth Pan American Children's Congress will be a specialized conference and to entrust the Inter-American Children's Institute with preparing the corresponding draft agenda and rules of procedure for consideration in due course by the governments of the member states.

4. To recommend to the Inter-American Children's Institute that it prepare a study on the situation pertaining to children in the Americas, to be presented to the General Assembly for consideration at its twenty-second regular session.

5. To commend very specially the Office of the Director General of the Institute on the success of its efforts, which have enabled it to receive support from outside sources, for the development and execution of programs and projects, and to thank the governments, inter-governmental organizations, and private agencies for their valuable cooperation.

6. To instruct the General Secretariat to allocate the necessary resources, to the extent available, when preparing the proposed Program-Budget of the Organization, to enable the Institute to fully carry out its activities.

7. To note especially, with satisfaction, the Institute's effective coordination of activities with those of other specialized organizations and agencies of the Organization and to recommend to it that it cooperate in the programs and projects of the CIECC area that are related to children and the family.

8. To encourage the efforts in which the Institute is engaged to coordinate activities with UNICEF, and to that end, request the cooperation of the member states of the OAS that are represented on the Directing Council of that agency.

9. To instruct the Inter-American Children's Institute to continue its liaison functions with the United Nations coordinating office for the celebration of the International Year of the Family, in 1993.



AG/RES. 1093 (XXI-O/91)

INTER-AMERICAN QUINCENTENNIAL FUND

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Progress Report of the Permanent Council on the Implementation of the Agreement between the General Secretariat and the Inter-American Quincentennial Fund (AG/doc.2711/91),

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the Annual Report of the Inter-American Quincentennial Fund.
2. To congratulate the Fund on its efforts to secure donations in exchange for commemorative items and on its efforts in support of the Quincentennial activities of the General Secretariat.
3. To thank the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM) and the *Sociedad Estatal V Centenario* of Spain for their contributions to the Inter-American Fund.

AG/RES. 1094 (XXI-O/91)

INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN INSTITUTE

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Indian Institute (AG/doc.2685/91); and

CONSIDERING:

The significant work of the Inter-American Indian Institute in coordinating the policies of the member countries and promoting research and training personnel involved in the development of Indian communities in the region; and

The coordination of activities in which the Institute has been engaged with other international organizations, in accordance with the provisions of Article 134 of the Charter of the OAS,

RESOLVES:

1. To note, endorse, and transmit to the Inter-American Indian Institute the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on its Annual Report.

2. To commend the Inter-American Indian Institute on the important tasks carried out, and especially, those relating to the formulation of a new Indian policy and the search for funding from external sources for its implementation.

3. To request the appropriate international organizations, and the organs, specialized agencies, and entities of the inter-American system, to cooperate as they are able with the Inter-American Indian Institute in the execution of its projects and programs.



AG/RES. 1095 (XXI-O/91)

DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE  
FORCED DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSONS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolutions AG/RES. 950 (XVIII-O/88), AG/RES. 1014 (XIX-O/89), and AG/RES. 1033 (XX-O/90), and the report of the Permanent Council on the draft Inter-American Convention on the Forced Disappearance of Persons (AG/doc.2677/91);

CONSIDERING that resolution AG/RES. 1033 (XX-O/90) instructs the Permanent Council in operative paragraph 2 to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its twenty-first regular session, taking account of the observations and comments and any other information it may deem relevant;

CONVINCED that the framing of an inter-American instrument will help to eradicate the practice of the forced disappearance of persons;

REITERATING that this practice is an affront to the conscience of the peoples of the hemisphere; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that so far observations on the aforesaid draft have been received from the governments of Argentina, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, and Canada,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Permanent Council for the report it presented on the subject (AG/doc.2677/91).

2. To urge the governments of the member states of the Organization that have not yet presented their comments and observations on the draft Inter-American Convention on the Forced Disappearance of Persons (AG/doc.2292/88) to do so before October 30, 1991.

3. To extend the mandate given to the Permanent Council so that it may report to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session, taking into account the observations and comments and any other information it may deem appropriate.



AG/RES. 1096 (XXI-O/91)

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES OF THE PERSONS  
REFERRED TO IN ARTICLE 139 OF THE CHARTER OF THE  
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolutions AG/RES. 942 (XVIII-O/88), AG/RES. 1015 (XIX-O/89), and AG/RES. 1035 (XX-O/90), and the report of the Permanent Council on the draft Agreement on Privileges and Immunities of the Organization of American States (AG/doc.2678/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That in resolution AG/RES. 1035 (XX-O/90) the General Assembly repeated its request to the governments of the member states that they present their comments and observations on the Inter-American Juridical Committee's opinion (AG/doc.2312/88 and add. 1) concerning Privileges and Immunities of the Persons Referred to in Article 140 of the OAS Charter (currently Article 139 of the Charter); and

That to date only the governments of Peru, Bolivia, Nicaragua, Venezuela, Colombia, Uruguay, and Mexico have presented their observations and comments on the aforesaid opinion,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate to the member state governments the need to present their comments and observations on the Inter-American Juridical Committee's opinion (AG/doc.2312/88 and add. 1) prior to October 30, 1991.

2. To ask the Permanent Council to continue the juridical and political study cited in operative paragraph 3 of resolution AG/RES. 942 (XVIII-O/88), and instruct it to report to the General Assembly on the outcome of its work in due course.



AG/RES. 1097 (XXI-O/91)

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 8.1 OF THE STATUTE OF THE  
INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the request of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights  
calling for amendment of Article 8.1 of its Statute (AG/doc.2679/91); and

CONSIDERING that the amendment of this provision of its Statute is  
made necessary by the change in the date of the regular sessions of the  
General Assembly effected by resolution AG/RES. 939 (XVIII-O/88),

RESOLVES:

That Article 8.1 of the Statute of the Inter-American Court of Human  
Rights is amended to read as follows:

1. Six months prior to the holding of the regular session of the  
General Assembly of the OAS preceding the expiration of the terms  
to which the judges of the Court were elected, the Secretary  
General of the OAS shall address a written request to each State  
Party to the Convention that it nominate its candidates within  
the next ninety days.

AG/RES. 1098 (XXI-O/91)

AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE 4.1 OF THE STATUTE OF THE  
INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the request of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights calling for amendment of Article 4.1 of its Statute (AG/doc. 2680/91); and

CONSIDERING that the amendment of this provision of its Statute is made necessary by the change in the date of the regular sessions of the General Assembly effected by resolution AG/RES. 939 (XVIII-O/88),

RESOLVES:

That Article 4.1 of the Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is amended to read as follows:

1. Six months prior to the holding of the regular session of the General Assembly of the OAS preceding the expiration of the terms to which the members of the Commission were elected, the Secretary General of the OAS shall address a written request to each member state of the Organization that it nominate its candidates within the next ninety days.



AG/RES. 1099 (XXI-O/91)

DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION  
ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the draft Inter-American Convention on Judicial Assistance in Penal Matters (AG/doc. 2697/91);

CONSIDERING that, by means of resolutions AG/RES. 822 (XVI-O/86) and AG/RES. 886 (XVII-O/87), the General Assembly entrusted the Permanent Council with the study of the draft Inter-American Convention on Judicial Assistance in Penal Matters; and

CONVINCED that it is necessary to have, within the framework of cooperation in the inter-American system, a legal instrument that allows for mutual assistance in criminal matters among member states of the Organization of American States, with full respect for the *ordre public* of each state and the principle of nonintervention,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its gratitude to the Permanent Council for the significant progress it has made toward drafting an effective, workable convention of comprehensive scope.

2. To forward the draft Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (AG/doc.2697/91) to the governments of the member states of the Organization for their consideration and study.

3. To request the governments of the member states of the OAS to forward their comments and recommendations on the aforementioned draft Convention to the Permanent Council prior to November 1, 1991, so that the Council may take the necessary steps for the General Assembly to consider its adoption during the twenty-second regular session.



AG/RES. 1100 (XXI-O/91)

REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE  
ON CONSULAR PROTECTION FOR NATIONALS OF THE AMERICAS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on Consular Protection for Nationals of the Americas (AG/doc.2702/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That Article 53.f of the Charter of the Organization of American States vests in the General Assembly the power to consider, *inter alia*, the observations and recommendations presented by the Permanent Council pursuant to Article 90.f of the Charter on the reports of the organs and entities of the Organization;

That Article 52 of the OAS Charter cites the Inter-American Juridical Committee as one of the organs of the Organization;

That in resolution CP/RES. 532 (795/89) the Permanent Council forwarded to the Inter-American Juridical Committee for study the recommendations on the proposed provision of consular services to citizens of the Americas with the request that it issue an opinion on the advisability of preparing a preliminary draft convention on the matter; and

That the Inter-American Juridical Committee presented that opinion in its Annual Report to the Permanent Council,

RESOLVES:

1. To welcome and transmit to the Inter-American Juridical Committee the observations and recommendations presented by the Permanent Council on the subject of Consular Protection for Nationals of the Americas.

2. To request the governments of the member states to present before October 31, 1991, their comments on the subject of Consular Protection for Nationals of the Americas, bearing in mind, for that purpose, the report on that subject presented by the Committee (CP/doc.2113/90) and the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council (AG/doc.2702/91).

3. To instruct the Permanent Council to study the matter in light of the observations referred to in the foregoing paragraph, and submit it to the General Assembly for consideration at its twenty-second regular session.



AG/RES. 1101 (XXI-O/91)

INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION TO FACILITATE  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the draft Inter-American Convention to Facilitate Disaster Assistance (AG/doc.2691/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That resolution AG/RES. 777 (XV-O/85) instructed the Permanent Council to study the draft Inter-American Convention to Facilitate Assistance in Cases of Disaster, submitted by the Inter-American Juridical Committee;

That since 1983 the Organization of American States has been providing technical assistance to the member states in the area of natural hazard management;

That in resolution 44/236, of December 22, 1989, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction starting on January 1, 1990;

That the activities of the Organization of American States in the 1980s and those planned for 1990-91 in the area of natural hazard management are in accord with the objectives of the Decade and supplement other OAS activities; and

That the agreement on coordination on natural disaster relief, signed in October 1977 by the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator and the Secretary General of the OAS, establishes a system for cooperation between the United Nations Disaster Relief Organization (UNDRO) and the OAS, without prejudice to future agreements on preparing for disasters,

RESOLVES:

To adopt the following Inter-American Convention to Facilitate Disaster Assistance:

INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION TO  
FACILITATE DISASTER ASSISTANCE

Preamble

CONSIDERING the frequency of disasters, catastrophes, and calamities that take and threaten the lives, safety, and property of the inhabitants of the American hemisphere;

MINDFUL of the selfless spirit of cooperation that prompts the states of this region to respond to events of this kind, which are inimical to the peoples of the American hemisphere;

CONVINCED that the human suffering caused by such disasters can be relieved more effectively and swiftly by means of an instrument to facilitate such assistance and to regulate international procedures for providing it in such cases;

AWARE that a genuine spirit of solidarity and good-neighborliness between the American states has been expressed in cases of disaster and that this spirit can be strengthened through a preparedness that makes it possible to act more efficiently,

THE STATES PARTIES agree as follows:

Article I

Applicability

a. This Convention shall apply whenever a state party furnishes assistance in response to a request from another state party, except as they otherwise agree.

b. For the purposes of this Convention, acceptance by a state party of an offer of assistance from another state party shall be considered to be a request for such assistance.



## Article II

### Requests for and Offers and Acceptance of Assistance

a. Requests for and offers and acceptance of assistance from one state party to another shall be communicated via diplomatic channels or the National Coordinating Authority, as the circumstances may warrant.

b. Upon the occurrence of a disaster the assisting state shall consult with the assisted state to receive from the latter information on the kind of assistance considered most appropriate to provide to the populations stricken by the disaster.

c. To facilitate assistance, a state party that accepts it shall promptly notify its competent national authorities and/or its National Coordinating Authority to extend the necessary facilities to the assisting state, in accordance with this Convention.

## Article III

### National Coordinating Authority

a. For the purposes set forth in Article II, and pursuant to its domestic legislation, each state party shall designate a National Coordinating Authority, which shall have the following functions, among others:

i. To transmit requests for assistance and to receive offers from other states parties, as the case may be.

ii. To coordinate assistance within its national jurisdiction, as set forth in Article IV of this Convention.

b. Each state party shall inform the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, as promptly as possible, of the designation of its National Coordinating Authority.

c. The Chairman of the Inter-American Emergency Aid Committee of the Organization of American States shall coordinate cooperation between the National Coordinating Authorities of the states parties and that Committee.



d. Upon the occurrence of a disaster in a state party, when the first official contacts are being established between that state and the Chairman of the Inter-American Emergency Aid Committee or his representative, the latter will offer the stricken state his services to alert the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Coordinator.

e. The General Secretariat shall notify the states parties of the designation of the National Coordinating Authorities, and of any changes in them that the states parties report to it. The General Secretariat shall also circulate periodically an information bulletin on the structure, functions, procedures, and work methods of the National Coordinating Authorities.

#### Article IV

##### Direction and Control of Assistance

a. Unless otherwise agreed, the overall direction, control, coordination, and supervision of the assistance within its territory shall be the responsibility of the assisted state.

b. When the assistance includes personnel, the assisting state, in consultation with the assisted state, shall designate the person who shall be responsible for the immediate operational supervision of the personnel and equipment provided. The designated person shall exercise such supervision in coordination with the appropriate authorities of the assisted state.

c. Unless otherwise agreed, the assisted state shall provide, to the extent of its capabilities, local facilities, and services for the proper and effective administration of the assistance. It shall also make its best efforts to protect personnel, equipment, and materials brought into its territory by or on behalf of the assisting state for such purpose.

#### Article V

##### Transport Vehicles, Equipment, and Supplies

Transport vehicles, equipment, and supplies fully identified and sent by states parties for assistance purposes may enter, move about in, and leave the territory of the assisted state. They may also move across the territory of other states parties en route to where the assistance is to be provided. In the aforementioned cases, they shall be exempt from the payment of taxes, fees, and other charges. Also in



the aforementioned cases, the assisted state or transit state shall make its best efforts to expedite or, if appropriate, dispense with customs formalities, and to facilitate the transit of such transport vehicles, equipment, and supplies. Further, in both cases, the restricted areas so designated by the assisted state or the transit state shall be respected, in accordance with the provisions of Article VIII.

#### Article VI

##### Access and Transit Routes

The assisted state shall have the right to designate the access routes and final destination of the transport vehicles, equipment, and supplies. The transit state shall also have the right to designate the routes of the transport vehicles, equipment, and supplies.

#### Article VII

##### Personnel

a. Personnel of the assisting state (hereinafter referred to as "assistance personnel") may enter, cross, and leave the territory of the assisted state or of the transit state party to this Convention, as necessary to carry out their mission. To this end, each state party shall provide such personnel with the necessary immigration documents and facilities, in accordance with its laws.

b. The assisting state and the assisted state shall make every possible effort to provide the assistance personnel with documentation or other means by which to identify them as such.

#### Article VIII

##### Restricted Areas

In the application of this Convention, the states parties shall respect any restricted areas so designated by the assisted state.

## Article IX

### Support from the Assisted State

The assisted state shall endeavor to provide such support as the assistance personnel may require, the appropriate guidance and information, and, if necessary, translation and interpretation services.

## Article X

### Risk

The states parties furnishing assistance shall make every possible effort to do so skillfully and to prevent negligence. However, this shall not constitute a guarantee against the occurrence of damage.

## Article XI

### Protection of Assistance Personnel

a. Assistance personnel whose names have been duly communicated to the assisted state and who have been accepted by the assisted state and the respective National Coordinating Authorities and shall not be subject to the criminal, civil or administrative jurisdiction of the assisted state for acts connected with the provision of assistance.

b. The provisions of paragraph (a) shall not apply to acts unrelated to the provision of assistance or, in civil or administrative actions, to willful misconduct or gross negligence.

c. In accordance with its domestic law, the assisted state may extend the treatment stipulated in paragraph (a) of this article to its nationals or permanent residents who are part of the assistance personnel.

d. Assistance personnel have the obligation to respect the laws and regulations of the assisted state and of states they may cross en route. Assistance personnel shall abstain from political or other activities that are inconsistent with said laws or with the terms of this Convention.



e. Judicial actions brought against assistance personnel or against the assisting state shall be heard and may be decided in the courts of the assisted state.

#### Article XII

##### Claims and Compensation

a. The assisted state waives any claim for loss or damage that could be brought against the assisting state or the assistance personnel as a result of the provision of assistance.

b. The assisted state shall substitute for the assisting state and for the assistance personnel with respect to claims for loss or damage that might arise from the provision of assistance and might be brought against the assisting state or the assistance personnel by third parties.

c. This article shall not apply to acts unrelated to the provision of assistance or to willful misconduct or gross negligence.

d. The affected assisting and assisted states shall closely cooperate in order to facilitate the resolution of any claims or legal proceedings to which this article applies.

e. The assisted state may take out insurance to cover the damages that the assisting state or the assisting personnel might be expected to cause.

#### Article XIII

The provisions of articles XI and XII may be amended through the express agreement of the assisting and assisted states.

#### Article XIV

##### Costs

Except for the provisions of Articles IX and XII, the assistance shall be provided at the expense of the assisting state, without cost to the assisted state, except where these states agree otherwise.

## Article XV

### Relation to Existing Agreements

If there is any discrepancy between this Convention and other international agreements on the subject to which the assisting and assisted states are parties, the provision that affords the greatest degree of assistance in the event of disaster and favors support and protection to personnel providing assistance shall take precedence.

## Article XVI

### Governmental and Nongovernmental Organizations

a. Governmental international organizations that provide disaster assistance may, with the consent of the assisted state, have recourse, *mutatis mutandis*, to the provisions of this Convention.

b. States and governmental international organizations that provide assistance may include private, physical, or juridical persons or nongovernmental international organizations within their relief missions, which persons shall enjoy the protection afforded by this Convention.

c. A State party requesting assistance may, by agreement with a nongovernmental organization, be it national or international, apply the provisions of this Convention to the personnel of the organization, except that paragraph (a) of Article XI shall not be applicable to such personnel.

d. The agreements mentioned in paragraphs (a) and (c) of this article shall not apply to third-party states.

