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FINAL ACT OF THE SEVENTH MEETING OF CONSULTATION
OF MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

The Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs was held in the city of San José, Costa Rica, from August 22 to August 29, 1960. The Meeting was convoked, at the request of the Government of Peru, by means of a resolution approved by the Council of the Organization of American States on July 18, 1960.

The following Members, listed in the order of precedence determined by lot, attended the Meeting:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:	The Honorable Christian A. Herter Secretary of State
BOLIVIA:	His Excellency Eduardo Arze Quiroga Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship
VENEZUELA:	His Excellency Ignacio Luis Arcaya Minister of Foreign Affairs
HAITI:	His Excellency Raymond Moyse Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs
MEXICO:	His Excellency Manuel Tello Secretary of Foreign Affairs
PANAMA:	His Excellency Miguel J. Moreno, Jr. Minister of Foreign Affairs
PARAGUAY:	His Excellency Raúl Sapena Pastor Minister of Foreign Affairs
URUGUAY:	His Excellency Homero Martínez Montero Minister of Foreign Affairs
BRAZIL:	His Excellency Horacio Lafer Minister of Foreign Affairs
PERU:	His Excellency Raúl Porras Barrenechea Minister of Foreign Affairs
ARGENTINA:	His Excellency Diógenes Taboada Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship
GUATEMALA:	His Excellency Jesús Unda Murillo Minister of Foreign Affairs
ECUADOR:	His Excellency Neptalí Ponce Miranda Special Delegate

COLOMBIA:	His Excellency Julio César Turbay Ayala Minister of Foreign Affairs
CUBA:	His Excellency Raúl Roa García Minister of Foreign Affairs
NICARAGUA:	His Excellency Alejandro Montiel Argüello Minister of Foreign Affairs
CHILE:	His Excellency Enrique Ortúzar Escobar Minister of Foreign Affairs
EL SALVADOR:	His Excellency Alfredo Ortiz Mancía Minister of Foreign Affairs
HONDURAS:	His Excellency Andrés Alvarado Puerto Minister of Foreign Affairs
COSTA RICA:	His Excellency Alfredo Vargas Fernández Minister of Foreign Affairs

The Dominican Republic was not represented at the Meeting.

The Meeting was also attended by His Excellency José A. Mora, Secretary General of the Organization of American States.

In accordance with a decision taken at the preliminary session, His Excellency Marco Tulio Zaldón, Secretary General of the Organization of Central American States, also attended the Meeting as a Special Guest.

The Government of the Republic of Costa Rica designated the Minister of Foreign Affairs, His Excellency Alfredo Vargas Fernández, as Provisional President and he was elected Permanent President by acclamation at the first plenary session, held on August 22.

In accordance with the Regulations, the Government of the Republic of Costa Rica appointed Mr. Alvar Antillón Salazar, Director of the Department of International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Secretary General of the Meeting.

In accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the OAS, the Agenda of the Meeting was prepared by the Council of the Organization and approved thereby at the meeting held on August 8, 1960. The Agenda comprised four topics, as follows:

- I. Strengthening of continental solidarity and of the inter-American system especially in the face of threats of extracontinental intervention that might affect them.

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- II. Inter-American cooperation, in accordance with the principles and standards set forth in the Charter of the Organization of American States, for the defense of democratic American institutions against the subversive activities of any organization, government, or its agents, directed against the said institutions.
- III. Consideration of the economic and social factors that give rise to political instability in the Hemisphere and intensification of collective action to promote a raising of the standard of living of the underdeveloped regions in the Americas.
- IV. Consideration of the international tensions existing in the Caribbean region, in order to assure harmony, unity, and peace in the Americas.

The Meeting was governed by the Regulations of the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, approved by the Council of the Organization at the meeting held on March 1, 1951, to which were added transitory provisions applicable to the Seventh Meeting of Consultation, by a resolution approved by the Council on August 8, 1960.

Pursuant to the Regulations a Committee on Credentials, composed of Bolivia, Panama, and Paraguay, was appointed.

Likewise, in conformity with the Regulations a Coordinating and Style Committee was appointed, composed of the United States of America, Haiti, Brazil, and Guatemala.

Pursuant to the terms of the aforementioned transitory provisions applicable to this Meeting, a General Committee, composed of all the members, was entrusted with consideration of the matters to be discussed and the submittal of its conclusions to a plenary session for approval. His Excellency Julio César Turbay Ayala, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, was designated Chairman of the General Committee and His Excellency Andrés Alvarado Puerto, Secretary of Foreign Relations of Honduras, was designated Rapporteur.

