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AG/RES. 25 (I-0/71)

PARTICIPATION IN THE ORGANIZATION BY THE MEMBER STATES THAT HAVE NOT YET RATIFIED THE PROTOCOL OF BUENOS AIRES

(Resolution approved at the seventh plenary session, held on April 19, 1971)

WHEREAS:

The General Assembly at its First Special Session approved Resolution AG/RES. 2, whereby it decided that all the member states of the Organization, whether or not they have deposited their instruments of ratification of the Protocol of Buenos Aires, shall participate on an equal basis, in the work of the General Assembly and of other organs of the Organization in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid resolution;

It likewise resolved that this resolution shall govern until the General Assembly again studies the subject at its first regular session, if at that time one or more member states have not yet deposited their instruments of ratification of the Protocol of Buenos Aires;

As yet, not all the member states have deposited their instruments of ratification of the Protocol of Buenos Aires; and

The General Assembly, having again examined this matter at its first regular session, deemed it advisable to extend the period during which the aforementioned resolution would remain in effect,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To extend the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 2 (I-E/70) until the General Assembly again studies the subject of this resolution, if necessary, at its second regular session.
WHEREAS:

In Chapter VI of the Declaration of the Presidents of America signed at Punta del Este, Uruguay, on April 14, 1967, the Latin American Presidents expressed their intention to avoid those military expenditures that are not indispensable for the performance of the specific duties of the armed forces, in order to apply the maximum resources available in Latin America for satisfying the requirements of economic development and social progress; and

During the debate of this topic the member states have expressed different opinions regarding the meaning and scope of Chapter VI of the aforementioned Declaration,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize that the requirements of economic development and social progress make it necessary to apply the maximum resources available in Latin America to these ends, without prejudice to the demands of national security of each country.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to study, in the manner it may deem advisable, the meaning and scope of Chapter VI of the Declaration of the Presidents of America signed at Punta del Este, Uruguay, on April 14, 1967.

3. To request the Permanent Council to submit a preliminary report on its work to the governments of the member states directly concerned so that, on the basis of their comments, it may submit a report to the General Assembly sufficiently in advance of its second regular session.
AG/RES. 27 (I-O/71)

AN ANALYTICAL STUDY OF THE GENERAL ACTIVITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

(Resolution approved at the ninth plenary session held on April 22, 1971)

WHEREAS:

There is need to conduct an analytical study of the work that has been done by the Organization in recent years, particularly with reference to fulfilling the objectives of the Charter and of the action program outlined by the Presidents of America at Punta del Este in 1967;

Declarations have been made in this regard during the present session of the Assembly, assigning basic importance to such an evaluation for the purpose of stimulating the activity of the Organization and of making it more dynamic;

It is desirable that such a study reflect the viewpoints expressed by the delegations taking part in this First Regular Session of the General Assembly,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Secretary General to present to the second regular session of the General Assembly an analytical study of the general activities of the Organization, upon the fifth anniversary of the Meeting of American Chiefs of State at Punta del Este in 1967, with special reference to the fulfillment of the goals outlined at that time.

2. To request the Councils of the Organization, through the Secretary General to intensify their work relating to the action program approved by the American Chiefs of State, whose validity, timeliness, and appropriateness this General Assembly reaffirms.
WHEREAS:

The Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture considered it advisable for the statutes of the Council to provide for partial replacement of the Inter-American Committees on Education and on Science and Technology, and of the Inter-American Cultural Committee,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To replace Article 41 of the statutes of the Council with the following text:

"Article 41. The members of the Committees shall hold office for two years and the Committee shall be replaced by parts. Members may be reelected for a succeeding term of office on one occasion only."

2. To add a fourth transitory provision, to read as follows:

"4. To facilitate the partial replacement of the Committees, the terms of two members of each committee shall be extended, by the drawing of lots, until November 7, 1973."
WHEREAS:

At its First Special Meeting, CIECC recommended the holding of a conference on the application of science and technology to Latin American development and took note at that time of the offer made by the Government of the United States of America to contribute up to $300,000 toward the cost of the conference, which sum has already been made available; and

The Second Regular Meeting of CIECC resolved that this Conference should be governmental, and of a technical nature.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To convok e a Specialized Conference on the Application of Science and Technology to Latin American Development, the cost of which shall be financed out of the contribution of $300,000 made by the Government of the United States of America, the contribution of the host country, and any other voluntary contributions that may be received for the purpose; should these sums be insufficient, CEPCIECC shall be empowered to authorize the necessary supplementary items within the budget of FEMCIECC.
WHEREAS:

The Fifteenth Assembly of the Inter-American Commission of Women recommended holding an Inter-American Specialized Conference on the Integral Education of Women and requested the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture to consider the matter and recommend it to the General Assembly of the Organization of American States;

The Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, after examining the report presented by its Permanent Executive Committee, accepted its recommendation that the aforementioned specialized conference be held;

The Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture at its second meeting, after examining the report of the Inter-American Committee on Education, accepted its recommendations that the Inter-American Specialized Conference on the Integral Education of Women be held, with the agenda proposed.