## Article XVII

### Signature

This Convention shall be open for signature by the member states of the Organization of American States.



Article XVIII

Ratification

This Convention is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

Article XIX

Accession

This Convention is open to accession by any other state. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

Article XX

Reservations

The states parties may, at the time of approval, signature, ratification, or accession, make reservations to this Convention, provided that such reservations are not incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention and concern one or more specific provisions.

Article XXI

Entry into Force

This Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the second instrument of ratification. For each state that ratifies the Convention or accedes to it after the second instrument of ratification has been deposited, the Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date on which that state has deposited its instrument of ratification or accession.

Article XXII

Duration

This Convention shall remain in force indefinitely, but any of the states parties may denounce it. The instrument of denunciation shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States. After one year from the date of deposit of the instrument of denunciation, the Convention shall no longer be in effect for the denouncing state, but shall remain in effect for the other states parties.

Article XXIII

Deposit, Registration, Publication, and Notification

The original instrument of this Convention, the English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish texts of which are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, which shall send an authenticated copy of its text to the Secretariat of the United Nations for registration and publication in accordance with Article 102 of its Charter. The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States shall notify the member states of that Organization and the states that have acceded to the Convention of the signatures and deposits of instruments of ratification, accession, or denunciation, and reservations, if any.



AG/RES. 1102 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION  
ON HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Article 41.g of the American Convention on Human Rights (CP/doc.2144/91) and the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on that report (AG/doc.2709/91), as well as the presentation made by the Chairman of the Commission; and

CONSIDERING:

That, in the Charter of the Organization of American States, the member states have declared that respect for the fundamental rights of the individual, without distinction as to race, nationality, creed, or sex, is one of the basic principles of the Organization;

That the main purpose of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is to promote the observance and defense of human rights in all the member states;

That Article 53.f of the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes that one of the powers of the General Assembly is to consider the observations and recommendations presented by the Permanent Council with regard to the reports of the organs and entities of the Organization, in accordance with Article 90.f of the Charter;

That, under Article 52 of the Charter, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is one of the organs by means of which the Organization accomplishes its purposes; and

That the effective exercise of representative democracy is the best guarantee for the full observance of human rights,



RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (CP/doc.2144/91).

2. To welcome and transmit to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council of the Organization on the Commission's Annual Report.

3. To take note of the comments and observations made by the governments on the Commission's Report and of the measures that they are adopting to strengthen the promotion, observance, and protection of human rights in their respective countries.

4. To reiterate to the Commission the mandates contained in operative paragraphs 14, 15, 17, and 18 of resolution AG/RES. 1044 (XX-O/90) and to request that it present a progress report on the execution of those mandates to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session.

5. To recommend that, pursuant to Article 63, paragraphs (e) and (h), of its Regulations, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights stress in its annual reports the progress achieved and the difficulties that have existed in the effective observance and defense of human rights.

6. To urge the member states to comply with the recommendations contained in the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, in accordance with their Constitution and laws.

7. To reiterate to the member state governments the recommendation that they continue to extend the necessary guarantees and facilities to nongovernmental human rights organizations and their members, so that they may conduct their activities freely, in keeping with the constitutional norms of each country.

8. To reiterate the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 1043 (XX-O/90), Consequences of Acts of Violence Perpetrated by Irregular Armed Groups on the Enjoyment of Human Rights, to the effect that, in reporting on the status of human rights in the American states, the Commission include reference to the action of irregular armed groups that may be operating in such states.

9. To reiterate its interest in the prompt approval of the draft Inter-American Convention on the Forced Disappearance of Persons, which is under study in the Permanent Council, reaffirming that the practice in question is an affront to the conscience of the American peoples.



10. To reiterate that the practice of torture is a crime against humanity and violates the dignity and nature of the human person.

11. To recommend to those member states that are not parties to the 1969 American Convention on Human Rights, "Pact of San José, Costa Rica," that they ratify or accede to that instrument; and in the case of states that have not done so, that they accept the competence of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to receive and examine international communications pursuant to Article 45, paragraph 3, of the Convention, and that they recognize the binding jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, in accordance with Article 62, paragraph 2, of the aforementioned Convention.

12. To encourage the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to continue its important task of promoting and defending human rights in the hemisphere, and to provide it with the support it needs to carry out that eminently important function.

AG/RES. 1103 (XXI-O/91)

LEGAL SITUATION OF REFUGEES,  
REPATRIATED, AND DISPLACED PERSONS  
IN THE AMERICAN HEMISPHERE

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report on the Program for Cooperation between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (AG/doc. 2707/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That through resolutions AG/RES. 774 (XV-O/85), AG/RES. 838 (XVI-O/86), AG/RES. 891 (XVII-O/87), AG/RES. 951 (XVIII-O/88), AG/RES. 1021 (XIX-O/89), AG/RES. 1039 (XX-O/90), and AG/RES. 1040 (XX-O/90), the General Assembly expressed its concern for those who, as refugees, repatriated, or displaced persons, have received protection and humanitarian assistance throughout the Americas;

That gradual progress has been seen in the voluntary repatriation of refugees from Central American and other member states, which has helped to alleviate the problem in the hemisphere;

That 1991 marks the fortieth anniversary of the adoption, by the United Nations General Assembly, of the 1951 Convention on the Status of Refugees, a universal legal instrument which, together with the 1967 Protocol, sets forth the basic standards for the treatment of refugees, and that forty years since the start of the UNHCR's humanitarian work in aid of refugees are also being celebrated;

That efforts to solve the problem of refugees and displaced persons in various countries of the region continue; in this regard, it should be pointed out that the 1984 Declaration of Cartagena provides guidelines for solving the problem of refugees in the region; mention should also be made of the importance of the Declaration and Plan of Action and practices arising from the 1989 International Conference on Central American Refugees (CIREFCA);



That the International Commission for Support and Verification (CIAV), composed of the Secretaries General of the United Nations and the OAS, contributes, through its efforts, to the maintenance of peace in Nicaragua, and to the repatriation and resettlement of persons displaced because of conflicts in the Central American region;

That the OAS/UNHCR Program for Cooperation is of great value and interest for the development of the Law of Refugees at the regional level;

That particular emphasis should be placed on the fourth stage of the joint program linked to the CIREFCA Plan of Action, which includes a study on the legal situation of refugee children in Latin America and the Caribbean; and

That, in that study, the General Secretariat will take into account any work and contributions by the specialized organizations of the inter-American system, and in particular, those that might be coordinated with the Inter-American Children's Institute,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction at the goodwill demonstrated by the governments of the region, which have facilitated the voluntary repatriation of thousands of refugees, to express the hope that they may be fully reintegrated into the countries of origin, and to reaffirm the need to forge ahead with efforts to solve continuing problems in that regard.

2. To welcome the endorsement by the member states of the principles for protection set forth in the 1984 Declaration of Cartagena de Indias on Refugees, and to recommend that those member states that have not yet done so that they consider the possibility of adopting measures for the purpose of strengthening the domestic legal systems for the protection of refugees.

3. To urge the member states of the Organization of American States to continue to support the Declaration and Plan of Action and the practices resulting from CIREFCA in benefit of the uprooted populations from Central America.

4. To congratulate the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees on its work over the past forty years, and to invite the American states that have not yet done so to ratify the 1951 Convention and 1967 Protocol on the Status of Refugees.

5. To renew its support for the Program for Cooperation that the General Secretariat has been conducting with the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, and to request that, when preparing the study on the legal status of refugee children in Latin America and the Caribbean, the General Secretariat allow for participation by the inter-American specialized organizations, and the Inter-American Children's Institute, in particular, and that it report on that Program to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session.



AG/RES. 1104 (XXI-O/91)

LEGAL OBSTACLES TO INTEGRATION

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

HAVING SEEN the presentation made by the Permanent Mission of Uruguay  
(AG/doc.2699/91 and add. 1);

CONSIDERING:

That in Article 41 of the Charter of the Organization the member states recognize that the integration of developing countries is one of the objectives of the inter-American system;

That the Declaration of Asunción, approved by the General Assembly at its twentieth regular session states that: "the Organization will firmly support every effort to eliminate all impediments to integration, whatever their nature";

That the OAS has the required competence and institutional structure to cooperate with the various regional integration efforts undertaken;

That the increasing complexity of joint ventures, of the transfer of technology, of international transport, of the circulation of persons, goods, and services, and of the settlement of international trade disputes requires proper legal regulation, based on strong political will, for true efficiency;

That the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative is a major incentive for the study of this issue, since it involves several legal aspects and questions, especially with regard to the removal of such obstacles to that Initiative;

BEARING IN MIND:

That the questionnaire on international contractual arrangements adopted by the Permanent Council is being considered by the member states (CP/doc.2139/91 corr. 1);

That resolution CP/RES. 557 (848/91) allocated funds to the Inter-American Juridical Committee to commence the study of a number of issues linked to the implementation of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative;

That the work program of the Inter-American Juridical Committee includes topics related to regional integration;

That a duplication of efforts in this area must be avoided,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Permanent Council, against this background and without prejudice to the competence of the states and respective regional or subregional integration organizations, to urgently identify and examine the priority issues on which to work out coordinated legal standards, with a view to regional economic and social integration, and to assign studies and the preparation of documents on these issues to the other competent organs of the OAS, as appropriate, and coordinate activities with them.

2. To request that, in order to undertake the foregoing identification of issues in cooperation with the General Secretariat, the Permanent Council coordinate its action in this area with the regional and subregional integration bodies and institutions and the Inter-American Development Bank.

3. To request the Permanent Council to submit a report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session.



AG/RES. 1105 (XXI-0/91)

OAS HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT ON PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,  
held on June 7, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolutions AG/RES. 942 (XVIII-0/88), AG/RES. 1015 (XIX-0/89), AG/RES. 1035 (XX-0/90) and the report of the General Secretariat on the status of negotiations between it and the United States Government for conclusion of a Headquarters Agreement (AG/doc.2668/91), and the comments on this matter presented by the governments of the member states; and

CONSIDERING:

That, by means of resolution AG/RES. 1035 (XX-0/90), the General Assembly requested the Permanent Council to set up a Special Committee to coordinate with the Secretary General the pursuit of the negotiations in question;

That that Special Committee has been cooperating with the Secretary General; and

That by letter dated June 1, 1991 (AG/doc.2688/91 add. 1), the United States Government advised the Secretary General that it had received authorization to commence formal negotiation of a Headquarters Agreement between the United States and the Organization of American States,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate to the Secretary General that it proceed with talks towards conclusion of a Headquarters Agreement for the Organization.

2. To request the Permanent Council to reconstitute the Special Committee to coordinate with the Secretary General the pursuit of the negotiations in question in order to arrive at a Headquarters Agreement establishing the privileges and immunities of the Organization and its personnel in the host country, as soon as possible, and in any event, preferably before the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly, and to request the Secretary General of the Organization to report to the General Assembly at that session.



AG/RES. 1106 (XXI-0/91)

REPORT OF THE CONSULTATION GROUP  
ON THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Consultation Group on the inter-American system (AG/doc.2695/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That at its twentieth regular session, the General Assembly, by means of AG/RES. 1047 (XX-0/90), instructed the Secretary General to form a high-level independent Consultation Group, which would be given the mandate of examining the future of hemispheric relations and the orientation to be given to and use to be made of the inter-American system in light of present changes in the hemisphere and throughout the world;

That the report of the Consultation Group on the inter-American system contains valuable conclusions on the future orientation of the Organization of American States, and represents a contribution that should be duly taken into account in efforts under way to strengthen the Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To welcome with deep satisfaction the report of the Consultation Group on the inter-American system.

2. To express its appreciation to the distinguished citizens of the several member states of the Organization who comprised the Consultation Group for their excellent contribution to further invigorating the inter-American system in general, and the Organization of American States, in particular.

3. To request the Permanent Council to give special consideration to the conclusions and objectives stipulated in the report of the Consultation Group on the inter-American system, when undertaking any work in pursuance of the mandate conferred by resolution AG/RES. 986 (XIX-0/89) on preparation of a Program of Action for Strengthening the OAS, in order to analyze the possible incorporation thereof into that Action Program.



4. To request the member states to present, no later than March 1, 1992 the observations and comments they may deem pertinent regarding the report of the Consultation Group on the inter-American system, so that the Permanent Council may submit a final report to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session.

AG/RES. 1107 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Secretary General (AG/doc.2685/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States effectively supports the member states by fully exercising the functions vested in it by the Charter, other inter-American treaties and agreements, the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation, and the Councils, as well as those requested by other organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization;

That the support it gives to national efforts to secure peace and consolidate democracy in the Hemisphere should be particularly emphasized; and

That the General Secretariat has promoted effective measures to strengthen cooperative relations with the bodies, specialized organizations, and entities of the inter-American system and with the United Nations agencies and other organizations outside the region,

RESOLVES:

1. To note, endorse, and transmit to the General Secretariat the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Secretary General.

2. To commend the General Secretariat for the important work it has done in its area of competence.

3. To note especially the Secretary General's participation in numerous international meetings and conferences and his untiring efforts in cooperating with requesting member states in their respective efforts to strengthen peace and consolidate democracy.



4. To encourage the General Secretariat to continue to develop close ties of cooperation with other organs, agencies, and entities, both within and outside the region, for the coordination of activities in their respective spheres of competence.

AG/RES. 1108 (XXI-O/91)

DATE AND PLACE OF THE TWENTY-SECOND REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That Article 45 of its Rules of Procedure provides that the General Assembly shall hold a regular session each year, preferably during the second quarter, and that at each session, following a report by the General Committee, the Assembly shall determine the opening date of its next session;

That Article 46 of its Rules of Procedure provides that at each regular session, following a report by the General Committee and taking into account the offers made by the member states, the Assembly shall determine the place of the next regular session, in accordance with the principle of rotation;

That, through resolution AG/RES. 939 (XVIII-O/88), it recommended that the first Monday of June each year be set as the opening date of its regular sessions, subsequent to the nineteenth regular session;

That the Government of The Bahamas, in notes dated November 23, 1987, and June 5, 1990 (AG/doc.2710/91), offered to host the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly; and

The report of the General Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its appreciation to the Government of The Bahamas for its generous offer to host the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly in the city of Nassau.

2. To decide that the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly shall be held in the city of Nassau, beginning on a date to be established in due course by the Permanent Council.



AG/RES. 1109 (XXI-O/91)

SUPPORT TO THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The announcement by the President of the United States of America on June 27, 1990 of an Enterprise for the Americas Initiative relating to vital elements of regional trade, investment, and external debt; and

The Permanent Council's decision of August 1, 1990, to create a Working Group to study the Initiative, and its report of April 11, 1991 (AG/doc.2690/91), submitted to this General Assembly by way of resolution CP/RES. 558 (851/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Initiative covers constructively and with foresight matters of the highest importance for the entire hemisphere, matters that must be addressed in order to meet the challenges of the future; and

That the Organization of American States is the natural forum for inter-American dialogue and cooperation, and that as a result, the Initiative finds in it a legitimate regional arena for its consideration,

DECLARES:

That the Initiative, which the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, and Canada have welcomed unanimously and with unequivocal political support, as a positive new approach to trade, investment, and external debt issues, is destined to become an especially valuable instrument for promoting the region's comprehensive development and building a framework for equitable inter-American relations on qualitatively renewed bases; and

That, for these reasons, the Organization should actively support and contribute towards the rapid development of the Initiative,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Permanent Council for the report of its Working Group, and to request that it keep the member states apprised of new developments in connection with the Initiative, so that the Organization may continue with the process for an exchange of information and views on the Initiative.

2. To request the Permanent Council to prepare a plan of action, in coordination with the Secretary General, the Inter-American Development Bank as well as existing regional and subregional integration mechanisms, to support and further the Initiative, and in so doing to devote special attention to developments with the Uruguay Round, in accordance with the guidelines already decided upon by the General Assembly in paragraph (d) of its "Santiago Commitment", the suggestions set forth in the Working Group's Report, and the contributions put forward during its deliberations.

3. To request the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) to examine ways of increasing trade and investment in the hemisphere and also of expanding the Department of Foreign Trade Information (SICE), so as to include data on all markets of the hemisphere and, insofar as possible, other regions of the world.

4. To request the Permanent Council and the Secretary General to report on implementation of this resolution to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session.



AG/RES. 1110 (XXI-O/91)

THE QUESTION OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS

(Resolution adopted by the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND its reiterated statement that "The Question of the Malvinas Islands" is a matter of enduring hemispheric concern;

RECALLING its resolution AG/RES. 1049 (XX-O/90) of June 8, 1990, expressing its satisfaction over the resumption of diplomatic relations between the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and urging both parties to continue the negotiations by renewing their efforts to reach a definitive solution to all their differences as soon as possible;

HAVING HEARD the Representative of the Argentine Republic; and

CONSIDERING that, since its last regular session, headway has been made in many aspects of the relations between both countries, that do not include "The Question of the Malvinas Islands";

RECALLS its resolution AG/RES. 928 (XVIII-O/88) adopted by consensus on November 19, 1988, which asks the Governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume the negotiations in order to find, as soon as possible, a peaceful solution to the sovereignty dispute and decides to continue examining this matter in subsequent sessions of the General Assembly, until a definitive solution is reached.



AG/RES. 1111 (XXI-O/91)

COLUMBUS LIGHTHOUSE

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING that the nations and governments of the Americas have always shared a desire to demonstrate their respect and admiration for Christopher Columbus;

MINDFUL OF the resolutions adopted at the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh International Conferences of American States, held in Santiago, Chile, Havana, Cuba, and Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1923, 1928, and 1933, respectively, which recommended that a tribute be paid to the illustrious navigator by erecting a commemorative lighthouse monument bearing his name on the shore of the city of Santo Domingo, capital of the Dominican Republic and site of the first permanent European settlement in the western hemisphere;

FIRMLY CONVINCED that the construction of the Lighthouse clearly and unequivocally symbolizes the fraternity and unity of the Americas, as stated in the aforementioned resolutions;

BEARING IN MIND that the international community as a whole, and most especially, the Organization of American States, are engaged in preparations to celebrate, in a fitting manner, the Quincentennial of the Discovery of America: Encounter of Two Worlds, one of the most important events in human history; and

HAVING NOTED, with great pleasure, the official report issued by the Government of the Dominican Republic on the completion of this monument, which is inter-American in nature and of interest to the entire hemisphere,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its deep satisfaction at the successful completion of the Columbus Lighthouse monument, a hemispheric undertaking that reflects the fraternity of the Americas.