For the purpose of facilitating the work of the Committee, three working groups were established and charged with the study of the four topics of the Agenda of the Meeting:

- Working Group 1. Topics I and II. Panama and Peru were elected Chairman and Rapporteur, respectively.
- Working Group 2. Topic III. Bolivia and Brazil were elected Chairman and Rapporteur, respectively.
- Working Group 3. Topic IV. El Salvador and Mexico were elected Chairman and Rapporteur, respectively.

The closing session of the Meeting took place on Monday, August 29, 1960. At that session this Final Act was signed.^{1/} The speakers at that session were His Excellency Alfredo Vargas Fernández, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica and President of the Meeting of Consultation, who thanked the Foreign Ministers for their presence, and His Excellency Neptali Ponce Miranda, Special Delegate of Ecuador, who responded on their behalf.

As a result of its deliberations, the Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs approved the following resolutions:

I

THE DECLARATION OF SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA

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1. Condemns energetically the intervention or the threat of intervention, even when conditional, by an extracontinental power in the affairs of the American republics and declares that the acceptance of a threat of extracontinental intervention by any American state endangers American solidarity and security, and that this obliges the Organization of American States to disapprove it and reject it with equal vigor.

2. Rejects, also, the attempt of the Sino-Soviet powers to make use of the political, economic, or social situation of any American state, inasmuch as that attempt is capable of destroying hemispheric unity and endangering the peace and security of the hemisphere.

3. Reaffirms the principle of nonintervention by any American state in the internal or external affairs of the other American states, and reiterates that each state has the right to develop its cultural, political, and economic life freely and naturally, respecting the rights of the individual and the principles of universal morality, and as a consequence, no American state may intervene for the purpose of imposing upon another American state its ideologies or its political, economic, or social principles.

4. Reaffirms that the inter-American system is incompatible with any form of totalitarianism and that democracy will achieve the full scope of its objectives in the hemisphere only when all the American republics conduct themselves in accordance with the principles stated in the Declaration of Santiago, Chile, approved at the Fifth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the observance of which it recommends as soon as possible.

5. Proclaims that all member states of the regional organization are under obligation to submit to the discipline of the inter-American system, voluntarily and freely agreed upon, and that the soundest guarantees of their sovereignty and their political independence stems from compliance with the provisions of the Charter of the Organization of American States.

1. The Spanish text.

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6. Declares that all controversies between member states should be resolved by the measures for peaceful solution that are contemplated in the inter-American system.

7. Reaffirms its faith in the regional system and its confidence in the Organization of American States, created to achieve an order of peace and justice that excludes any possible aggression, to promote solidarity among its members, to strengthen their collaboration, and to defend their sovereignty, their territorial integrity, and their political independence, since it is in this Organization that its members find the best guarantee for their evolution and development.

8. Resolves that this declaration shall be known as "The Declaration of San José, Costa Rica."

II

AD HOC GOOD OFFICES COMMITTEE

The Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs,

Reiterating its faith in the effectiveness of the measures and procedures provided for in the inter-American system for the peaceful solution of controversies,

RESOLVES:

1. To create and ad hoc committee composed of representatives at the highest level of the Governments of Venezuela, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, and Costa Rica.
 - a. This Committee, at the request of the governments directly interested, will facilitate, by clarifying the facts and extending its good offices, the settlement of controversies between American governments and will report to the Council of the Organization of American States.
 - b. The Secretary General of the Organization of American States shall furnish the Committee, in the American capital which serves as its site, with the services of a secretariat.
2. To authorize the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to transmit the text of this resolution to the Security Council of the United Nations.

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III

ESTABLISHMENT OF A COMMITTEE BY THE COUNCIL OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

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RESOLVES:

To transmit to the Council of the Organization of American States, for its study, the draft resolution presented by the Delegation of Argentina regarding the establishment of a committee by the said Council (Document 54, Appendix 1).

IV

ELECTORAL PROCEDURES

The Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs

RESOLVES:

To transmit to the Council of the Organization of American States the draft resolution presented by the Delegation of the United States, entitled "Electoral Procedures" (Document 52, Appendix 2).