The over-all development of our peoples demands active and effective participation of all sectors of the population, for which purpose the training and integral education of women is essential, without prejudice to the programs offered in the region for the education of men;

The vital importance of the matter and the urgent need to attain harmonious development in Latin American countries calls for the adoption of educational methods throughout the hemisphere that will permit the harmonization of national programs with the goals of Latin American development and integration; and

It is essential to analyze existing programs in Latin America insofar as they relate to the integral education of women in order to coordinate them and eliminate all manner of discrimination,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To convocate the Inter-American Specialized Conference on the Integral Education of Women.
2. To allocate up to US$66,000 for the holding of this specialized conference, which funds will be taken from the appropriate item of the PEMCIECC budget for the fiscal year 1971/72 for activities in connection with the mandates of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture.
AG/RES. 31 (I-0/71)

EMIGRATION OF PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL PERSONNEL FROM THE LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES

(Resolution approved at the ninth plenary session, held on April 22, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CONSIDERING:

Resolution CIECC-75/71 adopted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture; and

The advisability of seeking the opinion of the governments of the member states, as part of the studies that the Permanent Executive Committee of the aforementioned Council will undertake,

AGREES:

1. To take cognizance of the "Report on the Work Being Carried out by UNITAR in Connection with the Emigration of Professionals and Regarding Pertinent Activities of the Secretariat" presented by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture.

2. To request the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to consult with the governments of the member states regarding the measures that they feel should be taken, and to ask them to send such information as they have available.

3. To request the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture and its Permanent Executive Committee to take into consideration the results of the aforementioned survey in the studies and projects now in process.
AG/RES. 32 (I-0/71)

STRENGTHENING OF THE SPECIAL MULTILATERAL FUND OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND CULTURE

(Resolution approved at the ninth plenary session,
held on April 22, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CONSIDERING:

The commitment made by the Presidents of America at Punta del Este in 1967
to "vigorously promote education for development" and to "harness science and
technology for the service of our peoples," as well as the goals specified at
the Fifth Meeting of the Inter-American Cultural Council to realize this
commitment;

The statements regarding science and technology made by the Latin American
foreign ministers in the Consensus of Viña del Mar;

The progress achieved in the Regional Educational, Cultural, and Scientific
and Technological Development Programs, and the increasing demands from educa­
tional, scientific, and cultural institutions in Latin America, as well as the
possibility of initiating important multinational projects related to economic
and social development; and

The advisability of increasing progressively the proportional contributions
made to the Special Fund of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science,
and Culture,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the goals set forth at the meeting held in Maracay, Venezuela,
for financing the Regional Development Programs of the Special Multilateral Fund
of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture in order to ful­
fill the commitment established in the Declaration of the Presidents of America
in 1967.

2. To seek other procedures for obtaining voluntary contributions, in order
to achieve progressively the aforementioned goals, joining the increasing efforts
of the Latin American countries to contribute to the Special Multilateral Fund,
taking into account the contributions that the United States may make for this
purpose; and, to this end, to take into consideration evaluation of the Regional
Programs now in progress.

3. To instruct the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and
Culture to determine, after receiving a report from the Permanent Executive
Council for the Inter-American Council for Education, Science and Culture, the
manner of implementing this resolution.
AG/RES. 33 (I-0/71)

POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE FOR YOUTH WITHIN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM

(Resolution approved at the ninth plenary session, held on April 22, 1971)

WHEREAS:

There is need for the Organization of American States to concern itself with the problems of young people, whose growing participation in the development responsibilities of the peoples of America should be encouraged;

With this aim in mind, it is desirable to facilitate contacts among the young people of the countries of America, and exchanges and cooperation among national youth organizations;

It is important to continue the studies and analyses which shed light on the problems of the young people of America, defining and suggesting solutions to these problems; and

Concern has been expressed by the Councils of the Organization, by the Specialized Organizations, and by the General Secretariat,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

That the General Secretariat shall present to the Permanent Council of the Organization objectives, methods, and a plan of action concerning the establishment, within the inter-American system, of an office for youth, whose purpose shall be to give proper attention to the problems of the new generations of the Americas and to enable them to participate in the overall development of the hemisphere.