2. To commend the Government of the Dominican Republic, by way of its President, His Excellency Dr. Joaquín Balaguer, for its dedication and diligence in the construction of this inter-American masterpiece, in faithful compliance with the spirit of the resolutions adopted at the Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh International Conferences of American States.

3. To urge the General Secretariat of the Organization to lend all of its collaboration and support to the Government of the Dominican Republic as it prepares for the inauguration of the Lighthouse, to be held in 1992, to commemorate the Quincentennial of the Discovery of America: Encounter of Two Worlds.

AG/RES. 1112 (XXI-O/91)

STRENGTHENING OF THE OAS  
IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the strengthening of the OAS in the area of human rights (AG/doc.2706/91); and

CONSIDERING that resolutions AG/RES. 986 (XIX-O/89) and AG/RES. 1060 (XX-O/90) instructed the Permanent Council to draw up a Program of Action on the bases agreed upon in the resolution "Strengthening of the OAS" (RTM/FOEA/RES. 1/89), adopted by the Task Force of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the member states of the Organization;

RECALLING that the aforementioned resolution RTM/FOEA/RES. 1/89 declared that "the promotion and defense of human rights, based on the Charter of the Organization of American States and carried out in keeping with the existing inter-American instruments and through the existing specific organs, are priority functions of the Organization that contribute to peace and stability in the hemisphere, promote representative democracy with due respect for the principle of nonintervention, foster American solidarity, and enjoy the firm political support of our governments";

REAFFIRMING that civil, political, economic, social, and cultural rights constitute an indissoluble whole, the consolidation of which calls for national and international conditions conducive to development;

REITERATING that representative democracy is the best guarantee for the enjoyment of human rights and is the pillar of solidarity among the states of the hemisphere;

RECALLING the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 1043 (XX-O/90), Consequences of Acts of Violence Perpetrated by Irregular Armed Groups on the Enjoyment of Human Rights;

STATING that manipulation of the subject of human rights for political purposes seriously distorts the international legal system for the promotion and protection of human rights and hinders rather than furthers the effective enjoyment of those rights; and



MINDFUL that, under Article 53.a of the Charter, one of the powers of the General Assembly is to determine, among other matters, the general action and policies of the Organization in the area of human rights, without detriment to the competence of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, pursuant to the Charter, the American Convention on Human Rights, and other regulatory instruments,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the report presented by the Permanent Council on the strengthening of the OAS in the area of human rights.
2. To state that the strengthening of the OAS in the area of human rights involves not only the design of concrete measures for that purpose, but also such contributions as the member states are able to make and decisive action by the organs responsible for implementing those measures.
3. To adopt the following Program of Action:

PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR STRENGTHENING THE OAS  
IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS

Recommendations to the member states

- a) To urge the member states once again to ratify or accede to the inter-American legal instruments on the protection and defense of human rights.
- b) To again ask the member states to recognize the competence of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, for the purposes set forth in Article 45 of the American Convention on Human Rights, and to accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
- c) To recommend to the member states that they reaffirm their commitment to the protection of human rights, by cooperating fully in the efforts of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, and to extend to that Commission effective support and facilities in the exercise of their specific competence, for the conduct of their on-site visits.
- d) To recommend to the member states that have not yet done so that they look into the advisability of setting up national organs to promote the observance and defense of human rights, such as, for example, the appointment of a human rights attorney.



- e) To urge the member states to state once again their condemnation of terrorist activities and their commitment to wage a campaign against such illicit activities, while observing full respect for the standards that characterize a state in which the rule of law prevails.
- f) To urge the member states to provide information on their human rights legislation, changes therein, and domestic mechanisms for the protection of those rights.
- g) To urge the member states parties to the American Convention on Human Rights to provide information on the various modes of enforcement of that Convention in their respective jurisdictions.
- h) To request the member states to periodically provide information on any measures adopted in regard to human rights and on circumstances that affect the effective exercise of those rights in their territories.

Recommendations to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

- a) To include in its annual report a chapter on the general status of human rights in the hemisphere, for which it shall take account of the information provided by the member states.
- b) To include regularly in its annual reports an overview of the observance in the hemisphere of a specific right or of a particular situation determined by the General Assembly as having priority interest and affecting the enjoyment of human rights; in preparing this report, to take into account information provided by the member states, among other sources.
- c) In reporting on the situation of human rights in the member states, to refer to the actions of irregular armed groups and the adverse effect of such acts on the enjoyment of those rights.
- d) To make a study of the impact of continuing unfavorable economic conditions that have a negative effect on the standard of living of the developing countries of the region, on the promotion, protection, and enjoyment of human rights.
- e) To refer, in its annual report, to its activities to promote and extend the observance of human rights in the member states.
- f) To continue the studies entrusted through previous General Assembly resolutions.



- c) To request the Permanent Council to conduct a study with a view to adopting and expanding mechanisms for legal cooperation among the member states in an effort to combat, adhering strictly to the rule of law, the activities of irregular armed groups and terrorist groups and their effects on human rights among the population and on the stability of the democratic institutions of the hemisphere.
- d) To recommend to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that it schedule lectures and seminars on the inter-American human rights system in its Annual Course on International Law.

- g) To give special attention to and report on the observance of the rights of minors, women, the handicapped, and minorities, and on racial discrimination in the hemisphere.
- h) Also to pay particular attention to observance of the human rights of persons with irregular migrant status, to the situation of refugees and displaced persons, and to the rights of migrant workers in general.
- i) To establish, regularly or periodically, mechanisms for consultation and coordination with the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
- j) To promote official governmental meetings relating to the protection and defense of human rights in the member states of the OAS.
- k) To step up its training and technical assistance activities in the human rights area and, to this end, to support and collaborate, to the extent possible, with the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights and other organizations seeking to promote those rights.

Recommendations to other organs of the Organization

- a) To recommend to the General Secretariat, the Permanent Council, and the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly that, in preparing the Organization's program-budget, priority be given to the allocation of sufficient resources to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights to enable them to discharge their functions fully, to the extent that resources are available, and without prejudice to other ongoing priority activities.
- b) Without prejudice to the provisions of Article 76 of the American Convention on Human Rights and in order to improve and expand the system for the protection of those rights, to instruct the Permanent Council to explore the possibility and advisability of - preparing, for consideration by the General Assembly, proposed amendments to that Convention, for which it shall take account of any observations made thereon by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.



AG/RES. 1113 (XXI-O/91)

STRENGTHENING OF THE OAS IN THE FIELD  
OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the Strengthening of the OAS in the field of Public Information (AG/doc.2708/91) and the document on a Public Relations Strategy for the Organization of American States, submitted by the General Secretariat (CP/doc.2148/91), and

CONSIDERING that in resolutions AG/RES. 988 (XIX-O/89) and AG/RES. 1060 (XX-O/90) the General Secretariat was asked to design and implement, in consultation with the Permanent Council, a strategy to enhance public awareness of the work of the OAS throughout the hemisphere,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the reports presented by the Permanent Council and the General Secretariat on the strengthening of the OAS in the field of public information.
2. To adopt the following Program of Action:

PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR STRENGTHENING OF THE OAS  
IN THE FIELD OF PUBLIC INFORMATION

I. PURPOSES

- a) A substantial enhancement of the image of the OAS by optimizing the distribution of information on its activities as a regional political forum for inter-American understanding and cooperation.
- b) Establishment of a publicity program to increase awareness of the structure, history, and programs of the Organization, especially in the political and academic sectors of the member and permanent observer states.
- c) Publicizing of the programs and projects with which the OAS helps to further the overall development of the peoples of the member states, in order to project the Organization's social presence.



- d) Optimum dynamic use of the print, sound, and visual information media available to the Organization.

## II. MEASURES FOR THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

- a) Publication of a monthly newsletter in the official languages of the Organization for distribution to various public and private sectors in the member and permanent observer states. The publication must inform on the main activities carried on at headquarters and on projects undertaken in the different countries of the hemisphere. The General Secretariat should acquire desktop publishing equipment for this purpose. Before each regular session of the General Assembly a special issue of this newsletter will be prepared, describing the activities of the OAS in its fields of priority interest in concise and graphic terms, after the fashion of a report of the Secretary General. In order that this special issue may be of high printing and production quality it is recommended that the Secretariat employ the services that can be provided by the professionals who produce *Americas* magazine.
- b) Production of semimonthly press releases on specific matters of current interest in the OAS for distribution to the mass media and to the member and observer states.
- c) Enhancement of the OAS radio unit's capabilities and establishment of the necessary procedures and mechanisms for expanding the broadcast coverage of Voice of the OAS programs on radio stations in the hemisphere.
- d) Maintenance of the quality of the documentaries produced for television so that they will enjoy wider access to the channels in the member states, and to Univisión, C-SPAN, and PBS in particular.
- e) Conclusion of agreements for implementation of the measures set forth in paragraphs (b) and (c), above.
- f) Establishment of a photo archive as a source for illustrations of documents and news stories and for making posters.
- g) Request that the Department of Public Information collaborate in publicizing the project for establishing *Tribuna Interamericana*, (Inter-American Podium), an initiative for bringing distinguished high-ranking persons of the Americas to the OAS as guest speakers.



- h) Strengthening of the role of the offices of the General Secretariat away from headquarters in public information. This will require centralization of this function and monitoring in offices of subregional scope.
- i) Intensification of contacts with the different media and with professional organizations and agencies involved in the dissemination of inter-American news.
- j) Request that the Publications Board identify the publications on the OAS to be updated or discontinued, and the new ones of possible interesting sales and distribution potential, as required for the purposes of this Program of Action. It must also identify publishing houses with which agreements could be signed to facilitate the distribution and sale of publications.
- k) Improvement in the graphics and content of documents which by their nature can and should be released to the public.
- l) Continued participation, with the help of the offices of the General Secretariat away from headquarters, in the leading book fairs held in member states.
- m) Continuation of the Model Assemblies program and efforts, with the collaboration of the offices of the General Secretariat away from headquarters, to disseminate them in universities of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- n) Establishment of a network of pro-OAS public affairs organizations like that of the United Nations.
- o) Establishment, with the cooperation of the offices of the General Secretariat away from headquarters, of a news clipping archive on the regular coverage of the OAS in the leading media in the hemisphere so that the scope and intensity of the coverage of the Organization's activities may be evaluated periodically in order to determine what changes, if any, need to be made in its public information policy.
- p) Designation of staff members in the different areas of the General Secretariat to serve as liaison with the Department of Public Information so that this Department may receive accounts of programs and projects early enough to publicize them at the right time.

3. In order for the present Plan of Action to be implemented to the full, to recommend that during preparation of the Organization's program-budget, priority be given to the allocation of sufficient resources to the General Secretariat, to the extent available, and without impairment to other priority activities in progress.

4. To request the General Secretariat to report on the execution of this Program of Action to the Permanent Council every three months and to the General Assembly at its regular sessions, pursuant to Articles 53.a and 90.a of the Charter.



AG/RES. 1114 (XXI-O/91)

INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM OF ACTION  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the establishment of an inter-American system for nature conservation (AG/doc.2718/91);

CONSIDERING that the diverse dimensions of the ecological crisis call for renewed and more effective solidarity between the states at the subregional, regional, and world levels;

RECALLING:

That the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes in its preamble that the "historic mission of America is to offer to man a land of liberty and a favorable environment for the development of his personality and the realization of his just aspirations";

That, in Article 30, it provides that "inter-American cooperation for integral development is the common and joint responsibility of the Member States...";

That, in Article 29, it establishes that "the Member States, inspired by the principles of inter-American solidarity and cooperation, pledge themselves to a united effort to ensure international social justice in their relations and integral development for their peoples..."; and

That, in Article 37, it provides that "the Member States shall extend among themselves the benefits of science and technology..."; and

BEARING IN MIND the views expressed in the Declaration of Brasilia (Sixth Ministerial Meeting on the Environment in Latin America and the Caribbean, 1989); the Amazon Declaration (First Meeting of the Presidents of the Countries of the Amazon Region, 1989); the Declaration of San Francisco de Quito (Third Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the States Parties to the Treaty for Amazonian Cooperation, 1989); the Call to Action (Seventh Meeting of Ministers on the Environment for Latin America and the Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago, 1990); the Declaration of Puntarenas (Meeting of the Central American Presidents in Puntarenas, Costa



Rica, 1991); the Tlatelolco Platform on Environment and Development (Regional Meeting for Latin America and the Caribbean, Preparatory to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development--UNCED--Mexico, 1991); and other instruments signed by the OAS member states with international organizations outside the region on environmental matters,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the report presented by the Permanent Council on the establishment of an inter-American system for environmental protection.

2. To adopt the following Program of Action:

INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM OF ACTION  
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

The member states of the Organization of American States, with a view to protecting and improving the environment, resolve to adopt as guidelines for pursuing the objectives of this Program of Action the principles of Article 3 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, those enshrined in the Declaration issued at the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment (Stockholm, 1972), and those adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in preparation for the Conference on Environment and Development (Rio de Janeiro, 1992).

In accordance with those principles, the following objectives are adopted for the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection:

I. OBJECTIVES

- a. To use the OAS as a forum for a rational, constructive hemisphere-wide debate, free of recrimination, aimed at developing a specific regional approach in order to contribute to implementation of the proposals of global scope that environmental protection requires.
- b. To help derive maximum advantage from international sectoral efforts by identifying and addressing individually or collectively, as appropriate, the problems of conservation and protection of the environment in the Americas, for purposes that include dealing with abject poverty and its connection with environmental degradation.



- c. To promote OAS participation in agreeing upon a regional position on other meetings and initiatives, whether regional or worldwide, on environmental protection.
- d. To support the framing of ecologically balanced and culturally viable environmental policies that reconcile development, conservation, and the rational, sustained use of the environment and natural resources, including a policy on the transfer of nonpolluting technologies.
- e. To promote cooperation among the member states for the provision of mutual technical and institutional assistance in the framing of policies, planning, implementing activities, surveillance, and exchanges of information, in order to maintain, restore, and improve the quality of the environment.
- f. To promote cooperation and communication among the OAS member states on environmental problems, including technology transfer, the development of standardized terminology, the establishment of common criteria, and the implementation of joint projects for the defense of protected areas and for resource management and control.
- g. To sponsor and support projects for the design and use of technologies that further environmental protection.
- h. To promote the development and progressive codification of environmental law and to seek, insofar as possible, to harmonize such legislation among the countries of the hemisphere, to bring about sustainable development, bearing in mind the specific needs and characteristics of each country.
- i. To promote cooperation among the member states to develop further the body of international law regarding liability and compensation for the victims of pollution and other environmental damage caused by activities within the jurisdiction or control of such states to areas beyond their jurisdictions.
- j. To cooperate in the study and identification of the possible effects on the environment of the illicit use and production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and traffic therein.
- k. To promote in the inter-American sphere better knowledge and understanding of the region's environmental problems and of the advantages of an integrated conservation strategy.



- l. To encourage the media to support regional and national efforts to create environmental awareness and better educate and inform people on the need to protect the environment in order to allow the full development of present and future generations in the Americas.
- m. To promote the coordinated participation of nongovernmental organizations and those from other sectors of society in designing and implementing measures to protect and improve the environment and bring about sustainable development.

## II. MEASURES DIRECTED AT THE MEMBER STATES

It is recommended that the member states adopt the following measures in order to achieve the objectives of this Program:

- a. The adaptation, in exercise of the sovereignty of the states over its natural resources, of government institutions to enable them to coordinate, unify, and strengthen environmental management; in particular, consideration of the possibility of creating environmental ministries, agencies, or high-level national mechanisms on the environment to exercise general coordination, oversight, control, and monitoring of efforts to preserve and use in a sustainable way its environmental heritage.
- b. Promotion of the responsible use of natural resources in the development of production activities that favor economic growth. In particular, promotion of efficient energy use and the use of renewable energy sources.
- c. Study of the possibility of revising national accounts in light of the experience of countries that keep national environmental accounts, so as to incorporate into them the impact produced by natural resource use.
- d. In adopting standards on the environment and the preservation of ecosystems, avoidance, in accordance with the provisions of the GATT, of the imposition of nontariff barriers that could distort trade; also, measures to ensure that the addition of environmental standards and strategies in national planning does not place new types of conditions on development assistance or financing.
- e. In accordance with applicable law, requiring environmental impact studies in the planning of investment projects by private or public enterprises, whether domestic or foreign, to be completed before they materialize, so as to determine any significant adverse effect on the environment, on the health and welfare of



the population, or on the national wealth of the country in question.

- f. The study and preparation of integrated programs for the preservation and management of biodiversity, without prejudice to the sovereignty of states over their natural resources, the exploration of new mechanisms, such as monetary contributions from enterprises toward the conservation of the species which they use and which, until now, have been evaluated in a conventional way that disregards their value as an asset of the country that possesses that resource.
- g. Promotion of policies that include, among other aspects, economic incentives for environmental protection.
- h. Promotion of measures aimed at avoiding transborder pollution and at restricting and controlling the transboundary carriage of hazardous wastes and impeding their illegal transport.
- i. Prevention of the indiscriminate discharge of toxic and hazardous wastes into lakes, rivers, coastal waters, and oceans with the ensuing hazards to those areas, and increased efforts to check the phenomenon of acid rain.
- j. Adoption, revision, or consolidation of national environmental laws, so that conservation and sustainable development are complementary, and the establishment of national mechanisms for prevention and for monitoring compliance with environmental laws.
- k. The adoption of bilateral or multilateral agreements, as appropriate, for cross-border cooperation in environmental matters.
- l. Encouragement of international cooperation and concerted action toward developing joint biotechnology programs that will contribute to preserving biological diversity and to generating high-value-added projects.
- m. Recognition that it is their shared responsibility to protect the environment, and that the developed countries should support, in addition to existing programs, increased flows of capital and of nonpolluting technologies to the developing countries through international cooperation, in order to ensure their full participation in the international efforts to protect the environment and promote sustainable development.