V

ADDITIONAL PROTOCOL ON ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO THE
INTER-AMERICAN TREATY OF RECIPROCAL ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS:

Economic security, which is indispensable to the progress of all the American peoples, is the best guarantee of the political security of the hemisphere and of the success of the joint effort of the American states for the maintenance of continental peace;

The obligation of economic cooperation among the American states is essential to the strengthening of hemisphere solidarity and the reinforcement of the inter-American system in the face of threats of intervention that might affect it politically or economically;

The solution to the problem of underdevelopment in the hemisphere is of vital interest to the collective security of the West;

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In accordance with the basic concepts of Operation Pan America, the defense of the permanent values of Pan Americanism calls for an unbreakable collective decision to revitalize economic cooperation;

The Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1947, served to emphasize the close relationship between the problems of economic security and those of collective security;

This close relationship was expressed in Resolution IX of the Conference, which nevertheless did not accomplish the high purposes which it was designed to serve; and

The obligations undertaken by the American states under the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance cannot be effectively carried out by economically weak countries,

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DECLARES:

That the advancement of the economic development of the American countries is inseparable from the system of continental security, and should be an essential part of the strategic concept of Western defense;

RECOGNIZES:

The urgent and essential need for the American countries to have an "Additional Protocol on Economic Assistance to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance," which would make more explicit the obligations of economic cooperation set forth in the Charter of the Organization of American States and establish adequate means for their effective fulfillment, with a view to strengthening hemisphere solidarity and the inter-American system in the face of threats of intervention that might affect them; and

RESOLVES:

To entrust to the Council of the Organization of American States the preparation, in consultation with the governments, of a draft "Additional Protocol on Economic Assistance to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance," with a view to strengthening continental solidarity and the inter-American system in the face of threats of intervention, having in mind the postulates and considerations set forth in the present resolution.

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VI

HOLDING OF A SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARIES

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RESOLVES:

To transmit to the Council of the Organization of American States the proposal presented by the Delegation of the Republic of Argentina entitled "Holding of a Specialized Conference of Plenipotentiaries" (Document 10, Appendix 3).

VII

ECONOMIC UNDERDEVELOPMENT AND POLITICAL INSTABILITY

WHEREAS:

One of the purposes of the Organization of American States is to seek the solution to the political and economic problems of the hemisphere and to promote, by cooperative action, its economic and social development;

Economic underdevelopment is a dominant factor in political and social instability;

The Fifth Meeting of Consultation held that the stability of democracy, the safeguarding of human rights, the security of the hemisphere, and its preservation from the dangers that threaten the liberty and the independence of the American republics make necessary an increase in economic cooperation among them in order to raise the standard of living of a rapidly expanding population;

The national and collective efforts made so far by the American peoples to eradicate underdevelopment have been insufficient, in view of which much more should be done in the future than has been done in the past; and

In the meeting that will open in Bogotá on September 5, 1960, within the framework of Operation Pan America, undertaken at the initiative of the President of Brazil, the representatives of the American republics will consider plans for a cooperation that will be more effective and more in accord with present needs,

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REITERATES:

The principles and purposes of Resolution XI of the Fifth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs;

DECLARES:

That the elimination of economic underdevelopment, a collective responsibility of the member states, is essential to the attainment of the political and social stability of the hemisphere;

That it is necessary to intensify inter-American economic cooperation by a substantial increase of existing resources and the improvement and adaptation of the agencies devoted to the said cooperation, or the possible creation of new ones appropriate to the urgent problems of underdevelopment; and

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the governments of the member states that they make a maximum effort to ensure hemisphere cooperation in the struggle against economic underdevelopment.

2. To recommend to the governments of the member states that they put forth their maximum efforts to making a success of the forthcoming meeting of the Special Committee to Study the Formulation of New Measures for Economic Cooperation (Committee of Twenty-one), which on the basis of the work of the Subcommittee of Nine, will be held in Bogotá within the framework of Operation Pan America.

VIII**LIMITATION OF ARMAMENTS****WHEREAS:**

The Fifth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics agreed in Resolution XII to urge the governments of the American states to study the problem of military expenditures in order that, should these be excessive in relation to the requirements of national and hemispheric defense, they might gradually and progressively reduce them;

On April 6 the Government of Chile presented for consideration by the Council of the Organization of American States a proposal that a specialized conference, which it called "Limitation and Balance of Armaments," be convoked; and

The abovementioned proposal derives from the basic principles of the Charter of the Organization of American States that set forth peace and solidarity as standards of harmonious relationships between the states and provides for the pacific solution of disputes,

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DECLARES:

That an agreement to the effect that expenditures be avoided for armaments not essential to the noble mission that the armed forces are called upon to perform with respect to the preservation of internal order in each country, the defense of territorial integrity, and the actual demands of continental defense, would in many countries free considerable financial resources, which would increase the funds available for the economic and social development of Latin America; and

RESOLVES:

To transmit to the Council of the Organization of American States the text of this resolution, recommending that it continue to consider with the greatest interest and urgency the necessary measures for the convocation, as soon as possible, of a specialized conference on the subject.