To this end, the General Secretariat shall take into account the studies being made by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture; the Inter-American Economic and Social Council; the Inter-American Commission of Women; and the Inter-American Children's Institute, as well as by UNESCO.
HAVING SEEN the report on the financial condition of the Organization and the report of the external auditors for the fiscal period ending on June 30, 1970, presented by the General Secretariat to this session (AG/doc.108); and

The quarterly financial reports of the Regular Fund and Other Funds, SDAF, CIFE, and FEMCIECC, as of December 31, 1970, presented pursuant to the provisions of Article 118.g of the Charter of the Organization and of Resolution 14 of the first special session of the General Assembly (AG/doc.108 add. 1, 2, 3, and 4); and

CONSIDERING:

That the General Secretariat supplied verbal information to this session that supplements and brings up to date the information contained in the reports;

That a representative of the external auditors of the Organization supplied an oral report supplementing that submitted in writing by Price Waterhouse & Co.;

That the periodic reports presented by the General Secretariat, as well as those of the internal and external auditors, contain detailed and complete information; and

That it is of the utmost importance that the governments of the member states comply with the schedules announced for the payment of quotas and pledges so that the General Secretariat may implement the programs at the authorized operational level,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Secretary General on the financial condition of the Organization, of the quarterly financial reports on the Regular Fund, the SDAF, CIFE, FEMCIECC, and Other Funds, and of the Quarterly Progress Report on Programs and Projects.

2. To express its concern over the continuing delay in the payment of quotas and pledges for financing the Program-Budget of the Organization.
3. To urge the governments of the member states to comply with the schedule of payments they have announced to the General Secretariat, since failure to do so on the dates indicated would cause a very difficult financial control situation at the implementation level of authorized programs.
AG/RES. 35 (I-O/71)

ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

(Resolution approved at the ninth plenary session, held on April 22, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING SEEN the Draft Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the Organization of American States prepared by the General Secretariat; and

CONSIDERING:

That for improved functioning of the General Secretariat it is necessary to create a tribunal having competence to consider controversies that may arise as a result of administrative decisions affecting members of the staff of the General Secretariat; and

The existence of such a tribunal would be an effective means of guaranteeing the observance of the general standards for the operation of the General Secretariat and other provisions relative to the rights and obligations of the staff members,

RESOLVES:

1. To create the Administrative Tribunal of the Organization of American States.

2. To empower the Permanent Council of the Organization to adopt the pertinent statutes and constitute the aforesaid tribunal within sixty days from the closing date of the present session, bearing in mind the draft prepared by the General Secretariat and any proposals that may be presented by the governments of the member states.

3. To request the Permanent Council to report on the implementation of this resolution to the second regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 36 (I-0/71)

ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN
ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY AFFAIRS

(Resolution approved at the ninth plenary session,
held on April 22, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING SEEN the report of the Preparatory Committee of the General
Assembly on the Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for 1971/72
(AG/doc.118); and

WHEREAS:

In referring to the preparation of the Program-Budget of the Organiza-
tion, the aforementioned report recommends that the General Assembly
appoint an ad hoc group, or instruct the Preparatory Committee of the
Permanent Council to appoint a working group to study administrative
activities, the functioning of programs, and the preparation of the
budget, so that it may advise the General Assembly;

In the aforementioned report (page 13, paragraph d) it is stated that
"the Preparatory Committee is of the opinion that planning and evaluation
should be used to the maximum, both to evaluate the effectiveness of the
programs and for long-range planning to serve as a guide in the preparation
of the biennial program-budget and its projection for two subsequent fiscal
periods;"

It is imperative, further, to rationalize the order, priority, and
manner in which the funds of the Organization are being used;

The increasing number of activities of the Organization and the im-
portant and specialized nature of the programs of the technical Councils
require an effective, complete, and thorough review of the proposed program-
budget in the appropriate subcommittee of the Preparatory Committee;

An effective review acquires even more importance with the adoption
of the biennial budget, in that this demands greater effort in planning
and greater care in adopting decisions on the part of the government
delегations;

It is highly desirable to have an advisory body such as the one
being recommended;

Among the various possibilities proposed, it seems most appropriate
to entrust the Preparatory Committee with these advisory functions, bearing
in mind the specific responsibility assigned to it in Article 58.6 of the
Charter of the Organization regarding review of the program-budget; and
Article 58.c of the Charter provides that the General Assembly may assign additional functions to the Preparatory Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To entrust the Preparatory Committee, as a complement to the specific functions mentioned in Article 58.b of the Charter, with studying the following matters, by the methods it deems most advisable:
   a. The functioning of the Organization's programs and the result of the activities of planning and evaluation;
   b. Preparation and implementation of the budget; and
   c. The administrative activities of the Organization.