### III. MEASURES FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION

In order to assist the member states in regional cooperation to implement actions and adopt measures for the protection and improvement of the environment, it is recommended that the Permanent Council establish a Standing Committee through which the OAS might serve as an effective forum for proposing the Organization's environmental policy, and develop, coordinate, evaluate, and monitor the following measures, among others:

- a) Compilation of indexes of information available on the natural resource base of the Americas, as well as of economic and physical indicators of the state of the environment.
- b) Promotion of increased cooperation between the developed and developing countries of the hemisphere, and especially, the transfer to the latter of modern, environmentally sound technologies on terms that foster their wide dissemination without constituting an excessive economic burden on the developing countries; of particular importance are technologies that facilitate energy savings, especially in the transportation sector, as well as financing for those purposes, in order to replace technologies whose environmental consequences are more costly than their replacement.
- c) Promotion of cooperation by the countries of the hemisphere in global efforts to deal with the effects of climatic changes and, under the Montreal Protocol, to reduce substances that deplete the ozone layer, and in particular, the examination of possible joint hemispheric action to broaden and strengthen that cooperation, with particular regard to the situation of the developing countries most severely affected by the depletion of the ozone layer.
- d) Promotion of intergovernmental cooperation to support the sustainable management of the forestry ecosystems, including appropriate financial assistance and the transfer of technologies, as well as the formulation of integrated programs for the protection, rational use, and restoration of those ecosystems.
- e) Encouragement for the design of regional policies on accident prevention and on the carriage and disposal of radioactive, toxic, and hazardous wastes or materials, in accordance with the applicable international legal instruments.



- f) Collaboration with requesting member states in the development of their scientific research capabilities, preferably *in situ*, to enable them to manage their ecosystems more efficiently and strengthen processes for arriving at environmentally sound decisions.
- g) Promotion of a greater environmental awareness as a dimension and omnipresent function of education, from an interdisciplinary standpoint, in the member states of the inter-American system.
- h) / Promotion of and support for manpower training in order to develop professional and technical personnel in scientific, technical, legal, administrative, economic, and educational aspects of conservation in the hemisphere.
- i) Support for and promotion of the inclusion of environmental considerations in development planning and in the formulation of investment projects.
- j) Provision of technical support and advisory services to requesting member states to assist in the conclusion of agreements and projects for environmental protection and improvement, drawing on funds that may become available from likely reductions of the external debt, for example, those envisaged in the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative.
- k) Promotion of cooperation among member states in the management and use of natural resources in shared ecosystems, and the provision, at the request of interested member states, of advisory services and technical support for these purposes.
- l) The provision of advisory services and technical support to requesting member states in the prevention, reduction, or avoidance of adverse effects from transboundary pollution, including the transboundary movement or discharge of hazardous wastes.
- m) Promotion of the coordination of policies for the conservation of fishery resources in order to protect, in particular, ecosystems that are fragile and vulnerable.
- n) Study of the economic consequences of the degradation of coastal environments and the formulation of hemispheric cooperation strategies for the protection and restoration of marine, insular, and coastal ecosystems.



- o) Collaboration with global, regional, and subregional efforts and programs concerning the seas, to conserve marine resources and protect the marine environment, including efforts and programs aimed at avoiding environmental pollution and the effects caused by hazardous and toxic wastes and radioactive substances coming from all sources, including those of nuclear origin.
- p) Promotion of new hemisphere-wide projects for the creation and management of parks and reserves for the preservation of ecosystems, habitats, and natural monuments; consideration of new methods for evaluating the cultural, social and economic benefits of those areas with a view to making them more self-supporting.
- q) Support for requesting member states in the formulation of projects to improve energy efficiency and the use of alternative energy resources, especially those that use renewable resources, and encouragement for international financial institutions to allocate more resources and establish special facilities for the expansion of investments for those purposes.
- r) Request that the Inter-American Juridical Committee prepare reference indexes on the environmental legislation of the various countries, with the cooperation of the General Secretariat.
- s) Promotion of the adoption within the region of agreements, conventions, and treaties for the conservation of ecosystems.
- t) Promotion of the revision, in cooperation with the Inter-American Juridical Committee and the General Secretariat, of the 1940 Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere by the introduction of new topics, such as the preservation of biodiversity; and study of the possibility of preparing an inter-American agreement for environmental conservation.
- u) Promotion of the coordinated participation of nongovernmental organizations and other sectors of society in the regional effort to improve the environment and the quality of life in the region.



- v) To promote, in coordination with CICAD, regional cooperation among the states in putting a stop to the possible adverse effects on the environment caused by the illicit use and production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and traffic therein, by means of procedures such as illegal-crop substitution, that are not harmful to humans or the environment and would permit the rehabilitation of affected areas and the ecologically sustainable socioeconomic development of the region.
- w) Performance, in coordination with CICAD, IICA, PAHO, and the IDB, of a study of the effects that the illicit use and production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and traffic therein have on the environment, and study and recommendation of ecologically safe methods for the storage and destruction of the chemical substances used in their manufacture and for the replacement and eventual eradication of illegal crops, with a view to the rehabilitation and development of the local communities and affected ecosystems in the region.
- x) Maintenance of ongoing coordination with the relevant United Nations agencies and global, regional, and subregional efforts aimed at environmental conservation. Especially, cooperation in the preparatory work of the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development to be held in Brazil in 1992 and adaptation of the work of the Committee to any prospective results of that Conference; also, preparation, in coordination with the Executive Secretaries of CIECC and CIES, of an analytical document on the status of the environment in the Americas, for presentation to that United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development.
- y) Performance of a study with a view to establishing an inter-American center for environmental studies to collaborate in academic research and hemispheric thinking on conservation of the environment, and presentation of that study to the Permanent Council for consideration at the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly. This Center would engage in the following activities:
  - i) The conduct of seminars, encounters, and studies for the presentation and exchange of experiences in connection with studies and strategies for the treatment of conservation as a vehicle for integrated development in the hemisphere.



- ii) The regular dissemination of salient developments in problems of conservation in the Americas, and in projects and measures newly adopted by the states for protection of the environment.
- iii) Establishment of an academic periodical for the publication of articles, developments in research, and discussions that illustrate the salient proposals and currents of thought in the field of ecosystem conservation.
- iv) The conduct of research on environmental problems with an inter-American dimension.
- v) The promotion in particular of interdisciplinary studies on, among other subjects, models for development, economics and environment, technology transfers, and environmental conservation, and on the legal, ethical, and social implications of conservation of the environment and biodiversity in the hemisphere.
- vi) Assistance in generating and the study of environmental statistics on the countries of the hemisphere, taking account of the work done by other institutions on the subject, for the ultimate purpose of harmonizing them and thereby strengthening national and international policies on ecosystem conservation; collaboration in the performance of studies to facilitate the adoption of national environmental accounts in the countries of the region.

3. To establish an Inter-American Environment Day as part of a possible hemisphere-wide publicity campaign to foster environmental awareness, which would be entrusted to the Standing Committee of the Permanent Council and the General Secretariat, working in collaboration with the member states.

4. To allocate in the Organization's program-budget for the biennium 1992-1993, sufficient initial resources for the advancement of the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection.

5. To recommend to the Permanent Council that, in coordination with the General Secretariat, it seek financing from external sources for implementation of this program of action and, to that end, explore the possibility of creating an inter-American environmental fund or other alternative means of financing for environmental conservation and research in and the transfer of nonpolluting technologies, to be constituted with special contributions from the member states, the observer countries, other international agencies, and private sources.



6. To request that the bodies of the OAS, the Inter-American specialized organizations and the departments of the General Secretariat cooperate in the execution of this Program of Action.

7. To request that the Permanent Council, in collaboration with the General Secretariat, intensify cooperation and coordination between the operations of the Organization of American States in the area of environmental conservation and the initiatives of the appropriate United Nations agencies and subregional efforts for similar purposes, especially in relation to the plan of environmental action for Latin America and the Caribbean promoted by UNEP, the programs of the Permanent Committee of the South Pacific, and the preparatory work for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992.

AG/RES. 1115 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL  
COMMISSION (CICAD) AND ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF  
THE PROGRAM OF ACTION OF IXTAPA

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Annual Report of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) (CP/doc.2147/91), the report of that Commission on compliance with the provisions of the Program of Action of Ixtapa (AG/doc.2688/91) and the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on those reports (AG/doc.2685/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Organization of American States is resolved to strengthen cooperation among the governments of the member states as essential to augment the effectiveness of the war on the illicit use and production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and traffic therein;

That the General Assembly has established the Program of Action of Rio de Janeiro and the Program of Action of Ixtapa as the foundations for inter-American cooperative action;

The arduous struggle being waged by the member states in order to cope with this dreadful international phenomenon, which generates different kinds of social, economic, and political instability, and undermines the very foundations of our societies;

That in its Annual Report CICAD reviews the general situation concerning the drug problem in the region and describes the activities of the governments and the Commission to address it in the course of the year, and recommends additional measures to accelerate and intensify cooperation among the member states in carrying out the measures prescribed in the Programs of Action of Rio de Janeiro and Ixtapa;

That in its report on compliance with the provisions of the Program of Action of Ixtapa, CICAD spells out in detail the actions taken by the governments, CICAD, and the other organs, agencies, and entities of the inter-American system to implement the measures adopted in that Program;



That the Hemisphere-Wide Meeting for the Programming and Implementation of the Inter-American Plan, Education in Action against Drug Abuse, held in Quito, Ecuador, in May 1990, approved the Inter-American Program of Quito: Comprehensive Education to Prevent Drug Abuse, which set the framework for long-term hemisphere-wide action to reduce demand by an effort bringing together school, family, and community; and

That CICAD has attached high priority to full execution of the Programs of Action of Rio de Janeiro and Ixtapa, and to the Inter-American Program of Quito,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank CICAD for the presentation of its Annual Report on activities (CP/doc.2147/91) and the report on the Program of Action of Ixtapa (AG/doc.2683/91).

2. To note with satisfaction the measures adopted by the member states for carrying out the Plan of Action of Ixtapa, and to recommend to those states that they pursue their efforts to completion.

3. To acknowledge the efforts being made by the member states to cope with this critical international problem, especially the progress being made by those most affected by the attendant violence, which threatens their chances for development and their political and social stability.

4. To instruct CICAD to continue its efforts to carry out all the measures stipulated in those programs, bearing in mind the cooperative relations between the member states, reached on mutually acceptable grounds and destined to strengthen them, so as to continue dealing with the problem of the illicit use and production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and traffic therein.

5. To encourage CICAD to continue to support the efforts of the Permanent Central American Commission for the eradication of the production, use, and abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and traffic therein, and of related offenses, established by the Central American Presidents at the Summit of Puntarenas, Costa Rica on December 17, 1990.

6. To reiterate the recommendations to the governments of the member states and the requests to CICAD, the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC), the General Secretariat, the Permanent Council, and the other organs, agencies, and entities of the inter-American system set forth in resolution AG/RES. 1045 (XX-O/90), to continue to carry out the measures specifically assigned to them in the Program of Action of Ixtapa.



7. To ask the member states to collaborate closely with the different specialized institutions of the inter-American system in order to step up the framing of model rules on the confiscation of assets and the concealment or laundering of money; design measures for strengthening legal cooperation among the member states; and study links between the illicit traffic in arms and in drugs.

8. To recommend that CICAD renew the mandate of the Group of Experts working on model regulations on the laundering of assets connected with the illicit traffic in drugs, so that they may satisfactorily complete their work.

9. To reaffirm its recommendation to the member states that they harmonize their legal rules and procedures as an aid to intergovernmental cooperation in the war on drugs; and especially, to reiterate to those states that have not yet done so, the recommendation that they ratify or accede, as appropriate, to the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and that they apply the Model Regulations to Control Chemical Precursors and Chemical Substances, Machines, and Materials.

10. To recommend to all the member states of the Organization that have not yet done so that they adopt appropriate measures in prompt response to the questionnaire circulated by the Executive Secretariat of CICAD for purposes of preparing the Annual Report, which the Commission must forward to the General Assembly for consideration.

11. To instruct CICAD and the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) to continue their collaboration with the governments of the member states to implement quickly and effectively the Inter-American Program of Quito: Comprehensive Education to Prevent Drug Abuse.

12. To recommend to the member states that they promote cooperation and exchanges of experience between public and private institutions in the countries that are mobilizing communities against the illicit traffic in and abuse of drugs, so that the most effective and appropriate techniques may be identified.

13. To ask the organs, agencies, and entities of the inter-American system to give special consideration in their programming to the war on the illicit use and production of narcotic drugs and traffic therein in the setting of the Programs of Rio de Janeiro, Ixtapa, and Quito, and to coordinate and cooperate more closely with CICAD.



14. To recommend to the member states, the Permanent Observers and to national and international financial institutions that they help fund the activities of CICAD, and to thank the governments of the member states, the Inter-American Development Bank, the Permanent Observers, the European Communities and the United Nations Fund for Drug Abuse Control (UNFDAC) for their contributions in this regard.

15. To recommend to CICAD that it inform the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session of progress made in the implementation of the Programs of Action of Rio de Janeiro, Ixtapa, and Quito; on the findings of its study on the current situation in the smuggling of arms and explosives in the hemisphere and linkages with the illicit drug traffic, as well as the observations and recommendations of the member states on this report of CICAD.



AG/RES. 1116 (XXI-O/91)

SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SURINAME

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

WHEREAS:

An OAS mission was sent to Suriname, at the request of its government, to observe the general elections;

General elections were held in that country on May 25, 1991 in a climate of peace, order, and respect for free expression of the sovereign will of the people; and

The promotion and consolidation of representative democracy, with respect for the principle of nonintervention, are among the fundamental purposes of the Organization of American States,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To compliment the authorities and the people of Suriname on the fairness of the elections held on May 25, 1991.

2. To congratulate the Secretary General on the complete success of the recent OAS election observation mission, sent to Suriname at the request of that member state.

3. To reaffirm its support for democratic institutions in Suriname and its permanent interest in strengthening the bonds between Suriname, as an independent and sovereign country, and the hemispheric community.



AG/RES. 1117 (XXI-O/91)

SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS IN THE REPUBLIC OF HAITI

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its resolutions AG/RES. 824 (XVI-O/86) by which the Inter-American Fund for Priority Assistance to Haiti was established, and AG/RES. 1048 (XX-O/90), Support for the Democratic Process in the Republic of Haiti;

NOTING the Report of the Secretary General on the Organization's support for the Electoral Process in Haiti (AG/doc.2671/91);

BEARING IN MIND the urgent need for supporting the consolidation of democracy in Haiti, and in that regard, the Secretary General's oral report to the Permanent Council at its meeting on February 14, 1991; and

REAFFIRMING that the promotion and consolidation of democracy, with respect for the principle of nonintervention, is an essential purpose of the Organization of American States,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate the people of Haiti on the success of their elections.
2. To express its satisfaction with the effective OAS contribution to that electoral process and commend the active OAS/CARICOM collaboration in that process.
3. To reaffirm its solidarity with the people of Haiti and support for their determination to strengthen their democratic system, without external interference and in exercise of the sovereign expression of their will.
4. To render all possible assistance to the emergency programs being undertaken by the Haitian Government in collaboration with regional bodies and institutions such as CARICOM and the Rio Group and the Inter-American Development Bank, as well as with the United Nations system.



5. To reestablish the Inter-American Fund for Priority Assistance to Haiti, with immediate effect for a five-year period, using resources derived from:

- unobligated funds to be identified by the Secretary General;
- voluntary financial, technical and other contributions from member states and permanent observer states;
- contributions from private donor institutions.

6. To authorize the Secretary General to administer the Fund in accordance with Article 86 of the General Standards and present quarterly reports to the Permanent Council on its utilization, and a comprehensive report to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session.

7. That the 1991 Regular Fund quota payments of Belize and Guyana be transferred to the Inter-American Fund for Priority Assistance to Haiti.



AG/RES. 1118 (XXI-O/91)

DECLARATION AND PROGRAM OF IXTAPA

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution AG/RES. 1049 (XX-O/90), Declaration and Program of Ixtapa, and resolution CIECC-811/91 on the same subject; and

CONSIDERING:

That the member states have emphasized the importance and priority of comprehensive preventive education against drug abuse;

That the United States Government has provided special support for the formulation of projects and other related activities; and

That a project for subregional action emerged from the Meeting for Programming of the CIECC/CICAD Subregional Plan for Central America, Panama, and the Dominican Republic,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction with the activities that the General Secretariat, through the Department of Educational Affairs, has conducted in coordination with CICAD, in furtherance of the Program of Action of Ixtapa.

2. To express its appreciation to the Government of the United States for the cooperation it is providing.

3. To urge the General Secretariat to continue the successful work undertaken for the purpose of developing and implementing the Quito Program of Action for comprehensive preventive education against drug abuse.



AG/RES. 1119 (XXI-O/91)

PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution AG/RES. 1027 (XX-O/90) and resolution CIECC-812/91; and

CONSIDERING:

That, in pursuance of resolution AG/RES. 1027 (XX-O/90), the General Secretariat requested the Ministries of Education of the member states to send to it curricula that include subjects relating to the environment; and

That fourteen countries have responded by sending several types of material, especially textbooks, teachers' manuals, a variety of curricular material, and legislation on the subject,

RESOLVES:

To extend the deadline of the mandate given in resolution AG/RES. 1027 (XX-O/90) until the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly, in order to enable more member states to send in the material requested and permit preparation of an analytical document and of conclusions to serve as a guide for the region.



AG/RES. 1120 (XXI-O/91)

NEW TECHNOLOGIES AND THE ENVIRONMENT

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-816/91; and

CONSIDERING:

That the socioeconomic development of peoples is closely linked to the use of technologies as a means of producing goods and services;

That it is necessary to ensure that the use of technology is conducive to protection of the environment and the best use of natural resources;

That, in order to meet that objective, it is necessary to increase and strengthen the exchange of scientific and technological information on a hemispheric and subregional scale; and

That the solution of regional, national, and local problems relating to technology, the environment, and natural resources calls for the education and training of personnel at all levels,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the importance for the member states to persevere in their quest for solutions to the region's most pressing needs, within the framework of sustainable development, in which development activities would be conducted with due regard for socioeconomic, environmental, and cultural characteristics.

2. To recommend to the member states that they pay special attention to the preservation, design, development, and adaptation of new technologies geared to their needs and circumstances.