IX

SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTER-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION

WHEREAS:

It is advisable to study the establishment of a specialized organization that would, in a permanent manner and within the system of the Organization of American States, have as its purpose the carrying out of measures designed for the full achievement of continental economic cooperation,

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RESOLVES:

To transmit to the Special Committee to Study the Formulation of New Measures for Economic Cooperation (Committee of Twenty-one), for its consideration, the draft resolution presented by Argentina to the Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, entitled "Specialized Conference for the Establishment of an Inter-American Organization for Economic Cooperation" (Document 22, Appendix 4).

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I

REQUEST THAT THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS TRANSMIT
TO THE COMMITTEE OF TWENTY-ONE THE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PRESENTED
BY THE DELEGATIONS OF BOLIVIA, THE UNITED STATES, AND COSTA RICA

WHEREAS:

The Delegations of Bolivia, the United States and Costa Rica presented to the Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs proposals of an economic nature calling for concrete measures or plans in the field of continental economic cooperation;

The Special Committee to Study the Formulation of New Measures for Economic Cooperation (Committee of Twenty-one), established by the American governments with a view to determining the scope and nature of the measures necessary to inter-American economic cooperation, will meet in Bogotá on September 5; and

The Committee of Twenty-one is therefore the most appropriate forum for the immediate study and discussion of the specific proposals presented to the Seventh Meeting of Consultation,

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RESOLVES:

To take note of the abovementioned proposals and to request the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to take the necessary steps to transmit to the Committee of Twenty-one, for consideration, the aforesaid draft resolutions presented to the Seventh Meeting of Consultation (Docs. 51, 23, 28, appendices 5, 6 and 7).

II

VOTE OF THANKS

The Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Minister of Foreign Affairs

RESOLVES:

1. To express to His Excellency Mario Echandi, President of the Republic of Costa Rica, its appreciation for the generous hospitality of the Government and people of Costa Rica and for all the attentions and courtesies extended to the Members of the Meeting.

2. To congratulate His Excellency Alfredo Vargas Fernández, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Costa Rica, for his wise and intelligent guidance of the deliberations of the Meeting and for the effective collaboration of the staff of his Ministry.

3. To express to Dr. José A. Mora, Secretary General of the Organization of American States, and to all those who are associated with him, its appreciation for the organization of this Seventh Meeting of Consultation.

4. To thank Mr. Alvar Antillón Salazar, Secretary General of the Meeting, and the entire staff of the Secretariat of the Meeting, for their effective collaboration.

5. To express its appreciation to the press of the hemisphere for the efficient services it rendered to the Meeting.

XII

VOTE OF APPRECIATION

The Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs

RESOLVES:

To express its appreciation to His Excellency Julio César Turbay Ayala, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia and Chairman of the General Committee, for the equanimity and tact with which he directed the discussions of the Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

XIII

PREPARATION OF THE FINAL ACT

WHEREAS:

The preparation of the Final Act of this Meeting in the four official languages requires careful coordination, which cannot be accomplished in the limited time available,

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RESOLVES:

1. To prepare the Final Act of this Meeting for signature in only one of the official languages of the Meeting.

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2. To request the Council of the Organization of American States to designate a committee of four of its members, representing the four official languages of the Organization, to supervise the translation and the coordination of the texts of the Final Act in the other three official languages of the Organization.

3. To authorize the Council of the Organization of American States to approve the said texts, which shall be considered to be official texts of the Final Act and which shall be integral parts thereof as approved by the Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.

4. All official texts of the Final Act shall be equally authentic.

STATEMENTS

Statement of Mexico

Regarding the "Declaration of San José, Costa Rica", the Delegation of Mexico wishes to make it a matter of record that, in voting in favor of the said Declaration, it has done so with the following understanding:

"The Delegation of Mexico believes that, in reaffirming that each state has the right to develop its cultural, political, and economic life freely and naturally, it has removed even the most remote possibility that that inseparable attribute of sovereignty, which is the right of self-determination, can be impugned, even theoretically.

The Delegation of Mexico is also of the opinion that the principle of nonintervention—the irreplaceable basis of peace and understanding among states—has been strengthened very effectively.

Finally, the Delegation of Mexico is convinced that this is a resolution of a general character for all the member states of the Organization, and that in no way is it a condemnation or a threat against Cuba, whose aspirations for economic improvement and social justice have the fullest support of the Government and the people of Mexico."

Statement of Guatemala

The Delegation of Guatemala, in voting in favor of the Declaration of San José, Costa Rica, does so in an eminently American spirit, although it is convinced that the action of the Government of the Republic of Cuba, in adopting a policy inclined toward the Soviet Union and contrary to the inter-American system, is endangering the peace and the security of America, and that the American states would have been justified in assuming a stronger attitude in order to protect the interests of the hemisphere, in compliance with the Charter, agreement, and resolutions of the Organization of American States.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Members of the Meeting sign the present Final Act.