2. To recommend that these studies be made on a permanent basis during all the stages of planning, preparation, and implementation and evaluation of the Program-Budget of the Organization.

3. To invite the Permanent Council, the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, and the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture to send their representatives, or representatives of their Executive Committees, when appropriate, to the Preparatory Committee so that they may participate in the administrative, planning, budgetary, and evaluation studies carried out in matters within their sphere of competence.

4. To request the Secretary General to consult with the Preparatory Committee on those matters of administration, planning, and evaluation that he deems pertinent, and especially on the preparation of the Program-Budget of the Organization, as called for in Article 118.c of the Charter.

5. To request the Preparatory Committee to present a report to the second regular session of the General Assembly on the following topics:
   a. Implementation of this resolution and the work accomplished;
   b. The results achieved and its opinion regarding the advisability of maintaining the functions of the Preparatory Committee assigned to it in this resolution; and
   c. The possibility and advisability of establishing a system of continuous and permanent analysis and evaluation of the activities of the three Councils and the General Secretariat that would take into account the following matters:
      i. the mandate from which the program originated;
ii. the timeliness of the mandate;

iii. the exact relationship between the mandate and the programs;

iv. determination on any overlapping or duplication between mandates and programs;

v. the possibility and advisability of eliminating programs considered inadequate or of combining similar programs;

vi. the relationship between the objectives of the program and the effects and specific results obtained; and

vii. the results of the planning and evaluation activities of the General Secretariat.
WHEREAS:

Tourism is important as a factor in economic and social development, and high priority is assigned to it in the development strategies of most countries of the hemisphere;

The Special Committee of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, at its meeting held in Washington, D.C., in November 1969, recommended to the Organization of American States that it promote the idea of celebrating the Year of Tourism in the Americas, in order to accelerate the development of tourism and of tourist facilities in the member countries;

At an informal meeting held in Washington, D.C., from October 27 through 29, 1970, the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the International Union of Official Travel Organizations agreed to sponsor the celebration of the Year of Tourism in the Americas; and

At a meeting held in Caracas, Venezuela, on March 4 and 5, 1971, the Regional Commission on Tourism in the Americas of the International Union of Official Travel Organizations decided to sponsor the celebration of the Year of Tourism in the Americas,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To sponsor the celebration of the Year of Tourism in the Americas.

2. To urge the General Secretariat, to set up adequate coordination machinery, in order that the events marking the celebration of the Year of Tourism in the Americas shall be, as far as possible, the result of the collaboration between the member states, the General Secretariat of the OAS, and the international agencies and entities connected with the tourist industry in the hemisphere.

3. To request the General Secretariat in using the resources of the Division of Tourism Development, to assign high priority to the activities programmed for the celebration of the Year of Tourism in the Americas.
AG/RES. 38 (I-O/71)

MAINTENANCE IN FORCE OF PROVISIONAL STANDARDS GOVERNING THE OPERATION OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

(Resolution approved at the ninth plenary session, held on April 22, 1971)

WHEREAS:

Article 52.g of the Charter empowers the General Assembly to adopt general standards to govern the functioning of the General Secretariat, and Article 119 provides that the Secretary General shall exercise administrative duties in accordance with such standards;

The First Special Session of the General Assembly in 1970, in resolution AG/RES. 16 (I-E/70), requested the Permanent Council to prepare a complete draft of these general standards for circulation to the member governments sixty days before the first regular session, but it was not possible for the Permanent Council to conclude this assignment within the specified period; and

The General Secretariat is now governed by the Provisional General Standards approved by the Permanent Council on March 5, 1971, pursuant to paragraph 8 of Resolution 16 of the First Special Session,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To continue applying the Provisional General Standards governing the operation of the General Secretariat, adopted by the Permanent Council on March 5, 1971, until such time as the General Assembly shall adopt the definitive standards.