3. To recommend to the member states that, in the multilateral project activities conducted under the Regional Scientific and Technological Development Program, they emphasize the training of human resources, at all levels, for the design, development, adaptation, and improvement of technologies related to the environment and natural resources.



4. To recommend to the member states that they continue to take the necessary steps to ensure that renewable natural resources are regarded as capital assets and, hence, to treat their protection as an investment.

5. To recommend to the General Secretariat that it prepare a document for presentation to the United Nations Conference on the Environment and Development, scheduled for June 1992 in Brazil. This document should be prepared in accordance with operative paragraph 6 of resolution CIECC-816/91.



AG/RES. 1121 (XXI-O/91)

COOPERATION FOR SECURITY IN THE HEMISPHERE.  
CURBING THE PROLIFERATION OF INSTRUMENTS OF WAR AND  
WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That the Organization of American States, to fulfill its obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, has proclaimed that among the essential purposes of the Organization are:

- the strengthening of peace and security in the hemisphere,
- the achievement of an effective limitation of arms that will make it possible to devote the largest amount of resources to the economic and social development of the member states;

That cooperation for security in the hemisphere is of fundamental importance in fulfilling these purposes;

That such cooperation must address, in a positive and active manner, significant themes bearing on security, among them the encouragement of arms control and disarmament;

That a climate of enhanced peace and security, both globally and within the hemisphere, should liberate human and material resources needed for the promotion and strengthening of democracy, the furtherance of economic and social development, the protection of the environment, and the safeguarding of human rights;

That all forms of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction undermine international security and risk a perilous escalation of conflict in regions of tension;

That the convergence of views in the Geneva negotiations on the need for the global, effective, and complete elimination of chemical weapons is of relevance to negotiations in other areas of disarmament and arms limitation;



That measures aimed at regulating international exchanges of sensitive technologies should take into account the need to preserve and permit access to use of such technologies for peaceful purposes;

That OAS member states are proud of their efforts with respect to the control of arms, and in particular, of steps taken by the democratic countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, which are among the least armed and militarized countries in the world; and

That the build-up of arms beyond legitimate defense requirements contributes to instability and increases the risk of armed conflict, and that increased transparency and consultation surrounding the acquisition and transfer of arms would contribute to the growth of confidence and security,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its strong support for efforts in bilateral and multilateral deliberations, and in particular, in the United Nations, to eliminate all forms of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and to bring about a global and more effective prohibition of the development, production, stockpiling, and dissemination of chemical and biological weapons.

2. To urge all members of the international community to exercise sensitivity in transfers of arms and technologies related to arms systems, particularly with respect to countries involved in or under the imminent threat of hostilities or involved in unwarranted build-ups of arms.

3. To request the Permanent Council to study the problems posed for international security, and for the furtherance of economic and social development, by the proliferation of instruments of war and weapons of mass destruction, and to examine the possibility of exchanging information regarding national policies, laws, and administrative procedures governing the transfer and procurement of arms, including the establishment of a mechanism for consultations about situations where excessive arms build-ups appear to be developing.

4. To recommend to the Secretary General that he bring this resolution to the attention of the member states and that he report on its implementation at the next session of the General Assembly.



AG/RES. 1122 (XXI-O/91)

REPORT ON THE PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING  
FIRM AND LASTING PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND resolutions AG/RES. 675 (XIII-O/83), AG/RES. 702 (XIV-O/84), AG/RES. 770 (XV-O/85), AG/RES. 831 (XVI-O/86), AG/RES. 870 (XVII-O/87), AG/RES. 937 (XVIII-O/88), AG/RES. 993 (XIX-O/89), AG/RES. 1057 (XX-O/90), as well as the initiative of the Secretaries General of the Organization of American States and the United Nations of November 18, 1986;

TAKING NOTE of the report of the Secretary General presented in compliance with resolution AG/RES. 1057 (XX-O/90);

CONVINCED that the peoples of Central America wish to achieve peace, democracy, reconciliation, development, and justice, without outside interference, in accordance with their own decision and their own historical experience, and without sacrificing the principles of self-determination and nonintervention;

AWARE that the Procedure for Establishing Firm and Lasting Peace in Central America, signed in Guatemala City on August 7, 1987, by the Presidents of the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua at the Esquipulas II meeting, is the outcome of the decision by Central Americans to take up fully the historic challenge of forging a peaceful and democratic destiny for Central America;

AWARE also of the political will that inspires them to settle their differences by means of dialogue, negotiation, and respect for the legitimate interests of all States, and to establish commitments that are to be fulfilled in good faith, through the verifiable performance of actions aimed at achieving peace, democracy, security, cooperation, and respect for human rights;

WELCOMING the joint declarations of Alajuela, Costa Rica, of January 16, 1988, of Costa del Sol, El Salvador, of February 14, 1988, of Tela, Honduras of August 7, 1989, of San Isidro de Coronado, Costa Rica, of December 12, 1989, of Montelimar, Nicaragua, of April 3, 1990, of Antigua, Guatemala, of June 17, 1990, and of Puntarenas, Costa Rica, of December 17, 1990;



STRESSING with great satisfaction the compliance given to the agreements adopted by the Central American Presidents at the aforementioned meetings, especially those contained in the "Joint Plan for the demobilization and voluntary repatriation or relocation in Nicaragua or third countries of the members of the Nicaraguan Resistance and those of their families and of providing assistance for the demobilization of all persons involved in armed actions in the countries of the region, when they voluntarily so request";

CONSIDERING that in the Declaration of Puntarenas the Presidents declared Central America to be a region of peace, freedom, democracy, and development;

EMPHASIZING the value and significance of the agreements signed by the Government of Nicaragua and the Nicaraguan Resistance on March 23, 1990 in Toncontin, Honduras, with its addenda of April 18, May 4 and May 31, 1990 in Managua, which facilitated the demobilization and voluntary repatriation of the members of the Nicaraguan Resistance;

TAKING NOTE of the actions carried out by the Organization of American States and the United Nations in support of the agreements of the Central American Presidents, especially those pertaining to the establishment and functioning of the International Commission for Support and Verification (CIAV) in charge of executing that Joint Plan;

EMPHASIZING the significant efforts rendered by the CIAV-OAS in Nicaragua and its contribution to the process of peace, stability, and national reconciliation in that country;

RECOGNIZING the importance of the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council of November 7, 1989, March 27, 1990, April 20, 1990, May 4, 1990, November 7, 1990, and May 6, 1991, on the establishment and operation of the United Nations Observer Group in Central America (ONUCA), at the request of the governments of the area, for on-site verification of compliance with the commitments undertaken in the Esquipulas II Agreement for the cessation of aid to irregular forces and insurrectionary movements and the non-use of their own territory for aggression against other states, and the extension of that mandate so that ONUCA might monitor the cease-fire, the disbanding of forces in Nicaragua and the demobilization of the members of the Nicaraguan Resistance;

UNDERSCORING, with deep satisfaction, the development of the political process in Nicaragua, which constitutes an unequivocal demonstration of the peaceful democratic will of the people of Nicaragua and of the Nicaraguan Government's steadfast commitment to promoting an authentic process of national democratization and reconciliation;



WELCOMING, with profound pleasure, the dialogue between the Government of El Salvador and the Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front as the appropriate mechanism for the attainment of peace in that country, in the hope that the parties will participate in a responsible manner and will demonstrate greater goodwill and an open and flexible approach so that they will be able to accomplish their purpose;

NOTING with satisfaction the results obtained in the negotiations held so far, and particularly, the agreements reached at Geneva on April 4, 1990, Caracas on May 21, 1990, San José on July 26, 1990, and Mexico City on April 27, 1991, between the Government of El Salvador and the FMLN;

EMPHASIZING the importance of the attainment, as soon as possible, of the necessary political agreements between the Government of El Salvador and the FMLN for conclusion of a cease-fire agreement with a view to ending the armed confrontation once and for all.

WELCOMING the establishment of the Mission of United Nations Observers in El Salvador (ONUSAL) by decision of that Organization's Security Council on May 20, 1991;

EXPRESSING deep satisfaction with the initiative for total peace undertaken by President Jorge Serrano Elías, which has given rise to direct talks between the Government of Guatemala and the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit (URNG), with the Chairman of that country's National Reconciliation Commission serving as conciliator, aimed at attaining the objectives set forth in the Esquipulas II Agreement, ending the domestic armed confrontation, and bringing about the reconciliation of all Guatemalans;

WELCOMING in particular the resumption of current negotiations among the Central American Governments on issues of security, verification, and the control and limitation of arms and military personnel;

EXPRESSING its gratification at the work being done by the Central American Governments in the framework of the Security Commission for the establishment of confidence-building measures, notably, the disarming of civilians in Central America, and particularly, in Nicaragua, and the deactivation of mines;

NOTING and emphasizing the decision taken by the Central American Presidents in their meeting at Puntarenas to create a committee for verification of the political commitments, and to request the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to define, in consultation with the Executive Committee, areas of technical support and advisory services to this Committee;



STRESSING the great value of the establishment, on April 10, 1991, at San José, Costa Rica, of the Association for Democracy and Development in Central America to consolidate and enhance firm and effective support to progress in Central America toward achieving the goals that the Central Americans have set for themselves in the framework of the existing regional institutions;

MINDFUL of the special importance of the immediate application of resolution 42/231 adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on May 12, 1988, on the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America and related resolutions, to improving the living conditions of the Central American population;

REITERATING THE IMPORTANCE of material support by the international community in the area of cooperation with Central America as an indisputable expression of their active solidarity with the peacemaking process encouraged and pursued by the peoples and governments of Central America;

AWARE OF THE IMPORTANCE that the Ministers of the European Community attach to increased economic cooperation with Central America in order to strengthen the economic integration of the region and support its economic development and social progress for the sake of greater political stability, as they stated at the San José VII Ministerial Conference, held at Managua on March 18-19, 1991,

RESOLVES:

1. To support firmly the desire of the peoples and governments of Central America for peace, as expressed by their Presidents at the signing of the Procedure to Establish Firm and Lasting Peace in Central America on August 7, 1987, in Guatemala City, as well as in subsequent declarations and agreements.

2. To urge the Central American Governments to continue their efforts to attain peace, bring about democracy, reconciliation, and development in Central America.

3. To support the Declaration of Central America as a region of peace, freedom, democracy, and development.

4. To express its hope that the agreements adopted by the Central American Presidents at their meetings in Tela, San Isidro de Coronado, Montelimar, Antigua, and Puntarenas, are fully and effectively executed.



5. To renew its appeal to countries outside the region having ties with and interests in it to facilitate and support tangibly the process for implementing and complying with the agreements of the Central American Presidents and to refrain from any action that might stand in the way.

6. To express its satisfaction with the compliance with and implementation of the demobilization and voluntary repatriation and relocation in Nicaragua and third countries of members of the Nicaraguan Resistance and their families, which has represented a decisive step forward in the process of strengthening democracy and national reconciliation in Nicaragua.

7. To take particular note in this regard of the work of CIAV-OAS in Nicaragua and to support its continued presence and activities in that country until at least June 25, 1992, and to seek financial support for the continuation of its work.

8. To extend its full support to the Secretary General in the discharge of the functions entrusted to him as a member of CIAV, jointly with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, by the Central American Presidents, at their summits in Tela, San Isidro de Coronado, Montelimar, Antigua, and Puntarenas.

9. To support to the utmost the actions taken by the Group of Observers of the United Nations in Central America (ONUCA), in fulfillment of the mandate issued by the Security Council at the request of the governments of the region to verify *in situ* compliance with the commitments of the Esquipulas procedure in the matter of the cessation of aid to irregular forces or insurrectionary movements and the non-use of their territory to attack other states.

10. To ask the Secretary General and the member states of the Organization to continue to give the Central American governments as much support as possible in their efforts to attain peace, bring about democracy and development, particularly by cooperating with ONUCA.

11. To reiterate its full support for the process of consolidation of the democratic system in Nicaragua and for national reconciliation in that country, as evidence of its commitment to the Central American peace accords and its support for the Nicaraguan people's desire for peace in their exceptional situation.

12. To express its resolute support for the dialogue currently taking place between the Government of El Salvador and the FMLN with a view to reaching a negotiated settlement of the crisis besetting that country; and to urge the parties to continue and to intensify that process in order to arrive as quickly as possible at agreements that will make possible a cessation of the armed conflict.



13. To underscore the importance of the decision of the United Nations Security Council to set up the United Nations Observer Mission in El Salvador (ONUSAL), for the purpose of monitoring compliance with the accords arrived at between the Government of El Salvador and the FMLN.

14. To express its appreciation to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States for the work performed by the OAS Observer Group in the electoral process in El Salvador, which culminated in the elections for the Legislative Assembly, the Central American Parliament and Municipal Councils on March 10, 1991, in which the Salvadoran people once more reaffirmed their desire for representative democracy and also contributed to securing peace and national reconciliation.

15. To support the efforts of the Secretary General of the United Nations and his personal representative as intermediaries in the dialogue and negotiation process aimed at ending the armed conflict in El Salvador.

16. To lend its full support to the direct talks designed to achieve total peace that have begun between the Government of Guatemala and the Guatemalan National Revolutionary Unit, at the initiative of President Jorge Serrano Elías, and to express its hope that the parties reach agreements that will, in the context of the procedures adopted for securing peace by political means, facilitate the attainment of a negotiated settlement of the conflict in that country and the inclusion of the irregular forces in the democratic process.

17. To urge the Central American Governments to continue the regional negotiation process, with the participation of UN and OAS representatives, with a view to reaching, as soon as possible, an agreement on security, verification, and the control and limitation of arms and military personnel.

18. To lend its firm support to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States so that he may give all necessary support to the disarming of civilians in Central America, particularly in Nicaragua, and to request the countries of the region, Permanent Observer countries and countries outside the region to provide material, technical, and financial contributions for carrying out the important work of disarming civilians in that country, as well as for the deactivation of mines.

19. To applaud the decision of the Central American Presidents to establish a committee for verification of the commitments of a political nature adopted in the Guatemala Procedure, and to request the Secretary General of the OAS to continue, in consultation with the Executive Committee, to provide technical support for and advice on this important matter.



20. To renew its appeal to the international community, international organizations, and nongovernmental agencies for a substantial increase in technical, economic, and financial cooperation with the countries of Central America for the attainment and early implementation of the goals and objectives of the Special Plan of Economic Cooperation for Central America, as set forth in resolution 42/231 of the United Nations General Assembly, and as a clear indication of the international community's support for and understanding of the Central American countries' vigorous efforts to achieve peace, democracy, and development.

21. To stress the importance of the agreements signed by the Presidents of the Central American countries and Mexico in Tuxtla Gutiérrez, Mexico.

22. To lend its support to the Association for Democracy and Development in Central America as an instrument of international support for the political and economic process that the Central American countries themselves have defined.

23. To thank the European Community for the valuable cooperation it has given to Central America and to express the hope that it will produce concrete results, especially in trade, in accordance with the "San José VII" dialogue.

24. To include the topic "Report on the Procedure for Establishing Firm and Lasting Peace in Central America" on the draft agenda for its twenty-second regular session.

25. To express heartfelt thanks to the Secretary General of the Organization of American States for his dedication, determination, efforts, and collaboration with the Central American Governments in their unwavering resolve to attain firm and lasting peace in Central America, and to ask that he continue to give full support to their peacemaking negotiations.

26. To request the Secretary General to present a report on compliance with the present resolution to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session.



AG/RES. 1123 (XXI-O/91)

COOPERATION FOR SECURITY IN THE HEMISPHERE

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

WHEREAS:

Article 2 of the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes among its essential purposes the strengthening of peace and security of the hemisphere and the promotion, through cooperative action, of the economic, social, and cultural development of the member states of the Organization, in order to put into practice the principles on which it is founded and to fulfill its regional obligations;

This twenty-first regular session of the General Assembly has studied the profound political and economic changes that have taken place in the past few years and which have opened up new opportunities and responsibilities for strengthening the democratic system and for concerted action by the states through international agencies, at both the world and regional levels, and in their bilateral relations;

The prevailing conditions deriving from the aforementioned international situation would seem to dictate the adoption of measures to ensure hemispheric security, strengthen democratic processes in all of the member states and devote maximum resources in those countries to economic and social development;

Such measures call for mechanisms for mutual consultation and an exchange of regional information to promote a climate of institutional stability, progress, and confidence, in accordance with the new international realities, based on the nature, purposes, and principles enshrined in articles 1, 2, and 3 of the Charter of the Organization of American States;

An examination of the background, initiatives, experiences, and instruments produced within the framework of the inter-American system, in regard to the matters mentioned in the foregoing clauses of the preamble, is recommended for the purpose of making the pertinent revisions and adjustments,



THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To entrust the Permanent Council with setting up a working group to study and make recommendations on cooperation on the various dimensions of hemispheric security.

2. To request the member states to comment on the subject and to cooperate with the Working Group so that it may fulfill its responsibilities in the best possible manner.

3. To request the Permanent Council to submit the pertinent report of the Working Group to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session.



AG/RES. 1124 (XXI-O/91)

UNIT FOR THE PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its resolution AG/RES. 1063 (XX-O/90) of June 8, 1990 whereby it requested the Secretary General to establish within the General Secretariat a Unit for the Promotion of Democracy to provide a Support Program for democratic development and to develop a proposal for such a Program in consultation with the Permanent Council; and

HAVING SEEN the report of the Secretary General (AG/doc.2667/91) on the implementation of that resolution,

RESOLVES:

1. To welcome the creation by the Secretary General of a Unit for the Promotion of Democracy, pursuant to Executive Order No. 90-3 of October 15, 1990, and in accordance with the recommendations outlined in its resolution AG/RES. 1063 (XX-O/90).

2. To express its satisfaction with the participation of the Unit, since its creation, in OAS electoral observer missions in Haiti, Guatemala, El Salvador, Panama, Paraguay, and Suriname, at the invitation of their respective Governments, and recommend that the Unit proceed with an evaluation of its experience thus far in relation with that aspect of its responsibilities.

3. To urge the Permanent Council to complete without delay, and in any case before November 1, 1991, its consideration and approval of the Support Program called for in its resolution AG/RES. 1063 (XX-O/90) so as to better enable the Unit to respond promptly and effectively to member states which, in the full exercise of their sovereignty, request advice or assistance to preserve or strengthen their political institutions and democratic procedures.