DONE in the city of San José, Costa Rica, on August twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred sixty. The Secretary General shall deposit the original of the Final Act in the Archives of the Pan American Union, which will transmit authenticated copies thereof to the governments of the American republics.

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FOR CHILE: (S) ENRIQUE ORTUZAR ESCOBAR

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Appendix 1
 Doc. 54 (English)
 25 August 1960
 Original: Spanish

DRAFT RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATION OF ARGENTINA
 (Topic II of the Agenda)

WHEREAS:

Article 5.d of the Charter of the Organization of American States declares that: "The solidarity of the American States and the high aims which are sought through it require the political organization of those States on the basis of the effective exercise of representative democracy";

The Declaration of Santiago, Chile, adopted by all of the American states at the Fifth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, expresses "the general aspiration of the American peoples to live in peace under the protection of democratic institutions, free from all intervention and all totalitarian influence";

Some governments nevertheless have not yet found a way to adopt their political task to the foregoing principles;

It is deemed appropriate for the Organization of American States to offer to such governments as may require it the means for enabling them to make effective the inter-American principles of democratic government;

International practice affords many instances in which plebiscites and elections under international control have been held and, moreover, the Fifth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs adopted Resolution I with the understanding that the proposal referred to therein reflects an attitude that deserves study and consideration by the inter-American organization; and

The abovementioned means will be employed only with the free consent of the governments, in order to maintain intact the principle of nonintervention, which is the main pillar of inter-American life,

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RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the Council of the Organization of American States to appoint a committee of five of its members, whose purpose shall be to consider the request of any government that, with a view to fitting its political life into the active operation of American democratic principles, may for that

purpose wish to be advised, or to demonstrate to international public opinion that those principles are effective within its jurisdiction, or by that means to guarantee to the opposition forces their free participation in the public life of the state.

2. The Committee shall also have the right of initiative in suggesting to a government the advantages of furthering the objectives contained in paragraph 1, but in no case shall it act without the express consent of such government.

3. The Council of the Organization of American States shall, in accordance with the objectives expressed in paragraphs 1 and 2, establish the rules that govern the functioning of the committee.

Appendix 2
Doc. 52 (English)
25 August 1960
Original: Spanish

ELECTORAL PROCEDURE

Draft Resolution Presented by the
Delegation of the United States

(Topic II of the Agenda)

The Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs

Convening in San José, capital of Costa Rica, which, in view of its long democratic tradition, serves as an example to the other countries of the Americas; and

CONSIDERING:

That the American States, in the declarations which they have jointly made and in the agreements which they have entered into, have pledged their adherence to the principle of representative democracy, which is the system most compatible with the freedom of man;

That Article XX of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man states, "Every person having legal capacity is entitled to participate in the government of his country, directly or through his representatives, and to take part in popular elections, which shall be by secret ballot and shall be honest, periodic and free;"

That the principle of representative democracy was given substance by, and its attributes were clarified in, the Declaration of Santiago signed at the Fifth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs;

That considerable progress has been made in the Americas in perfecting systems of representative democracy based on free elections and freedom of expression by opposition groups; and

That steadily increasing participation by the citizens of the American states in the electoral process is an objective consonant with inter-American principles,

RESOLVES:

To reiterate the adherence of the Member States of the Organization of American States to the principles of representative democracy, and particularly to popular elections that are honest, periodic, and by free secret ballot.

To call upon the governments in the hemisphere to study their respective laws relating to election procedures and to adopt the measures that may be required to improve them.

To request the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to give priority to a study of methods for improving the electoral process, including means for providing technical advice and assistance to governments at their request on the perfection of democratic electoral procedures and for providing impartial observers at national and local elections at the request of the governments concerned; and to report periodically on the general progress among the member states towards the perfection of democratic electoral procedures, to the Council of the Organization of American States and to the Inter-American Conference.

Appendix 3
Doc. 10 (English)
22 August 1960
Original: English

DRAFT RESOLUTION
PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF ARGENTINA
(Topic II of the Agenda)

WHEREAS:

The Second Meeting of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the American Republics decided in Resolution VI "That having in mind the equal concern and equal responsibility of the American Republics for the preservation of the peace and security of the hemisphere, each one of the governments of the American Republics shall adopt within its territory all necessary measures in accordance with its constitutional powers to prevent and suppress any activities directed, assisted or abetted by foreign governments, or foreign groups or individuals, which tend to subvert the domestic institutions, or to foment disorder in their internal political life, or to modify by pressure, propaganda, threats, or in any other manner, the free and sovereign right of their peoples to be governed by their existing democratic systems";