2. To reiterate to the Permanent Council the commission entrusted to it in the fourth operative paragraph of Resolution AG/RES. 16 (I-E/70), and to request that it submit to the Assembly the complete draft general standards referred to in the aforementioned paragraph at least two months before the opening of the second regular session of the General Assembly.
WHEREAS:

Concern has been expressed by several governments regarding changes in percentages of quotas for financing the Program-Budget of the Organization; and

Consideration has been given to the observations made by certain delegations concerning the system used for the determination of quotas, as set forth in the report of the Preparatory Committee,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To entrust the Permanent Council of the Organization with studying the formula for determining the assessed quotas for the support of the Organization as approved by the Council on December 21, 1949, and to transmit its conclusions and recommendations to the next regular session of the General Assembly in 1972.
VOTE OF APPRECIATION TO COUNTRIES NOT MEMBERS OF THE ORGANIZATION

(Resolution approved at the ninth plenary session, held on April 22, 1971)

WHEREAS:

Several nonmember countries of the Organization of American States have shown growing interest in contributing toward the economic and social development of Latin America;

The General Secretariat has made representations with a view to increasing these contributions for distribution in priority areas of the member states; and

Evidence of this interest is the presence of observers representing these countries at this session of the General Assembly,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

1. To express its appreciation for the interest and support of nonmember countries of the Organization of American States in the development of the member states;

2. To recommend to the Secretary General that he continue his conversations with those countries with a view to channeling available resources toward priority programs and projects for development.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING SEEN:

The Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for 1971/72, submitted by the Secretary General;

Resolution CIES/RES. 10 (XE-70), adopted at the Tenth Special Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council;

Resolution CIECC-55/71, adopted at the Second Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science and Culture;

Decision CP/SA.32/70 (3), by which the Permanent Council decided not to undertake study of Volume I of the Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for 1971/72, and to return it to the Secretary General, without observations; and

The report of the Preparatory Committee of the First Regular Session of the General Assembly on the proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for 1971/72 (Doc.AG/CP/doc.30); and

CONSIDERING:

That at the second plenary session of the Tenth Special Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, on December 10, 1970, pledges of contributions were received for financing the part of the Program-Budget of the Organizations for 1971/72 in the economic and social area financed by the
Special Development Assistance Fund, in the amount of $6,866,136; as well
as pledges for financing that part pertaining to activities of the Inter-
American Export Promotion Center, in the amount of $940,198;

That at the special plenary session of the Second Meeting of the Inter-
American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, on February 11, 1971,
pledges of contributions were received for financing the part of the Program-
Budget of the Organization for 1971/72 (at the level of US$13,351,329 of the
minimum programming of FEMCIECC for 1971/72) in the area of education, science,
and culture, financed by the Multilateral Special Fund of the Inter-American
Council for Education, Science, and Culture, including the Special Account
for Culture, in the amount of $7,876,292 and $191,500, respectively;

That at the Eleventh Special Meeting of the Inter-American Economic
and Social Council (CIES), held on March 23, 1971, the Delegation of Uruguay,
in addition to the aforementioned pledges of contributions, made offers to
the Special Development Assistance Fund (SDAF) and the Inter-American Export
Promotion Center (CIPE) in the amounts of $55,474 and $7,574 respectively
which, added to the contribution of the host government in a proportion of
66:34, increases the availability of funds to a total of $7,029,295 for
SDAF and $962,474 for CIPE;

That at the fourth session of Committee IV on Administrative and
Budgetary Affairs of the First Regular Session of the General Assembly,
held on April 16, 1971, the delegations of Jamaica and Trinidad and Tobago
made voluntary pledges to the Multilateral Special Fund of the Inter-American
Council for Education, Science, and Culture (FEMCIECC) in the amount of
$44,200 each, in order to help finance the program-budget for that Fund at
a level of $13,351,329. These pledges when added to the contribution of the government of the host country in a proportion of 66:34, increases to $8,136,765, the total amount of pledges to that fund;

That in accordance with the provisions of Article 58.b of the Charter, the Preparatory Committee has examined the Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for 1971/72, submitted by the Secretary General and reviewed by CIES and CIECC, and has presented its report to the General Assembly containing its changes, observations, and recommendations;

That it is important to seek to stabilize the Program-Budget of the Organization; and

That, consequently, for the fiscal period 1972/74 and subsequent fiscal periods, in order to avoid submission of proposed program-budgets of the Organization containing large increases in expenditures, organs, subsidiary organs, agencies, and other entities of the OAS should stabilize their budgetary levels through consolidation of programs, elimination of relatively low-priority programs, and focusing of the activities of all organs increasingly toward the new goals established by the member states;

RESOLVES:

I. FINANCING OF THE PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION

Article 1. To approve—with the changes, observations, and recommendations made by the Preparatory Committee of the First Regular Session of the General Assembly—the Program-Budget of the Organization of American States for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1971, and ending June 30, 1972,
financed by the following funds: (a) Regular Fund; (b) Special Development Assistance Fund; (c) Special Fund for the Inter-American Export Promotion Center; and (d) Multilateral Special Fund of the CIECC, Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, in the total amount of $47 907 600*, according to the following table of overall estimates (see also Appendix I):

* Includes FEMCIECC with a Program-Budget at an operations level of $12 000 000, which may be increased up to $13 351 329 if available resources make it possible; it also includes the Special Account for Culture (CEC) at a level of $191 500.
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a. Overall contribution of 15% of the budgets of the special funds as reimbursements for administrative and general support activities of the Secretariat.

b. A budget of an initial level of $12,000,000, with a possible increase of up to $13,351,329, subject to the availability of additional cash resources.

c. This authorization may be increased if the member states pledge contributions above this amount.
Article 2. To establish the quota contributions by which the governments of the member states will finance the Program-Budget of the Organization for 1971/72, in that part which pertains to activities financed by the Regular Fund, and in accordance with the resolution of the Council of the OAS relative to the bases for financing the Organization, dated December 21, 1949, in the following amounts:

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a. Amounts paid to this country by OAS personnel for taxes on income earned in previous years.

b. This amount will be repaid to this country through the payment of the income tax of the personnel subject to that tax, according to the following breakdown:

   (1) Additional amount reimbursed to personnel of the OAS during the fiscal year 1969/70 for payment of income tax:

   (2) Estimate for 1971/72

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   1,951,062

c. 1969/70 adjustment | 313,323

   1971/72 estimate | 1,637,739

   1,951,062

d. This quota contribution is shown only for the purpose of establishing the correlative percentages.
Article 3. To authorize the financing of the Program-Budget of the Organization for 1971/72 in the following manner:

(a) Quotas of the member states, established in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of this resolution $27,149,942 a/

(b) Voluntary contributions pledged at the Tenth and Eleventh Special Meetings of the IA-ECOSOC, $7,029,295 for the SDAF and $962,474 for the CIPE fund; and others that may be received up to the total of:

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(c) Voluntary contributions pledged at the Second Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture and at the first regular session of the General Assembly, for FEMCIECC, $8,136,765; and any other estimated available funds of this fund and the voluntary contributions that may be received up to a total of:

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(d) Voluntary contributions pledged at the Second Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture for the FEMCIECC special account for culture:

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TOTAL 48,220,902 a/

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a. Includes the adjustment for reimbursement of 1969/70 income tax ($313,323).
b. This authorization for a budget of an initial level of $12,000,000, may be increased up to $13,351,329, if additional resources are available.
c. This authorization may be increased if the member states pledge contributions above this amount.
II. SPECIAL BUDGETARY PROVISIONS

Article 4. During the fiscal year 1971/72, the Secretary General shall make every effort to ensure that the expenditures of the Organization do not exceed the total amount received as quotas and contributions from the member states.

Article 5. To authorize the Secretary General, with respect to funds financed by obligatory quota contributions:

(a) To transfer the funds corresponding to the item for Contingencies, included in Chapter XII, General Expenditures, to other chapters;

(b) To transfer funds among the other chapters of the budget, not to exceed 10 percent of the total allocated to the chapter from which the funds are taken or the chapter that receives them, and provided this does not involve eliminating or substantially changing any program that has been approved. In the event that such a transfer would exceed the aforementioned 10 percent, the Secretary General shall obtain prior authorization from the Permanent Council of the Organization;

(c) To transfer up to $50,000 a year from the Working Capital Fund in order to meet expenses of increased printing costs, replacement of stocks of publications, and increases in press runs of periodical publications. It is understood that the amounts taken from the Working Capital Fund shall be reimbursed by depositing in it income resulting from the sale of publications, and that a report in this regard shall be rendered with the financial statements for the corresponding year; and

(d) To inform the Permanent Council at least every three months of all transfers made and of the reasons justifying them.

(e) To transfer to the Working Capital Fund, in accordance with the articles of the Charter and the financial standards in effect concerning the operation of the General Secretariat, the following funds:

1. Remaining balances of items that have not been expended in their entirety, after retaining the funds to be utilized during the following fiscal year in order to cover pending obligations contracted during the budget year.

ii. Miscellaneous income.
III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 6. With respect to the budgetary provisions adopted in resolution AG/RES. 10 (I-E/70), to reaffirm the principles regarding consolidation of the budgets (Article 4) and regarding reimbursement by the Special Funds to the Regular Fund for costs of administration and general support (Article 5); and to apply the classifications by type of activity and by object of expenditure (Articles 8 and 9); and also to reaffirm those principles regarding adoption of the concept of concentration of activities and resources by area, mentioned in (Article 6 of AG/RES. 10 (I-E/70) in the next fiscal period; all the foregoing without prejudice to the other provisions of that resolution in force.