4. To that end, call upon those members that have not done so yet to make their views on a proposed Support Program known to the Permanent Council before October 1, 1991.

5. To ask the Secretary General to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its next regular session.



AG/RES. 1125 (XXI-O/91)

REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL ON MULTINATIONAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS  
IN GATT (GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TARIFFS AND TRADE) - THE URUGUAY ROUND

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the "Declaration of the Permanent Council on the Uruguay Round" (CP/doc.2126/90); and

TAKING ACCOUNT OF:

The OAS Mission that went to Geneva and Brussels in February 1990 to convey the region's concern about the results of the Uruguay Round in the context of GATT and its consequences for the economies of the Americas; and

The report presented by the Secretary General to the Permanent Council on February 28, 1991,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction with the OAS Mission and to thank the Secretary General for the report presented to the Permanent Council.

2. That the subject is to continue under consideration by the Organization.



AG/RES. 1126 (XXI-O/91)

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES  
AND THE UNITED NATIONS

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING that, in its resolution AG/RES. 941 (XVIII-O/88), it recommended that a general meeting should be held between representatives of the Organization of American States and its specialized organizations and representatives of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, on a date and at a place to be determined, for the purpose of holding consultations on policies, projects, measures, and procedures which will facilitate and broaden cooperation between them;

HAVING HEARD the report of the Secretary General on the general meeting between representatives of the OAS and UN Secretariats that was held on May 15-17, 1991, at the United Nations headquarters in New York; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the United Nations General Assembly resolution No. 45/10 which, *inter alia*, recommends an intensification of the preparations for a general meeting between representatives of the Organization of American States and of the United Nations and other organizations of the United Nations system, for the purpose of holding consultations on projects, measures, and procedures which will facilitate and broaden cooperation between them,

RESOLVES:

1. To express satisfaction that the Secretary General of the OAS and the Secretary-General of the UN inaugurated that meeting.
2. To request the OAS Secretary General to continue to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the two organizations in collaboration with the UN Secretary-General.
3. To invite the specialized organizations and other bodies of the two systems to maintain and increase contacts and consultations with their counterparts regarding projects for OAS member states.



4. To note with satisfaction that the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the United Nations, will establish an appropriate mechanism for the follow-up of coordination between the two systems.

5. To request the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly, at its twenty-second regular session, a report on the progress achieved in the implementation of this resolution.



AG/RES. 1127 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission of Women (AG/doc.2685/91);

CONSIDERING:

That the Inter-American Commission of Women is doing important work in aid of the welfare of women in the Americas;

That one of the primary objectives of efforts conducted by the Inter-American Commission of Women continues to be broader and more decisive participation by women in the development process in the Organization's member states; and

That, in its process of regional consultation, the Inter-American Commission of Women has addressed the problem of violence affecting women and has adopted pertinent recommendations for successfully dealing with this type of violence, and

BEARING IN MIND:

That the Inter-American Commission of Women has undertaken effective measures to strengthen cooperative relations with the bodies and specialized organizations of the inter-American system as well as with the United Nations agencies; and

That, as of 1990, a "seed fund" has been included in the program-budget of the Organization to give the Inter-American Commission of Women an operational base for raising external funding,

RESOLVES:

1. To note, endorse, and transmit to the Inter-American Commission of Women the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on its Annual Report.



2. To congratulate the Commission and its Executive Secretariat on the major contributions they have made towards attaining the goals of the inter-American system.

3. To note especially the course of action undertaken by the Inter-American Commission of Women to bring about the full and equal participation of women in the political, social, and economic progress of the countries of the region.

4. To urge the member states to consider, when applicable, the adoption and implementation of appropriate measures to eliminate violence against women.

5. To encourage the Commission to continue to develop close cooperative relations with other agencies and organizations in and outside the region, so as to efficiently coordinate activities according to their respective areas of competence.

6. To encourage the member states, observer countries, international and national organizations, and private institutions to provide any financial support they can for the implementation of programs and projects of the Commission.

7. To instruct the General Secretariat, when it prepares the Organization's program-budget, to study the possibility of allocating, within existing budgetary availability, the technical and financial resources needed by the Commission to better carry out its activities, in accordance with the availability of funds.



AG/RES. 1128 (XXI-O/91)

PROTECTION OF WOMEN AGAINST VIOLENCE

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING resolution AG/RES. 829 (XVI-O/86) which observed that the Plan of Action of the Inter-American Commission of Women - Full and Equal Participation by the Year 2000, adopted by the Commission in 1986, contains forward-looking strategies for the advancement of women, and that its section IV, Legal Provisions, mentions that some provisions discriminating against women still exist in current legislation, including civil and penal aspects;

HAVING SEEN the Declaration for the Elimination of Violence against Women, which reaffirms the conclusions and recommendations issued by the Inter-American Consultation on Women and Violence and adopted by the Twenty-fifth Assembly of Delegates, in particular those relating to the enactment, review, and amendment of national legislation and the development of model legislation for states that need it; and

CONSIDERING:

That the Inter-American Commission of Women has the goal of putting fully into effect the basic principle of legal equality between men and women, and that it is essential to repeal in the near future all legal provisions still in existence that are discriminatory, or provide insufficient or no legal protection, especially in the administration of justice;

That it is vitally important to prevent and solve the problem of violence against women, especially domestic violence, which is usually concealed, and whose victims typically remain silent and are defenseless, and which, moreover threatens the stability of the family, the basic nucleus of society;

That the legislative reform process undertaken by the countries of the region, and, in some cases, the adoption of legal measures, are an important step toward providing women with better protection; and



That the CIM has decided to consider violence against women as one of its priority topics and, in this connection, it held the Inter-American Consultation on Women and Violence from July 17 to 20, 1990, in which the papers and statements that were presented illustrated the great concern on the part of the CIM member countries regarding the need to consolidate a true collective awareness of this vital issue,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the recommendations and resolutions of the Inter-American Consultation on Women and Violence, as well as the "Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women," adopted by the Twenty-fifth Assembly of Delegates.

2. To support the initiative taken by the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) in seeking to develop a preliminary draft inter-American Convention for the elimination of violence against women, for consideration by member states in keeping with their laws and procedures.

3. To recommend to CIM that it undertake to build a regional network for exchanging legal, social, and economic information for the purpose of implementing measures to eliminate violence against women, in accordance with the conditions that exist in each country.

4. To encourage governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations to give as much publicity as possible to the subject of violence against women, and to this end to invite the media to actively participate in efforts to create a collective and broad awareness of the repercussions of violence against women on the society of a nation.



AG/RES. 1129 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council concerning the Annual Report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee (AG/doc.2683/91 corr. 1) and the presentation of that document by the Committee Chairman; and

CONSIDERING:

That Article 53.f of the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes that one of the powers of the General Assembly is to consider, *inter alia*, the observations and recommendations presented by the Permanent Council, in accordance with Article 90.f of the Charter on the reports of the organs and entities of the Organization;

That Article 52 of the OAS Charter lists the Inter-American Juridical Committee as one of the organs of the Organization; and

That the Inter-American Juridical Committee presented its Annual Report to the Permanent Council, which in turn presented its observations and recommendations thereon to the General Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To welcome the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council of the Organization on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee and to transmit them to the Committee.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to consider, pursuant to Article 15 of the Statutes of the Inter-American Juridical Committee and within budgetary restrictions, the possibility that the Committee hold two meetings each year.

3. To recommend to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that, pursuant to Article 32 of its Statutes and Article 108 of the OAS Charter, it seek, with assistance from the General Secretariat, to coordinate its activities with those being conducted in the legal area by international organizations at the regional and global levels, particularly regional and subregional integration organizations, the United Nations, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT).



4. To recommend to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that it consider the legal issues relating to integration that are specified in the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council and in its Annual Report, as well as the provisions of resolution CP/RES. 559 (851/91), in connection with the topic "Legal impediments that would have to be removed for more effective integration in the American Hemisphere."

5. To instruct the Permanent Council to study, in coordination with the Inter-American Drug Abuse Commission (CICAD), the draft Inter-American Convention on Execution of Preventive Measures and Sentences in Criminal Proceedings for Illegal Traffic in Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances, bearing in mind for that purpose the 1988 Vienna Convention as well as the status of execution of the mandates contained in resolution AG/RES. 1046 (XX-O/90) "Renewal of the Mandates to the Permanent Council concerning the War on Drugs" and AG/RES. 1045 (XX-O/90) "Declaration and Program of Action of Ixtapa," and to present its study, when concluded, to the General Assembly.

6. To recommend to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that, in organizing its work, it give priority to the matters entrusted to it by the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, or the Councils of the Organization, and that, once it has addressed those matters, it take up the study of the topics on its working agenda on its own initiative.

7. To recommend to the General Secretariat that it provide the Inter-American Juridical Committee with all of the cooperation it needs in order to better perform its functions, particularly through the Secretariat for Legal Affairs.

8. To recommend to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that, when putting together the program for the Nineteenth Course on International Law, it consider including the following topics: environmental law; review and implementation of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative; legal issues relating to integration, such as international commercial arbitration, insurance, international transport; the right to information; legal issues in connection with drug trafficking; and studies comparing the common law system and the civil law system.

9. To urge the Inter-American Juridical Committee to continue its consideration of the topic on "Improving the Administration of Justice in the Americas."

10. To express its appreciation to the Inter-American Juridical Committee for the work accomplished during the period covered by this report, and to urge it to continue its important business, taking into account the observations and recommendations issued by the Permanent Council.



AG/RES. 1130 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS, 1990

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (CP/doc.2146/91) as well as the Permanent Council's observations and recommendations on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (AG/doc.2682/91), and the presentation of that report by the Court's President; and

CONSIDERING:

That according to Article 53.f of the Charter of the Organization of American States the General Assembly has the power to consider, *inter alia*, the observations and recommendations presented by the Permanent Council with regard to the reports of the organs and entities of the Organization, in accordance with Article 90.f of the Charter;

That Article 65 of the American Convention on Human Rights provides that the Court shall submit a report on its work during the previous year for consideration by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States; and

That the Inter-American Court of Human Rights has presented its Annual Report to the Permanent Council, which has forwarded its observations and recommendations thereon to the General Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
2. To welcome the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council of the Organization on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and to transmit them to that Court.
3. To urge the member states of the OAS that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the American Convention on Human Rights "Pact of San José, Costa Rica," and to recognize the binding jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in accordance with Article 62.2 of that Convention.



4. To again urge the States Parties to the American Convention on Human Rights to ratify or accede to the other inter-American instruments in the area of human rights.

5. To give the Court the financial and functional support it needs to perform the high functions assigned to it in the American Convention on Human Rights and to comply with the purposes to that effect established in its Statutes.

6. To express its recognition to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights for the work done in the period covered by this report, and to urge it to continue to perform its important functions.



AG/RES. 1131 (XXI-O/91)

RESTRUCTURING OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution AG/RES. 1065 (XX-O/90) on the restructuring of the General Secretariat; and

The report of the Permanent Council on this matter (AG/doc.2704/91),  
and

CONSIDERING:

That it is necessary to devise for the General Secretariat a new structure in keeping with actual financial conditions and conducive to its effective performance of the activities adopted by the Organization; and

That to date sufficient information on the General Secretariat's restructuring plan is not yet available,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat to present to the Permanent Council additional information on the plan on restructuring of the General Secretariat.

2. To request the Permanent Council to continue the study on the restructuring of the General Secretariat and present a report to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session.



AG/RES. 1132 (XXI-O/91)

TERMINATION OF THE MANDATE ON THE REVIEW OF THE PROVISIONS  
GOVERNING THE CONTRACTUAL RELATIONSHIP OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT STAFF

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The report of the Permanent Council on the review of the provisions governing the contractual relationship of the General Secretariat staff (AG/doc.2701/91); and

Resolution AG/RES. 1069 (XX-O/90) on this matter, adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth regular session; and

CONSIDERING that no further action on this matter is warranted, in light of the decisions taken by the General Assembly at its twenty-first regular session on budgetary, personnel, and other administrative matters, in approving the program-budget of the Organization for the 1992-93 biennium,

RESOLVES:

To terminate the mandate contained in resolution AG/RES. 1069 (XX-O/90) on the review of the provisions governing the contractual relationship of the General Secretariat staff.



AG/RES. 1133 (XXI-O/91)

PERSONNEL COSTS

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on personnel costs (AG/doc.2703/91); and

CONSIDERING that, in resolution AG/RES. 1067 (XX-O/90), it instructed the Permanent Council to continue its study of personnel costs in order to ensure that those costs under object of expenditure 1 of the Regular Fund would not exceed 50% of the Regular Fund's total budget,

RESOLVES:

1. To direct that, in the program-budget for the 1992-93 biennium, personnel costs be held to less than 50% of the Regular Fund's total budget, pursuant to operative paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 561 (XI-O/81).

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue to monitor personnel costs under object of expenditure 1 of the Regular Fund to ensure that they not exceed 50% of the Regular Fund's total budget.

3. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue its study of personnel costs and report thereon to the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly.



AG/RES. 1134 (XXI-O/91)

EVALUATION AND REORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICES OF THE  
GENERAL SECRETARIAT IN THE MEMBER STATES

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the evaluation and reorganization of the offices of the General Secretariat in the member states (AG/doc.2705/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That, by resolution AG/RES. 1068 (XX-O/90), it took note of and endorsed resolution CP/RES. 542 (818/90), adopted by the Permanent Council, and directed the General Secretariat to continue and further the evaluation of the offices of the General Secretariat in the member states and submit its conclusions to the Permanent Council by December 31, 1990 at the latest, in order to give the Council sufficient time to consider them during the process of examination and approval of the program-budget of the Organization for the 1992-93 biennium, and to report to the General Assembly on the matter;

That, in performance of this task, the General Secretariat submitted the document "Report on the Offices of the General Secretariat of the OAS in the Member States" (CP/doc.2136/91); and

That the Permanent Council considered it necessary to look further into the subject and, therefore, deemed it appropriate to conduct a more detailed examination of the documentation provided by the General Secretariat on the matter,

RESOLVES:

1. To extend the mandate given to the Permanent Council concerning the evaluation and reorganization of the offices of the General Secretariat in the member states to the twenty-second regular session.

2. To instruct the General Secretariat to study this matter further and develop the related documentation, in order that a decision on the subject may be adopted at the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly.



AG/RES. 1135 (XXI-O/91)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Administrative Tribunal (AG/doc.2685/91); and

The decision of the Permanent Council concerning the revision of the Statute of the OAS Administrative Tribunal (CP/SA.810/90), and

CONSIDERING that the Administrative Tribunal is responsible for carrying out important jurisdictional functions,

RESOLVES:

1. To note and transmit to the Administrative Tribunal the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on its Annual Report.

2. To thank the members of the Administrative Tribunal for the important services they rendered during the thirty-third and thirty-fourth regular sessions of that body.

3. To mandate that any amendments which, in the opinion of the Administrative Tribunal, might need to be made to its Statute should be justified and described in detail as to reasoning, appropriateness, nature, and legal basis in its next annual report. Proposed amendments to the Statute must be submitted for prior approval by the General Assembly before taking effect.



AG/RES. 1136 (XXI-O/91)

FULFILLMENT OF THE MANDATE RELATING TO THE PROPOSAL  
OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON THE COST-OF-LIVING ADJUSTMENT  
FOR THE STAFF OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT FOR 1991

(Resolutionn adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING that by means of resolution AG/RES. 1070 (XX-O/90), it instructed the Permanent Council to study, prior to December 31, 1990, the Secretary General's proposal set forth in document AG/doc.2598/90, and to adopt the corresponding decision to take effect as of January 1, 1991, and further requested it to submit a report on fulfillment of this mandate at its twenty-first regular session; and

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the proposal of the Secretary General on the cost-of-living adjustment for the staff of the General Secretariat for 1991 (AG/doc.2687/91), transmitting resolution CP/RES. 553 (840/90), adopted by that Council in fulfillment of the mandate,

RESOLVES:

To take note that the Permanent Council has fulfilled the mandate set forth in resolution AG/RES. 1070 (XX-O/90), concerning the proposal of the Secretary General on the cost-of-living adjustment for the staff of the General Secretariat for 1991.



AG/RES. 1137 (XXI-O/91)

PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION 1992-93 BIENNIUM,  
1992 QUOTAS AND PLEDGES TO THE VOLUNTARY FUNDS

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The proposed program-budget of the Organization for the 1992-93 biennium submitted by the Secretary General;

The Agreement of CEP/CIECC (CEP/CIECC/doc.1151/91) on the Program-Budget for the CIECC area for the 1992-93 biennium;

Resolution CIES/RES. 447 (XXV-O/91) on the Program-Budget for the CIES area for the 1992-93 biennium; and

The working document received by the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee from the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters on the proposed program-budget of the Organization for 1992-93 (AG/doc.2721/91); and

CONSIDERING that, thus far, the following pledges have been received to finance the corresponding portions of the 1992-93 program-budget: Special Development Assistance Fund (SDAF), US\$380,500 in the CIES area; the Special Multilateral Fund of CIECC (FEM/CIECC), US\$110,600, the Special Account for Culture, US\$16,900, and the Mar del Plata Account, US\$35,100, in the CIECC area,

RESOLVES:

I. BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

1. To approve and authorize--with the changes and observations made by the Fourth Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters, the Program-Budget of the Organization for the fiscal period starting January 1, through December 31, 1992, financed by the following funds at the corresponding levels: (a) Regular Fund, US\$65,398,200; (b) Special Development Assistance Fund (SDAF), US\$12,000,000; (c) Special Multilateral Fund of CIECC (FEM/CIECC), US\$9,940,000; (d) Special Account for Culture, US\$912,000 and (e) Mar del Plata Account, US\$3,160,000 for a total appropriation of US\$91,410,200 as shown in Table A, and, provisionally, the



levels for the 1993 Program-Budget in accordance with the mechanisms described below.