Resolution XXXIII of the Ninth International Conference of American States condemned "interference by any foreign power, or by any political organization serving the interests of a foreign power, in the public life of the nations of the American continent";

In the same Resolution the American Republics resolved "To proceed with a full exchange of information" concerning the "activities directed, assisted or instigated by foreign governments, organizations or individuals tending to overthrow their institutions by violence, to foment disorder in their domestic political life, or to disturb, by means of pressure, subversive propaganda, threats or by any other means, the free and sovereign right of their peoples to govern themselves in accordance with their democratic aspirations";

Resolution VIII of the Fourth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs recognized that the subversive action of international communism does not recognize boundaries and requires, in addition to adequate internal measures, a high degree of international cooperation among the American Republics;

Resolution XCIII of the Tenth Inter-American Conference expressed "The determination of the American States to take the necessary measures to protect their political independence against the intervention of international communism, acting in the interests of an alien despotism";

The same Resolution declares "That the domination or control of the political institutions of any American state by the international communist movement, extending to this hemisphere the political system of an extra-continental power, would constitute a threat to the sovereignty and political independence of the American states, endangering the peace of America, and would call for a Meeting of Consultation to consider the adoption of appropriate action in accordance with existing treaties";

On the other hand, the theory and practice of the international communist movement shows that its objective is the domination or control of the political institutions of the State, even through the establishment of regimes with a Marxist ideological content whose political dependence upon Sino-Soviet communism is not manifest;

The international communist movement, in pursuit of its objective, has launched revolutionary warfare designed to destroy the concept of American democracy;

One of the conditions for the success of revolutionary warfare is the breakdown and/or disorganization of the State and the society, within each nation through psychological means which facilitate its ascendancy without the need for resorting to the use of the armed force characteristic of traditional warfare;

The identical process is transferred to the interstate organizations of the western community in trying to provoke dissension over political, social and economic problems inherent to them;

The international communist movement demands its militants to break with the democratic world to which they belong and to join in the revolutionary cause unconditionally; hence it is necessary to take adequate measures to repress those persons or groups of persons in the hemisphere who endanger the vigilance maintained over the free institutions of the American countries;

It is necessary to contrive the means for responding effectively to the aggression implied by that course of action;

Article 93 of the Charter of the Organization of American States authorizes the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to convoke Specialized Conferences "to deal with special technical matters or to develop specific aspects of inter-American cooperation,"

The Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs

RESOLVES:

1. To convoke, through the Council of the Organization of American States and within a period of ninety days, a Specialized Conference of plenipotentiaries for the purpose of drafting and signing a Treaty that would determine:

- a. the rights and duties of states participating in the struggle against communism; and
 - b. the methods best suited for the prevention and eradication of the communist movement in the hemisphere, creating, if it should be deemed necessary, an Inter-American Specialized Organization.
2. To recommend to the member states that they be represented by persons of the highest technical level in this field.
 3. To request the Inter-American Defense Board to present a technical report to the Conference, giving an appraisal of the various features of revolutionary warfare and methods for preventing and suppressing it within the framework of the common defense of the hemisphere.
 4. To instruct the Pan American Union to place at the disposal of the Conference, in up-to-date form, the studies that were called for by the Fourth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (Resolution VIII), together with all elements that are necessary for the best development of the said Conference, including information available from the non-American states that have had to deal with revolutionary warfare.
 5. To request from member states whose experience in the struggle against communism has been more intense, the collaboration necessary for the most exhaustive analysis of the methods used, and their agreement on the above Treaty.
 6. To request the Conference to present a report on its work to the Eleventh Inter-American Conference.

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Appendix 4
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SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN
INTER-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION FOR ECONOMIC COOPERATION

Draft Resolution presented by the Delegation of Argentina

(Topic III of the Agenda)

WHEREAS:

One of the essential purposes assigned to the Organization of American States by its Charter with a view to giving effect to the principles on which it is founded and fulfilling its regional obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, is to promote, by cooperative action, the economic, social, and cultural development of the member states;

The Fourth and Fifth Meetings of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs have recognized the need for intensifying economic cooperation and technical assistance between the member states, in order to preserve representative democracy, defend human rights, and safeguard the security of the hemisphere;

The measures adopted to date within the inter-American system for encouraging the economic and social development of Latin America have been limited in relation to the magnitude of the development needs of a majority of the countries;

Present needs of economic and social development of Latin America, obviously unequal and unbalanced with respect to the rest of the Western world, require an exceptional effort to intensify economic cooperation and preserve political solidarity among all the members of the Organization;

Such collaboration should be provided by those members that are in the best position to give assistance and aid to national development programs, including support in international credit institutions and with the countries of Western Europe;