Article 7. To establish the principle that, in matters related to the calculation of the various objects of expenditure (personnel, contracts, assignment of duties, acquisitions, travel, per diem, etc.), the Secretary General and the officials who have administrative powers in this regard shall apply uniform criteria in all organs, subsidiary organs, agencies, and other entities whose expenses are included in the Program-Budget of the Organization.

Article 8. To establish that the items that appear in the Proposed Program-Budget as unprogrammed Direct Technical Assistance and unprogrammed fellowships, to an approved amount of $50,000 and $992,600 respectively, shall be utilized as special items to strengthen Direct Technical Assistance and programmed fellowships items in the substantive areas and thus be able to finance requests for technical cooperation services
received from the member states. Within these amounts the necessary steps will be taken to ensure flexibility in increasing these special items, so as to respond to the requests from the member states for high-priority projects included within the scope of the Technical Cooperation Plans.

IV. RECOMMENDATIONS

Article 9. To recommend to the Secretary General, that in presenting the proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for 1972/74 and those for subsequent periods, he not exceed a maximum increase of 10% as regards the Regular Fund; and, as regards the Special Funds, that he maintain a level closely related to a reasonable projection of availability of funds.

To request, in order to avoid submission of proposals for the Program-Budget of the Organization which contain large increases in expenditures, all organs, subsidiary organs, agencies, and other entities of the OAS, to stabilize the budgetary levels they recommend, through consolidation of their programs, elimination of relatively low-priority programs, and to concentrate their activities on the new goals established by the member states; thus ensuring that the budget levels presented by the Secretary General will be in a reasonable relation to available funds.

Article 10. To recommend to the Secretary General and to the officials of other organs, commissions, and entities of the OAS who are in charge of the scheduling of meetings or the preparation of plans for seminars, round tables, or fellowships, to seek optimum utilization of the funds of the Organization and the best possible yield from those activities.
Article 11. To recommend that, in the explanation of each program or project, the document of the program-budget include a clear and accurate indication of the mandate on which the activity is based.

Article 12. To recommend that, in considering any resolution adopted by the organs of the OAS that may contain budgetary implications, the Secretary General be requested to submit an estimate of costs, as well as information on the availability of the necessary resources.
### APPENDIX I


#### SUMMARY

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b. When the IA-ECOSOC studied the Program-Budget, the revision of the increase in the salary scale from 6% to 8% had not gone into effect. This figure includes that adjustment.
WHEREAS:

The First Special Session of the General Assembly requested in its Resolution 10 that the system of internal evaluation of programs, established by the Secretary General pursuant to a recommendation of the Committee of Experts on Administration and Finance, be put into effect as soon as possible; the Secretariat should coordinate its action with the actions of the Councils in this regard and should, for programs of longer duration and importance, use the services of independent experts for programs of greater duration and importance;

The Inter-American Economic and Social Council, at its Eleventh Special Meeting at Punta del Este, after considering a report on the methodology used by the Secretariat for program evaluation, concluded that "the closest relationship should exist between formulation of the Organization's program-budget, control of its implementation, and internal evaluation of its results, in order to allow member states to make a policy evaluation of the programs and decide on their modification, continuation or change of emphasis for the following fiscal period";

The Second Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture has requested its Executive Committee to examine the methodology for evaluation being developed by the Secretariat, with a view to its utilization in the activities of the Council;

Uniformity in programming, evaluation, and progress reporting procedures followed by the Secretariat is essential to the efficient operation of the Secretariat and to the comprehension and analysis of the Organization's programs by the Councils and the General Assembly;

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize the advances made by the Secretariat in applying the recommendation of the Committee of Experts on the presentation of the program-budget and the evaluation and presentation of reports formulated by the Group of Experts with a view to the OAS making use of modern techniques for these purposes.

2. To request the Secretary General to continue to perfect and apply the process of internal evaluation to all programs under its administration, giving special attention to:
a. Appropriateness of program goals;
b. Relevance of courses of action proposed to the achievement of these goals;
c. Effectiveness of past activities; and
d. Progress to date in meeting program objectives.

3. To request the Secretary General, in his next program-budget presentation, to render a full report on the results of the evaluations undertaken, with specific indications of the program modifications that may have resulted therefrom.

