

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.