It is essential, in view of the fact that existing Pan American agencies are not now adequate for a solution of the economic and social problems that must be solved, that the proposed cooperative effort be carried out through a specialized organization capable of consultation, coordination, and the promotion of development and trade, with full technical and administrative autonomy within the Organization; and

Dec. 22 (English)

The work of the Special Committee to Study the Formulation of New Measures for Economic Cooperation should be considered in establishing such an agency,

The Seventh Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs

RESOLVES:

1. To convoke, through the Council of the Organization of American States, under the terms of Article 93 of the Charter and within a period of ninety (90) days, a specialized conference of plenipotentiaries for the purpose of:

a. Negotiating and signing a treaty that would establish the inter-American Organization for Economic Cooperation, whose aims shall be: to find a solution for the economic and social problems of the member states; to promote their economic and social development through cooperative action; to contribute to the coordination of official inter-American activities of an economic and social nature; to propose measures for encouraging the member states to provide technical assistance for making studies and for the formulation and execution of development plans and projects; to obtain and to prepare reports on economic and social matters, and to undertake studies on its own initiative or at the request of any member country; and to cooperate with the member states in shaping their policy with a view to the best use of their natural resources, to agricultural and industrial development, and to the expansion of trade and social progress; and

b. Presenting in due time to the Eleventh Inter-American Conference, through the Council of the Organization, a report on its work and conclusions.

2. To transmit to the aforesaid specialized conference of plenipotentiaries the preliminary draft Agreement Establishing the Inter-American Organization for Economic Cooperation, presented to this Meeting of Consultation by the Delegation of Argentina.

3. To instruct the Special Committee to Study the Formulation of New Measures for Economic Cooperation to report on:

a. Present needs for the economic development of Latin America as shown by the development plans that each member state presents at the meeting to be held soon in Bogotá, Colombia;

b. Possible sources of capital available in international credit agencies, the United States of America, Japan, and the countries of Western Europe for use in financing the economic programs that are outlined in the report called for in paragraph a. above; and

c. Measures that will effectively remove the barriers to inter-American trade and trade between the member states and the countries of Western Europe.

4. To request the Special Committee to Study the Formulation of New Measures for Economic Cooperation to present to the specialized conference of plenipotentiaries to be convoked through the Council of the Organization, the reports called for in paragraph 3.

5. To request the abovementioned Committee, in preparing the reports requested, to bear in mind the purposes of the specialized conference insofar as they refer to the Inter-American Organization for Economic Cooperation.

6. To instruct the Secretary General of the Organization to make available the staff of the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council to provide the services of General Secretariat of the specialized conference of plenipotentiaries.

7. To request the Council of the Organization to extend invitations for the conference to the Organization for European Economic Cooperation (OEEC), the European Economic Community (EEC), the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), the Economic Commission for Latin America (ECLA), the Latin American Free Trade Association (ALLC), General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), The Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), and the International Finance Corporation (IFC).

Preliminary Draft Agreement Establishing
The Inter-American Organization for Economic Cooperation

The countries in whose name the present agreement is being signed, agree to create the Inter-American Organization for Economic Cooperation, which shall be governed by the following provisions:

ARTICLE I

PURPOSE AND FUNCTIONS

Section 1. Purpose

The Inter-American Organization for Economic Cooperation, established as an Inter-American Specialized Organization in accordance with Article 95 of the Charter of the OAS, has as its principal purpose the promotion of economic and social welfare in the American countries through cooperation and mutual consultation for better utilization of natural resources, agricultural and industrial development, expansion of trade, and an improved standard of living for the people of these countries.

Section 2. Functions

To accomplish these objectives, the Inter-American Organization for Economic Cooperation shall perform the following functions:

- a. Find a solution for the economic and social problems that may arise among the member states;
- b. Promote by cooperative action the economic and social development of the member states;
- c. Contribute to the coordination of official inter-American activities of an economic and social nature;
- d. Propose the means by which the member countries might offer technical assistance for conducting studies and carrying out plans and projects of development;
- e. Obtain and prepare reports on economic and social matters and undertake studies, on its own initiative or at the request of any member country;
- f. Assist the member countries in shaping their policy with a view to the better utilization of their natural resources, to agricultural and industrial development, to the expansion of trade, and to social advancement.

ARTICLE II

MEMBER COUNTRIES

The members of the organization are those members of the Organization of American States which ratify the present Agreement.

ARTICLE III

THE ORGANS

The Inter-American Organization for Economic Cooperation accomplishes its purposes by means of:

1. A Council
2. A General Secretariat.

ARTICLE IV

THE COUNCIL

Section 1. Membership

The Council is composed of one Representative from each member state of the Organization, especially appointed by the respective government. During the absence of the titular Representative, the government may accredit an interim Representative

The Council shall also hold special meetings at the ministerial level.