2. To approve the specific levels of appropriation by chapter, program and subprogram with the recommendations, instructions or mandates detailed below in each case:

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>
	(US\$1,000)	
CHAPTER I - GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER ORGANS	<u>9,365.1</u>	<u>9,541.9</u>
1. <u>General Assembly</u> (twenty-second and twenty-third regular sessions)	308.1	321.6
2. <u>Administrative Tribunal</u>	48.0	49.0
3. <u>Board of External Auditors</u>	134.8	134.8
4. <u>Permanent Council</u>	335.2	349.6
5. <u>Protocol Office</u>	390.2	398.8
6. <u>Secretariat to the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation, the Permanent Council and Conferences</u>	3,573.9	3,656.8
7. <u>Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD)</u>	1,465.9	1,482.1
8. <u>CIES</u>	50.8	50.8
9. <u>CEPCIES</u>	104.1	104.1
10. <u>CIECC</u>	49.7	49.7
11. <u>CEPCIECC</u>	51.9	51.9
12. <u>Meeting of CIE, CICYT and CIDECC</u>	57.5	57.5
13. <u>Inter-American Commission on Human Rights</u>	1,464.6	1,484.1
14. <u>Inter-American Juridical Committee</u>	466.7	482.4
15. <u>Inter-American Court of Human Rights</u>	424.0	429.0
16. <u>Retirement and Pension Committee</u>	439.7	439.7



	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>
	(US\$1,000)	
CHAPTER 2 - SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS AND ENTITIES	<u>4,439.8</u>	<u>4,470.3</u>
1. <u>Inter-American Defense Board</u>	2,335.7	2,218.9
2. <u>Inter-American Children's Institute</u>	1,128.8	1,203.5
3. <u>Inter-American Commission of Women</u>	680.1	744.5
4. <u>Pan American Development Foundation</u>	200.5	208.7
5. <u>Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission</u> (No appropriation)	0.0	0.0
6. <u>Simón Bolívar Inter-American Library</u> (Now included in Chapter 5)		
7. <u>Inter-American Music Council (CIDEM)</u>	94.7	94.7
CHAPTER 3 - EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT	<u>5,951.1</u>	<u>6,050.0</u>
1. <u>Office of the Secretary General</u>	909.0	934.9
2. <u>Office of the Assistant Secretary General</u>	739.6	757.3
3. <u>Public Information and Américas Magazine</u>	1,728.5	1,745.9
4. <u>Office of the Inspector General</u>	229.2	233.8
5. <u>Museum of Art of the Américas</u>	366.2	371.7
6. <u>Columbus Memorial Library</u>	780.9	796.2
7. <u>Unit for the Promotion of Democracy</u>	734.4	745.1

The US\$250,000 appropriated for the work program of the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy of the General Secretariat shall be subject to approval by the Permanent Council. Based on the experience in



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(US\$1,000)

1991, the Permanent Council shall recommend to the 1992 General Assembly any necessary revision in the budget for this Unit.

The Secretary General is authorized to establish a specific fund or funds to which voluntary contributions may be made for reinforcing activities related to the subprogram.

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| 8. <u>Coordination of the General Secretariat's Activities to Commemorate the Quincennial of the Discovery of America: Encounter of Two Worlds</u> | 363.3 | 365.1 |
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The additional US\$150,000 approved for this subprogram for each year of the biennium are contingent upon approval by the Permanent Council of the OAS activities at the 1992 Exposition in Seville.

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| 9. <u>FONDEM</u> (no appropriation)  | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| 10. <u>Support in connection with new mandates or political developments</u> | 100.0 | 100.0 |

US\$100,000 is approved for each year, and the program may receive up to US\$150,000 more for each year of the appropriations not used during the 1990-91 biennium.

CHAPTER 4 - EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS <sup>a/</sup>	19,699.7	19,792.9
Regular Fund	7,699.7	7,792.9
SDAF	12,000.0	12,000.0

a. The approved appropriations for this chapter may be used only for the technical cooperation activities.



<u>Programming</u>	<u>1992</u> <u>1993</u>		<u>1992</u> <u>1993</u>	
			(US\$1,000)	
SDAF	10,435.2	10,435.2		
15% contributions for technical super- vision and adminis- trative support	1,564.8	1,564.8		
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Total	12,000.0	12,000.0		
1. <u>Human Resources for National and Multinational Projects</u>			<u>2,177.9</u>	<u>2,220.7</u>
Regular Fund			2,177.9	2,220.7
2. <u>National Technical Cooperation Programs</u>			<u>8,700.0</u>	<u>8,585.8</u>
Regular Fund			400.0	400.0
SDAF			8,300.0	8,185.8
3. <u>Plurinational Projects</u>			<u>1,583.3</u>	<u>1,626.7</u>
Regular Fund			801.2	801.2
SDAF			782.1	825.5
4. <u>Inter-American Centers</u>			<u>2,350.8</u>	<u>2,400.5</u>
Regular Fund			1,169.6	1,178.0
SDAF			1,181.2	1,222.5
5. <u>Specialized Conferences and CECON</u>			<u>650.0</u>	<u>650.0</u>
Regular Fund			650.0	650.0
6. <u>Regional Support Projects</u>			<u>1,124.7</u>	<u>1,137.7</u>
Regular Fund			1,050.9	1,062.0
The sum of US\$300,000 appropriated to this subprogram must be applied to spe- cific projects approved by the Permanent Council in connection with the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and the Protection of the Environment				
SDAF			73.8	75.7



	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>
	(US\$1,000)	
7. <u>Direction and Supervision</u>	<u>764.1</u>	<u>781.0</u>
Regular Fund	764.1	781.0
8. <u>Executive Secretariat</u>	<u>686.0</u>	<u>700.0</u>
Regular Fund	686.0	700.0
9. <u>Support Resources</u>	<u>98.1</u>	<u>125.7</u>
SDAF	98.1	125.7
CHAPTER 5 - EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE, and CULTURE <sup>a/</sup>	<u>26,558.5</u>	<u>28,039.5</u>
<u>Regular Fund</u>	<u>12,546.5</u>	<u>13,116.5</u>
<u>Voluntary Funds</u>	<u>14,012.0</u>	<u>14,923.0</u>
FEMCIECC	9,940.0	10,586.0
CEC	912.0	972.0
CMP	3,160.0	3,365.0
<u>Programming</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>
FEMCIECC	8,643.6	9,205.4
CEC	793.0	845.3
CMP	2,763.7	2,942.9
<u>15% contributions for technical super- vision and adminis- trative support</u>		
FEMCIECC	1,296.4	1,380.6
CEC	119.0	126.7
CMP	396.3	422.1
Total	14,012.0	14,923.0

a. The approved appropriations for this chapter may be used only for the technical cooperation activities.



	1992	1993
	(US\$1,000)	
1. <u>Executive Secretariat</u>	<u>2,659.4</u>	<u>2,814.9</u>
Regular Fund	385.3	394.4
FEMCIECC	1,612.0	1,714.7
CEC	132.7	141.8
CMP	529.4	564.0
2. <u>Regional Educational Development Program</u>	<u>6,439.5</u>	<u>6,810.4</u>
Regular Fund	1,106.3	1,130.9
FEMCIECC	4,164.9	4,435.3
CMP	1,168.3	1,244.2
3. <u>Regional Scientific and Technological Development Program</u>	<u>7,174.3</u>	<u>7,570.9</u>
Regular Fund	1,548.9	1,578.1
FEMCIECC	4,163.1	4,436.0
CPM	1,462.3	1,556.8
<p>The amount of US\$150,000 is approved for 1992 for the Scientific Information Network, and US\$150,000, for the Forum for Exchanges of Scientific and Tecnological Knowledge to take place in 1992. For 1993, US\$150,000 is assigned for the Scientific Information Network and US\$150,000 for the Forum of Exchanges of Scientific and Technological Knowledge, to be decided by the Forum at its 1992 meeting.</p>		
4. <u>Regional Cultural Development Program</u>	<u>3,416.6</u>	<u>3,580.1</u>
Regular Fund	2,637.3	2,749.9
CEC	779.3	830.2

The proposal to establish an inter-American library network with the operating center at the Simón Bolívar Library of the University of Panama is approved. This proposal complies with the mandate in paragraph 8.i of AG/RES. 954 (XVIII-O/88) requesting a review of the



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agreement between the Republic of Panama and the General Secretariat, and meets the criteria of an inter-American activity. The annual amount of US\$50,000 previously made available in Chapter 2, and now in Chapter 5, is to be used for this purpose. The Secretary General shall recommend to the General Assembly at its next regular session a revised budget based on the experience in establishing this network in 1991 with previously appropriated resources.

5. <u>Regional Fellowships and Training Program</u>	<u>6,868.7</u>	<u>7,263.2</u>
Regular Fund	6,868.7	7,263.2

CHAPTER 6 - OFFICES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT IN THE MEMBER STATES	<u>6,392.6</u>	<u>6,505.5</u>
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1. <u>Offices of the General Secretariat in the Member States</u>	<u>6,392.6</u>	<u>6,505.5</u>
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The limit on persons to staff the Offices of the General Secretariat in the member states of 127 as fixed in AG/RES. 954 is maintained. In order to accommodate the establishment and operations of any additional offices of the General Secretariat in the member states, AG/RES. 954 is modified to provide that Category 1-Offices may have up to 3 persons; Categories 2 and 3-Offices may have up to 4 persons, and Category 4-Offices up to 6 persons.

It is understood that the installation and operating costs of the Belize and Guyana offices are included in the total amount approved for this chapter.



	1992	1993
	(US\$1,000)	
CHAPTER 7 - SECRETARIAT FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS	<u>1,465.8</u>	<u>1,496.8</u>
1. <u>Office of the Assistant Secretary</u>	672.7	686.3
2. <u>Development and Codification of International Law</u>	276.1	282.1
3. <u>General Legal Services</u>	393.7	402.4
4. <u>Inter-American Cooperation Program for Legal Development</u> (No appropriation)	0.0	0.0
<p>It is recommended that the work related to Regional Legal Development be financed out of resources appropriated for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs and for the Office for the Development and Codification of International Law. It is also recommended to the Secretary General that, to the extent possible and within the legal installed capacity, he assign the human resources necessary to carry out the activities related to this subprogram.</p>		
5. <u>Legal Publications and Informatics</u> (No appropriation)	0.0	0.0
6. <u>Office of the Secretary of the Administrative Tribunal</u>	<u>123.3</u>	<u>126.0</u>
CHAPTER 8 - SECRETARIAT FOR MANAGEMENT	<u>7,681.4</u>	<u>7,866.2</u>
1. <u>Office of the Assistant Secretary</u>	205.1	208.5
2. <u>Department of Financial Services</u>	1,638.2	1,670.5
3. <u>Department of Program-Budget</u>	1,015.1	1,035.8
4. <u>Department of Material Resources</u>	2,066.3	2,108.8
5. <u>Department of Human Resources</u>	1,096.0	1,117.9
6. <u>Office of Management Systems</u>	1,118.5	1,145.5
7. <u>Seed Fund</u>	542.2	579.2



	1992	1993
	(US\$1,000)	
CHAPTER 9 - COMMON SERVICES	9,856.2	11,116.2
1. <u>Representation Expenses</u>	40.0	40.0
2. <u>Equipment and Supplies</u>	577.0	737.0
3. <u>Building Management and Maintenance</u>	5,783.0	5,783.0
a. The recommendation of the Secretary General to renovate the space in the building previously occupied by the Columbus Memorial Library, is approved. Of the US\$250,000 recommended for the preparation of the plans and architectural drawings, up to US\$25,000 of these funds may be used by the General Secretariat to identify and prepare a report on the basic needs of the member states related to the use of spaces in all the buildings of the Organization and also prepare the proposed overall plans which are to be submitted to the Permanent Council for its consideration and approval. Once this approval is granted, the Secretary General may then proceed with the necessary architectural drawings and plans, using the remaining funds as the basis for the definitive proposal to the General Assembly for a budgetary allocation for 1993 to commence actual renovation work.		
b. The invitations to bid for the tiles for the roof of the Main Building shall be distributed to the member states 60 days before the bidding takes place.		
4. <u>Insurance</u>	240.1	253.3
5. <u>Recruitment and Transfers</u>	264.2	264.2
6. <u>Terminations and Repatriations</u>	1,043.6	1,043.6
7. <u>Home Leave</u>	263.2	263.2



	1992	1993
	(US\$1,000)	
8. <u>Education and Language Allowance, Medical Examinations</u>	50.2	53.0
9. <u>Pensions for Retired Executives and Health and Life Insurance for Retired Employees</u>	1,416.6	1,580.6
10. <u>Human Resource Development</u>	163.0	169.4
11. <u>Contribution to the Staff Association</u>	15.3	15.3
12. <u>Incorporation of Cost-of-Living Adjustment into the Basic Salary and Study of Cost of Living</u>		913.6

Instruct the Permanent Council to study the whole question of the system for determining the cost-of-living adjustment for the staff of the General Secretariat and to present its recommendations to the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly. That study should take into consideration the difficulties with the application of the "comparator" as well as the interest of the staff in achieving parity with the United Nations, recognizing the true economic situation through which the member states are passing and all the other related matters.

The Permanent Council is also instructed to incorporate, subject to approval by the General Assembly, the 12.2% nonpensionable cost-of-living adjustment already granted, into the basic salary, as of January 1, 1993, and inform the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly.

## II. FINANCING OF THE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

1. To set the quotas with which the governments of the member states will finance the first year, 1992, of the part of the 1992-93 program-budget of the Organization corresponding to the Regular Fund, in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 1073 (XX-O/90), and the decision of January 19, 1955 (doc. C-i-269) on income tax reimbursements, using the scale and amounts shown in Table C.



2. To finance the 1992 appropriations of the Regular Fund partially with estimated interest income, rental income from the General Secretariat Building (net of the amount required to pay the interest on the second mortgage), and the administrative and technical support contribution from the voluntary funds as set forth in section B, Table A.

3. To authorize funding of the portion of the voluntary funds for 1992 of the Program-Budget of the Organization as follows:

	<u>SDAF</u>	<u>FEMCIECC</u>	<u>CEC</u>	<u>CMP</u>
Voluntary contributions <sup>a/</sup>	12,000.00	9,940.0	912.0	3,160.0

a. Figures suggested by the General Secretariat in accordance with AG/RES. 321 (V-E/77). Thus far, not all member states have pledged their contributions.

### III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

#### A. BUDGETARY

##### 1. Personnel

The overall limitation on staff members of the General Secretariat funded by the Regular Fund is to be maintained at 725. Second, the total cost of staff in Object 1 of expenditure in the budget may not exceed 50% of the Regular Fund budget. To facilitate the adjustments required, Article 18.c of the General Standards stipulating competition for positions shall be suspended until December 31, 1993.

##### 2. Transfers between Chapters, Regular Fund

To authorize the Secretary General to transfer funds between the chapters of the Program-Budget, up to a maximum of 5 percent of the total allocated to the chapter from which the funds are taken or from the chapter that receives them, provided this does not mean elimination or substantial alteration of any approved program.

The Secretary General shall inform the Permanent Council annually of transfers made in accordance with this provision, and shall give appropriate justification.



3. Execution of the budget of the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization

To remind the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization to schedule their meetings for the biennium 1992-93 in strict observance of the corresponding budgetary levels, reducing in each instance, if necessary, the number and length of such meetings by 25%, even when there are regulatory provisions to the contrary.

4. Fellowships

To instruct the General Secretariat not to transfer the amounts approved for fellowships or to obligate them against any other object of expenditure.

5. Amendment to the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat

The second sentence of Article 85 of the General Standards is amended to read as follows:

"The purpose of this Fund is to finance the regular secretariat and general support services provided by the Secretariat; technical supervision and administrative support to the programs; and programs of integral development of a multilateral nature as provided for in Article 31 of the Charter and as specifically identified in the approved program-budget."

6. Travel

The General Assembly instructs the General Secretariat and recommends to the other organs, agencies, and entities that they apply measures to rationalize and reduce travel expenses and in this connection to establish such procedures as will ensure that any frequent-flyer benefits become available to the Organization.

7. Utilization of appropriations not obligated as of December 31, 1991 (CIECC area)

- a. To authorize extension of the deadline for spending funds obligated through December 31, 1991 in the 1988-89 biennium, for the Mar del Plata Account, and in the 1990-91 biennium, for FEMCIECC, the Mar del Plata Account, and the Special Account for Culture until June 30, 1992, for those projects likely to be executed by that date.



- b. To authorize the appropriation of funds not obligated from FEMCIECC, the Mar del Plata Account, and the Special Account for Culture from biennia 1988-89 and 1990-91 for use in the new programming of biennium 1992-93, after discounting 10 percent earmarked for the reserve subfunds of those accounts and to delegate their programming to CEPCIECC once that Committee establishes the appropriate mechanisms for their use.
- 8. Use of appropriations not obligated as of December 31, 1991 (CIES area)
  - a. To authorize the appropriation of the SDAF resources for the 1988-89 and 1990-91 biennia that have not been obligated, retaining their previous allocations approved by CEPCIES, to complete and strengthen the execution of technical cooperation projects programmed for the 1992-93 biennium.
  - b. To authorize the appropriation of US\$125,000 for each year of the 1992-93 biennium to strengthen horizontal cooperation between the member states, to which reference is made in resolution CIES/RES. 447 (XXV-O/90); 50% of said resources should come from the Regular Fund and the other 50% from SDAF.
- 9. Inter-American Centers in Chapters 4 and 5

The Secretary General shall appoint a group of experts according to an equitable geographical distribution from among those proposed by the member states, to review, with the collaboration of CEPCIES and CEPCIECC, the activities of inter-American centers and their associated plurinational projects, to determine whether these activities are inter-American in character as required by paragraph 7.b of AG/RES. 954 (XVIII-O/88) and are fully supportive of the provisions of the Declaration of Asunción [AG/RES. 1054 (XX-O/90)] and the Santiago Commitment with respect to the priority concerns of the member states. This review should also give special attention to:

- a. the requirement that funding from the Organization for advisory professional staff and participants be limited to persons not nationals of the host country,
- b. coordination of research, study, and activities at the headquarters of the Organization with those of the centers and projects to ensure that they are mutually supportive and that there is no duplication,
- c. similar research and study activities at universities and training centers of the member states to ensure that the



Organization is not continuing or undertaking duplicate activities and that its activities are supportive of and integrated with such activities, and

- d. whether the centers and projects could be merged in some cases for more efficient delivery of direct services at lower cost.

The report shall be submitted to the Preparatory Committee at least ninety (90) days before the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly so that it may be reviewed and recommendations thereon prepared by the Preparatory Committee.

