

**PRELIMINARY LIST OF TOPICS FOR THE TWENTY-FOURTH MODEL OAS
GENERAL ASSEMBLY FOR HIGH SCHOOLS**

Washington, D.C.

November 30 to December 3, 2005

GENERAL COMMITTEE

1. Delivering the Benefits of Democracy - [AG/DEC. 41 (XXXV-O/05)]; Promotion of Regional Cooperation for Implementation of the Inter-American Democratic Charter - [AG/RES. 2154 (XXXV-O/05)]
2. Situation in Haiti: Strengthening Democracy – [AG/RES. 2147 (XXXV-O/05)]
3. Promotion of Hemispheric Cooperation in Dealing with Gangs – [AG/RES. 2144 (XXXV-O/05)]
4. Cooperation between the Organization of American States and the United Nations System, the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System, and the General Secretariat of the Caribbean Community – [AG/RES. 2102 (XXXV-O/05)]
5. Support for and Follow-Up to the Summits of the Americas Process – [AG/RES. 2091 (XXXV-O/05)]
6. The Americas as a Biological- and Chemical-Weapons-Free Region – [AG/RES. 2107 (XXXV-O/05)]
7. Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission: Report on its Third Evaluation Round – [AG/RES. 2097 (XXXV-O/05)]
8. Election of the President, Secretary General, and Assistant Secretary General for the Twenty-fifth Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools.

**FIRST COMMITTEE
JURIDICAL MATTERS**

1. Protecting Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms While Countering Terrorism – [AG/RES. 2143 (XXXV-O/05)]
2. Follow-Up on the Inter-American Convention Against Corruption and its Program for Cooperation - [AG/RES. 2076 (XXXV-O/05)]
3. The Role of the Legislative Branch in Combating Corruption and Impunity in the Hemisphere – [AG/RES. 2064 (XXXV-O/05)]
4. American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples – [AG/RES. 2073 (XXXV-O/05)]
5. Promotion of and Respect for International Humanitarian Law – [AG/RES. 2127 (XXXV-O/05)]

6. Human Rights Defenders: Support for the Individuals, Groups, and Organizations of Civil Society Working to Promote and Protect Human Rights in the Americas – [AG/RES. 2067 (XXXV-O/05)]
7. Right to Freedom of Thought and Expression and the Importance of the Media – [AG/RES. 2149 (XXXV-O/05)]
8. Election of the First Committee Chair and Vice Chair for the Twenty-fifth Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools.

**SECOND COMMITTEE “A”
COOPERATION FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT:
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL MATTERS**

1. Poverty, Equity, and Social Inclusion: Follow-Up to the Declaration of Margarita – [AG/RES. 2081 (XXXV-O/05)]; Social Charter of the Americas: Renewal of the Hemispheric Commitment to Fight Extreme Poverty in the Region – [AG/RES. 2139 (XXXV-O/05)]
2. Addressing Extreme Poverty, Inequality, and Social Exclusion as a Means of Strengthening Hemispheric Security – [AG/RES. 2115 (XXXV-O/05)]
3. Promotion of Corporate Social Responsibility in the Hemisphere – [AG/RES. 2123 (XXXV-O/05)]
4. Microcredit and Microfinancing for Job Creation and Poverty Alleviation and Instruments for Furthering Social Cohesion and Community Participation – [AG/RES. 2082 (XXXV-O/05)]
5. Natural Disaster Reduction and Risk Management – [AG/RES. 2114 (XXXV-O/05)]
6. Study of the Relationship between Trade, Debt, and Financing – [AG/RES. 2080 (XXXV-O/05)]
7. Strengthening Technical Cooperation for Integral Development – [AG/RES. 2078 (XXXV-O/05)]
8. XIX Inter-American Travel Congress – [AG/RES. 2089 (XXXV-O/05)]
9. Election of Second Committee “A” Chair and Vice Chair for the Twenty-fifth Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools.

**SECOND COMMITTEE “B”
COOPERATION FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT:
EDUCATION, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL MATTERS**

1. Support for and Monitoring of Activities Related to the World Summit on the Information Society – [AG/RES. 2135 (XXXV-O/05)]
2. Dissemination of Information on the Inter-American System for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Educational Institutions in the Countries of the Hemisphere – [AG/RES. 2066 (XXXV-O/05)]

3. Fourth biennial report on fulfillment of resolution AG/RES.1456 (XXVII-O/97), “Promotion of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence Against Women, ‘Convention of Belém do Pará’” – [AG/RES. 2138 (XXXV-O/05)]
4. Promotion of Women’s Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality – [AG/RES. 2124 (XXXV-O/05)]
5. Culture as a Tool for Social Cohesion and Fight against Poverty (“Report of the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities” AG/RES. 2084 - XXXV-O/05(1), and CIDI <http://www.oas.org/udse/english/documentos/tema3estudio.doc>)
6. Declaration and Plan of Action of Lima:
http://www.science.oas.org/Ministerial/ingles/cpo_plande.asp with emphasis on the “Hemispheric Initiatives” http://www.science.oas.org/Ministerial/ingles/cpo_ini.asp (“Report of the First Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Science and Technology” – AG/RES. 2087 - XXXV-O/05 (1))
7. CITELE - Presentation of a harmonized regional perspective related to the Agenda for Connectivity in the Americas and the Plan of Action of Quito:
<http://www.citel.oas.org/Connectivity%20Agenda.asp> for presentation at the 2006 World Telecommunication Development Conference. (“Support for the Activities of and Preparations for the Fourth Regular Meeting of the CITELE Assembly” -AG/RES. 2100 - XXXV-O/05 (c))
8. Election of Second Committee “B” Chair and Vice Chair for the Twenty-fifth Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools.

**THIRD COMMITTEE
ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY MATTERS**

1. Modernization and Reorganization of the OAS General Secretariat – [AG/RES. 2156 (XXXV-O/05)]
2. Program-Budget of the Organization for 2006; Quotas and Contributions to FEMCIDI for 2006 – [AG/RES. 2157 (XXXV-O/05)]
3. Election of Third Committee Chair and Vice Chair for the Twenty-fifth Model OAS General Assembly for High Schools.

NOTE: All documents listed on this Agenda of Topics, as well as related background documents, are available for research on the OAS web page: www.oas.org