Section 2. Officers

The Council shall elect a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, who shall serve for one year and shall not be eligible for election to either of those positions for the term immediately following.

Section 3. Relations with other organizations

- a. The Council may conclude agreements or special arrangements for cooperation with the Inter-American Specialized Organizations of the United Nations and similar international organizations and, if the occasion should arise, with national organizations whose purposes are related to those of the Council.
- b. The Council may arrange for representatives of the specialized organizations to participate, without vote, in its deliberations and for its own representatives to participate in the deliberations of those organizations.

Section 4. Rules of Procedure

The Council shall formulate its own rules of procedure, which shall set the dates and duration of regular sessions and of special sessions at the ministerial level, and shall include provisions for the convocation of sessions when requested to do so by a majority of its members.

Section 5. Special Meetings of Consultation

If the economy of an American state appears to be affected by adverse conditions that it cannot satisfactorily resolve through its own efforts, the said state may present its economic problems to the Council to seek, by means of consultation, the most favorable solution to such problems, through a special meeting called for the purpose.

Section 6. Headquarters

The headquarters of the organization shall be located in Washington, D.C., however, the Council may hold meetings in any city of the American countries by a majority decision of the member states.

ARTICLE V

THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Section 1. Organization

The Secretariat shall be composed of a Secretary General and such staff as the organization may require. The Secretary General shall be elected by the Council for a five-year term. The Secretary General shall be the highest administrative authority of the organization and shall be its legal representative.

Section 2. Powers and duties of the Secretary General

- a. The Secretary General participates, with voice, but without vote, in the deliberations of the Council and shall fulfill any other functions that this organ may assign to that office.
- b. The Secretary General shall bring to the attention of the Council any matter which, in his opinion, requires its consideration.
- c. The Secretary General shall report to the Council annually on the activities of the organization.
- d. It is the duty of the Secretary General to establish, with the approval of the Council, the technical and administrative offices of the secretariat and to determine the number of employees of the secretariat, to appoint them, to regulate their powers and duties, and to fix their compensation, in accordance with general standards established by the Council.

Section 3. Staff

- a. The first consideration to be borne in mind in the appointment of the staff of the secretariat and in the establishment of working conditions, is the need to ensure the highest degree of efficiency, competence and integrity. Consideration shall also be given to the importance of hiring staff members on the basis of as wide a geographical distribution as possible.
- b. In the performance of their duties, neither the Secretary General nor the staff members of the secretariat shall seek or receive instructions from any government or from any authority other than the Organization, and shall refrain from any action that might reflect upon their position as international civil servants responsible only to the organization.
- c. Each member of the organization pledges itself to respect the exclusive international character of the functions of the Secretary General and the personnel of the secretariat, and not to try to influence them in the discharge of their duties.

ARTICLE VI

BUDGET

1. The Council shall establish the bases for fixing the quota that each member state is to contribute to the maintenance of the organization.
2. The Secretary General shall submit to the Council the budget estimates which, after approval, shall be transmitted to the member states with a statement of the annual quota of each country.

ARTICLE VII

PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES

1. The Inter-American Organization for Economic Cooperation shall enjoy in the territory of each member, such privileges and immunities as are necessary for the accomplishment of its purposes.
2. The Representatives of the member states, the personnel of their delegations, as well as the Secretary General shall enjoy the privileges and immunities necessary for the independent performance of their duties.
3. The staff members of the Organization shall enjoy the same privileges and immunities as those accorded the personnel of other international organizations located in the same area.
4. The correspondence of the Organization, including printed matter and parcels, bearing the frank thereof, shall be carried free of charge in the mails of the member states.

ARTICLE VIII

RATIFICATION AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

1. The present Agreement shall remain open for signature by the member states of the Organization of American States, and shall be ratified in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures.
2. The original instrument, the Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French texts of which are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the Pan American Union, which shall transmit certified copies thereof to the governments for purposes of ratification.
3. The instruments of ratification or acceptance shall be deposited with the Pan American Union, which shall notify the signatory States of such deposit.

4. The present Agreement shall enter into force among the ratifying States when half of the Signatory States have deposited their ratification. It shall enter into force with respect to the remaining States in the order in which they deposit their ratifications.

5. Amendments to the present Agreement may be adopted only at a special session of the Council at the ministerial level convened for that purpose and with the consenting vote of one third of the members.

6. The present Agreement may be denounced by any member state by a notification in writing, and shall cease to be in force with respect to the denouncing state after one year from the date on which the notice of denunciation is received.