10. Direction and Supervision of Technical Cooperation

To reiterate the guideline established in operative paragraph 7.c of resolution AG/RES. 954 (XVIII-O/88) that no more than 25% of the amount for technical cooperation projects executed in the previous biennium shall be allocated for the management, direction, administration, and supervision of projects and programs and to request the Secretary General to review the levels of execution of technical cooperation programs in Chapters 4 and 5 to ensure compliance with this guideline.

B. FINANCIAL

1. Payment of quotas and contributions

- a. To remind the governments of the member states that Article 77 of the General Standards provides that "annual assessments shall be considered due on the first day of each year of the corresponding fiscal period. Voluntary contributions shall be considered as payable according to the terms under which they are pledged".
- b. To remind the governments of the member states that Permanent Council resolution CP/RES. 541 (816/90) provides that member states which do not make their quota contributions in accordance with Article 77 of the General Standards, must, during the first quarter of the year, work out a payment schedule for their annual assessments with the Secretary General.
- c. To instruct CEPCHIES and CEPCHIECC to study the impact of non contribution by member states to the voluntary funds on delivery of technical assistance through plurinational projects or inter-American centers.



2. Financing of Américas Magazine in 1992-93

- a. To authorize the use of all proceeds from the sale of the magazine in 1992-93 to finance, to the extent possible, its operating costs.
- b. To instruct the General Secretariat to submit an annual report to the Permanent Council on the use of this income.

C. OTHERS

1. SDAF appropriations for 1992

To instruct CEPCIES to adjust, as soon as possible, appropriations to the level of available financing.

2. Appropriations to CIECC voluntary funds

To instruct CEPCIECC to adjust, as soon as possible, appropriations to the level of available financing, in accordance with the criteria established in resolution AG/RES. 457 (IX-O/79).



TABLE A

PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE 1992-93 BIENNIUM,  
 QUOTAS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VOLUNTARY FUNDS, 1992  
 (US\$1,000)

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>REGULAR FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL VOLUNTARY FUNDS</u>	<u>SDAF</u>	<u>FEMCIECC</u>	<u>CEC</u>	<u>CMP</u>
A. BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS							
1. General Assembly and other Organs	9,365.1	9,365.1					
2. Specialized Organizations and Entities	4,439.8	4,439.8					
3. Executive Offices of the General Secretariat	5,951.1	5,951.1					
4. Executive Secretariat for Economic and Social Affairs	18,134.9	7,699.7	10,435.2	10,435.2			
5. Executive Secretariat for Education, Science, and Culture	24,746.8	12,546.5	12,200.3	8,643.6	793.0	2,763.7	
6. Offices of the General Secretariat in the member states	6,392.6	6,392.6					
7. Secretariat for Legal Affairs	1,465.8	1,465.8					
8. Secretariat for Management	7,681.4	7,681.4					
9. Common Services	9,856.2	9,856.2					
<u>Total Appropriations for programs</u>	88,033.7	65,398.2	22,635.5	10,435.2	8,643.6	793.0	2,763.7
15% contribution for technical direction and administrative support	3,376.5		3,376.5	1,564.8	1,296.4	119.0	396.3
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	91,410.2	65,398.2	26,012.0	12,000.0	9,940.0	912.0	3,160.0



TABLE A (continued)

PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF THE 1992-93 BIENNium,  
 QUOTAS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VOLUNTARY FUNDS, 1992  
 (US\$1,000)

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL REGULAR FUND</u>	<u>VOLUNTARY FUNDS</u>	<u>SDAF</u>	<u>FEMCIECC</u>	<u>CEC</u>	<u>CMP</u>
B. FINANCING OF THE APPROPRIATIONS							
1. <u>Regular Fund</u>							
a) Quotas	61,668.2	61,668.2					
b) 15% contribution for supervision and administrative support - Contribution voluntary funds	1,500.0	1,500.0					
c) Interest income and Rent Income	2,230.0	2,230.0					
2. <u>Voluntary Funds</u>							
a) Pledges received	543.1		543.1	380.5	110.6	16.9	35.1
b) Pledges pending	25,468.9		25,468.9	11,619.5	9,829.4	895.1	3,124.9
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TOTAL	91,410.2	65,398.2	26,012.0	12,000.0	9,940.0	912.0	3,160.0
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TABLE B

PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE 1992-93 BIENNium,  
 QUOTAS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VOLUNTARY FUNDS, 1993  
 (US\$1,000)

	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>TOTAL REGULAR FUND</u>	<u>VOLUNTARY FUNDS</u>	<u>SDAF</u>	<u>FEMCIECC</u>	<u>CEC</u>	<u>CMP</u>
A. BUDGETARY APPROPRIATIONS							
1. General Assembly and other Organs	9,541.9	9,541.9					
2. Specialized Organizations and Entities	4,470.3	4,470.3					
3. Executive Offices of the General Secretariat	6,050.0	6,050.0					
4. Executive Secretariat for Economic and Social Affairs	18,228.1	7,792.9	10,435.2	10,435.2			
5. Executive Secretariat for Education, Science, and Culture	26,110.1	13,116.5	12,993.6		9,205.4	845.3	2,942.9
6. Offices of the General Secretariat in the member states	6,505.5	6,505.5					
7. Secretariat for Legal Affairs	1,496.8	1,496.8					
8. Secretariat for Management	7,866.2	7,866.2					
9. Common Services	11,116.2	11,116.2					
<u>Total Appropriations for programs</u>	91,385.1	67,956.3	23,428.8	10,435.2	9,205.4	845.3	2,942.9
15% contribution for technical direction and administrative support	3,494.2		3,494.2	1,564.8	1,380.6	126.7	422.1
<b>TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS</b>	<b>94,879.3</b> =====	<b>67,956.3</b> =====	<b>26,923.0</b> =====	<b>12,000.0</b> =====	<b>10,586.0</b> =====	<b>972.0</b> =====	<b>3,365.0</b> =====



TABLE C  
REGULAR FUND  
1992 QUOTA ASSESSMENTS  
(US\$1,000)

MEMBER STATE	PERCENTAGE	QUOTAS FOR THE YEAR			TOTAL
		BUDGET	INCOME TAX REIMBURSEMENT	CREDIT <sup>a/</sup>	
ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA	0.02	12.5			12.5
ARGENTINA	5.02	3,135.6			3,135.6
BAHAMAS	0.07	43.7			43.7
BARBADOS	0.08	50.0	1.8 <sup>c/</sup>		51.8
BELIZE	0.03	18.7			18.7
BOLIVIA	0.07	43.7			43.7
BRAZIL	8.76	5,471.6			5,471.6
CANADA	10.24	6,396.1		(110.0)	6,286.1
CHILE	0.55	343.5		(6.8)	336.7
COLOMBIA	0.96	599.6		(11.9)	587.7
COSTA RICA	0.13	81.2			81.2
DOMINICA, COMMONWEALTH OF	0.02	12.5		(0.2)	12.3
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	0.18	112.4			112.4
ECUADOR	0.18	112.4			112.4
EL SALVADOR	0.07	43.7			43.7
GRENADA	0.03	18.7			18.7
GUATEMALA	0.13	81.2			81.2
GUYANA	0.02	12.5			12.5
HAITI	0.07	43.7			43.7
HONDURAS	0.07	43.7			43.7
JAMAICA	0.18	112.4			112.4
MEXICO	6.23	3,891.3	12.2 <sup>c/</sup>		3,903.5
NICARAGUA	0.07	43.7			43.7
PANAMA	0.13	81.2			81.2
PARAGUAY	0.18	112.4			112.4
PERU	0.42	262.3			262.3
ST. KITTS AND NEVIS	0.01	6.2		(0.1)	6.1
SAINT LUCIA	0.03	18.7		(0.4)	18.3
ST. VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES	0.02	12.5			12.5
SURINAME	0.07	43.7			43.7
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO	0.18	112.4			112.4
UNITED STATES	60.96	38,077.1	4,000.0 <sup>d/</sup>		42,077.1
URUGUAY	0.27	168.6			168.6
VENEZUELA	3.28	2,048.7	10.8 <sup>c/</sup>		2,059.5
Subtotal	98.73	61,668.2	4,024.8	(129.4)	65,563.6
CUBA	1.27 <sup>b/</sup>	793.3			793.3
TOTAL	100.00	62,461.5	4,024.8	(129.4)	66,356.9

- a. 2% of 1991 quota for full payment by April 30, 1991.  
b. Shown only to establish the percentage corresponding to each member state.  
c. Amount paid to the member state via payment of income taxes by staff members subject to such taxes.  
d. This amount will be reimbursed to the member state via payment of income taxes by the staff members subject to those taxes.



AG/RES. 1138 (XXI-O/91)

STRENGTHENING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN  
TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND:

The continuing and increasing role played by telecommunications as an essential factor in all of the international cooperation activities planned and executed within and for the community of member states of the Organization of American States (OAS);

The need for this role to be carried out through a telecommunications infrastructure in the region that is capable of meeting the demand generated by regional socioeconomic development and integration;

The clear need for that infrastructure to be set in place so as to meet the demand, in which effort CITEL has a significant role to play;

The inference to be drawn from the information set forth in resolution CIES/RES. 437 (XXV-O/91), that CITEL, as a Specialized Conference (Chapter XVII of the OAS Charter), has constraints on its operating capacity and ability to carry out the specific functions given to it by the Organization itself in Article 3 of its Organization Plan;

That the convocation of the Sixth Inter-American Telecommunications Conference, scheduled to be held in Santiago, Chile, on September 23-27, 1991, presents a timely and appropriate opportunity for analysis of and decisions on this matter; and

The responsibility of the General Assembly, as the supreme organ of the Organization, for coordinating and orienting the work of the various organs of the OAS, and



CONSIDERING:

That CITEL plays an important role as the Conference responsible for promoting and encouraging activities that contribute to creating conditions conducive to efficient telecommunications that will facilitate the work of the organs responsible for promoting the economic and social development and integration of the Americas and the Caribbean;

That the rapid development of new technologies and the pressure of users for the application of those technologies in the services available to them, have an impact on the efficiency of telecommunications in the region;

That it is necessary to coordinate the development of telecommunications in the region by means of a Specialized Conference with an adequate operational capacity;

That the existence of certain constraints that could impair CITEL's operating capacity necessitates an ongoing process of evaluation to take better advantage of available resources and of the potential for international cooperation;

That resolutions CIES/RES. 437 (XXV-O/91) and COM/CITEL 139 (XXII-91), the report of the Permanent Executive Committee, and the agenda of the VI CITEL all give full background information on this matter and indicate that a good evaluation process is under way;

That major decisions in this evaluation process should be taken at the VI CITEL, particularly if it is attended by the ministers responsible for telecommunications in the region, and

That each time the General Assembly has been called on to participate in these matters, it has demonstrated its interest in having a good inter-American telecommunications system in the region, as evidenced by resolutions AG/RES. 719 (XIV-O/84) and AG/RES. 854 (XVII-O/87),

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse resolution CIES/RES. 437 (XXV-O/91) of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES), and to indicate its interest in the evaluation and strengthening of CITEL being carried out by COM/CITEL.

2. To recommend to the Sixth Inter-American Telecommunications Conference that pay particular attention to item 4 of the agenda, Evaluation and Strengthening of CITEL.



3. To request the President of the VI CITEL to submit to the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly, through CIES, the report of COM/CITEL on actions approved and on those that require the approval of the General Assembly.

4. To recommend to CIES that, as available financial resources allow, the necessary funds for operation of the Conference support units in the period leading up to VII CITEL be provided.

5. To recommend to the governments of the member states that, in view of the importance of the agenda of the VI CITEL, they participate through the ministers responsible for telecommunications.



AG/RES. 1139 (XXI-O/91)

HORIZONTAL COOPERATION

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolutions AG/RES. 857 (XVII-O/87), AG/RES. 916 (XVIII-O/88), CIES/RES. 387 (XXII-O/87), CIES/RES. 414 (XXIII-O/88), CIES/RES. 446 (XXV-O/91);

CONSIDERING:

That resolution AG/RES. 916 (XVIII-O/88) requested CIES to report on fulfillment of the mandate on horizontal cooperation; and

That at its Twentieth Annual Meeting, CIES approved resolution CIES/RES. 446 (XXV-O/91) transmitting to the General Assembly the conclusions and recommendations adopted by CIES on the establishment of a system of horizontal cooperation in the economic and social area,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the importance and priority that the member states attach to horizontal cooperation for the execution of technical cooperation projects in the economic and social area and their support to such cooperation.

2. To urge the Executive Secretariat for Economic and Social Affairs to implement the recommendations concerning horizontal cooperation, pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 916 (XVIII-O/88).

3. To note with satisfaction, and to endorse the decisions and recommendations adopted by CIES on the ways and means of establishing a system of horizontal cooperation in the economic and social area (CIES/4505).

4. To recommend to the Executive Secretariat for Economic and Social Affairs that it commence implementation of the recommendations listed in Appendix 2 of that document.

5. To approve the allocation of \$125,000 per annum (50% Regular Fund, 50% SDAF) during the 1992-1993 biennium, to strengthen the horizontal cooperation mechanisms among the member states, and establish a provisional amount of \$10,000 per operation and per loan.



AG/RES. 1140 (XXI-O/91)

USE OF UNOBLIGATED APPROPRIATIONS OF THE CIECC AREA  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 1991

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-822/91, Use of unobligated appropriations of the CIECC area as of December 31, 1991; and

CONSIDERING that the decision adopted for the 1988-89 biennium to allocate the unused appropriations of each country to reinforce the corresponding appropriations for the following biennium increased the amount of financing available in the 1990-91 biennium,

RESOLVES:

1. To direct that obligations of FEMCIECC, CEC, and CMP incurred as of December 31, 1991, be paid by June 30, 1992.

2. To direct that appropriations to FEMCIECC, CECC, and CMP not obligated as of December 31, 1991, be used to reinforce the programming for the year 1992. Likewise, to direct that appropriations not used by June 30, 1992, be allocated to strengthening programming approved for 1993, once 10% of those appropriations has been subtracted and allocated to the reserve subfunds of each of those accounts, and that authority for programming the use of such reallocated appropriations be delegated to CEPICIECC.

3. To allocate the funds specified in the foregoing paragraphs first to completing the financing of the projects included in the 1992 programming, should the funding available be less than the total programmed; and second, to increasing the participation of each country in the proportions indicated in resolutions CIEC-771/88 (II.3.d), and activities or national projects related to the approved multinational projects.



AG/RES. 1141 (XXI-O/91)

ACTIVITIES COMMEMORATING THE QUINCENTENNIAL  
OF THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA: ENCOUNTER OF TWO WORLDS

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session,  
held on June 8, 1991)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 850 (XVI-O/86), Support for the Activities Commemorating the Quincentennial of the Discovery of America: Encounter of Two Worlds (AG/doc.2694/91), and the report of the Chairman of the Working Group of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Program of Activities to Commemorate the Quincentennial of the Discovery of America: Encounter of Two Worlds (CP/CVCDA/doc.47/91 rev. 1); and

CONSIDERING:

The significant progress made by the General Secretariat and the organs of the inter-American system for the commemoration; and

That the Permanent Council, meeting on April 26, 1991, considered the report of the General Secretariat on the participation of the OAS in the Universal Exposition in Seville in 1992 and approved in principle that participation,

RESOLVES:

1. To note, with satisfaction, the report on the implementation of AG/RES. 850 (XVI-O/86) in connection with the activities conducted to commemorate the Quincentennial of the Discovery of America: Encounter of Two Worlds.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to replace the Ad Hoc Committee with a Special Quincentennial Committee with a membership of not more than fifteen, which would oversee the Quincentennial efforts of the OAS during the next two years.

3. To note, with satisfaction, the report on the Program of Activities to Commemorate the Quincentennial of the Discovery of America: Encounter of Two Worlds.

4. To note and endorse the recommendations contained in that report, particularly the OAS participation in the Universal Exposition of Seville, Spain (between April and October, 1992) and to instruct the General Secretariat to include in its 1992/93 Program-Budget the necessary funding to finance that participation.



AG/RES. 1142 (XXI-O/91)

FORUM FOR  
EXCHANGES OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution CIES-441/91, and especially, resolution CIECC-807/91, instituting in the OAS a Forum for Exchanges of Scientific and Technological Knowledge as a permanent instrument for the promotion and effecting of exchanges and the dissemination of scientific and technological knowledge among the member states of the Organization of American States for the establishment of a Common Market of Knowledge among them, and convoking a Forum of Universities and Research Centers to examine the competencies, purposes and mechanisms of that Common Market;

BEARING IN MIND:

Articles 99 and 100 of the Charter, the Declaration of Asunción of June 1990 [(AG/RES. 1064 (XX-O/90))], and joint declarations of Heads of Government of countries in the region, which all attach high priority to inter-American cooperation for the creation of conditions favorable to the promotion and dissemination of scientific and technological knowledge;

CONSIDERING:

That the development of and increase in scientific and technological knowledge are essential requisites for enabling access by all countries to better levels of economic and social development;

That a more active exchange of scientific and technological knowledge in the region is a supporting element of the new approach to inter-American relations embodied in the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative;

That close association and cooperation among universities and research centers in the region will contribute greatly to that dissemination and promotion; and

That OAS has a prominent and constructive part to play in organizing making possible the organization of achievements made and agreements arrived at in this area to date;



RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the importance that the member states attach to the Forum for Exchanges of Scientific and Technological Knowledge as a permanent instrument for the promotion of a Common Market of Knowledge among them.

2. To request the Secretary General to take the appropriate steps to provide the Forum for Exchanges of Scientific and Technological Knowledge with the resources needed to perform its functions, and to that end to make intensified efforts to attract funds from external sources to complement the appropriations on the OAS budget for the purpose.

3. To request the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC):

a. To continue, in coordination with the Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) and the government of the host country, the work of organizing the Meeting of Universities and Research Centers to be held in Uruguay in 1992 and the Meeting of Experts in preparation for it.

b. To pursue and intensify, in the framework of this resolution, the actions undertaken to obtain additional external resources to support financing for the actions called for in resolution CIECC-807/91 and herein.

4. To request the General Secretariat and the Executive Secretariat of CIECC to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session on the implementation of this resolution.

5. To urge the observer states to support the financing and implementation of the actions called for in this resolution, within the framework of their cooperative agreements with the OAS.