4. To instruct the Secretary General to assure that the program-budget presentation provides the following types of information for each program and project:
   a. Clearly stated goals, which are appropriate to the type of development problem being addressed;
   b. The strategy and plan of action to achieve these goals;
   c. Data showing total budget authorizations and expenditures utilized to carry out the activity; and
   d. A statement concerning the progress of the projects.

5. To instruct the Secretariat to refine its system of progress reporting so that it will be consonant with the program-budget presentation and with the system of internal evaluation, such that these reports can be based on objectively verifiable criteria, defined by the evaluation system, in measuring the progress of programs and activities towards established goals.

6. To instruct the General Secretariat to review the mandates given the Secretariat by the Councils so as to identify the relationship between the mandates and the objectives stated in each program, and to report its findings to the respective Councils for their consideration in their review of subsequent program-budget proposals.
AG/RES. 43 (I-0/71)

POLICY CONCERNING STIPENDS FOR OAS FELLOWSHIPS

(Resolution approved at the ninth plenary session, held on April 22, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING SEEN the document prepared by the Secretary General entitled "Report of the Secretary General on the Policy Concerning Stipends for OAS Fellowships (AG/doc.138);" and

CONSIDERING:

That a problem has been created by the differences in the stipends received by OAS fellowships students, which vary according to the fund that finances them and even within the same fund for fellowship students at a similar professional level;

That one of the principal reasons for this lack of uniformity is the higher stipend received in some cases by the fellowship students financed by FEMCIECC;

That this situation reflects the Councils' differences of policy, and that it is therefore necessary to adopt a standard policy on allowances for all fellowship students of the Organization; that this matter is of particular interest because it concerns a high percentage of the funds allocated for direct services to the countries;

That the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CEPCIECC) is concerned with raising the stipends and that the General Secretariat has adopted measures to that end, based (although not exclusively) on the fact that the United Nations raised its stipends in some countries on December 31, 1970; and

That to maintain the present situation, or to establish different categories of fellowship students and scales of stipends, would create problems of an administrative and political nature that would be difficult to solve,

RESOLVES:

1. To establish a uniform policy on stipends applicable to all OAS fellowships, regardless of the source of the funds with which they are financed.
2. To establish a basic scale of stipends for fellowships for the OAS itself that would be subject to periodic adjustments based on variations in the cost of living in each country.

3. To ensure that the application of this policy, which is aimed at providing adequate stipends, will not result in reducing the number of fellowships nor affect the total amount of its approved budget.

4. To request the General Secretariat to draw up new regulations for the administration of fellowships, applicable to all fellowship students of the Organization, in keeping with the aforementioned general policy guidelines and those of the Councils; these regulations should be drawn up as soon as possible and should provide for situations in which an increase or a decrease in the basic amount in the scale of stipends might be justified.
DATE OF THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Resolution approved at the ninth plenary session, held on April 22, 1971)

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to Article 55 of the Charter, the General Assembly shall meet annually during the period determined by the rules of procedure; and

Article 42 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly states that it shall hold a regular session during the second quarter of each year, and that the General Assembly shall determine at each of these sessions the opening date of its next session, after having received a report from its General Committee,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To set April 11, 1972, as the opening date of the Second Regular Session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 45 (I-0/71)

APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE OF ROTATION TO THE SELECTION OF THE PLACE FOR THE REGULAR SESSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Resolution approved at the ninth plenary session, held on April 22, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That Article 55 of the Charter provides that the General Assembly shall convene annually at a place selected in accordance with the principle of rotation, and that at each regular session the place of the next regular session shall be determined in accordance with the rules of procedure;

That Article 43 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly 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;" and

That the General Assembly, by Resolution AG/RES. 19 (I-E/70), instructed the Permanent Council to study the procedure that should be adopted to apply the aforementioned principle of rotation and requested the Council to submit a procedure to the General Assembly for consideration at its first regular session; and

HAVING SEEN Resolution CP/RES. 21 (23/70) adopted by the Permanent Council of the Organization on November 18, 1970, which submits to the General Assembly for consideration a procedure for the application of the aforementioned principle,

RESOLVES:

To approve the following procedure for the application of the principle of rotation in the selection of the place for each regular session of the General Assembly:

1. The member states that may wish to make offers of a site shall communicate the offer in writing to the Secretary General of the Organization by the deadline established by the General Assembly for the presentation of proposals.

2. The General Assembly, in deciding upon the offers of a place, shall take into account:
a. The principle of an equitable geographic distribution;

b. The previous sites of sessions of the General Assembly; and

c. The services and facilities which the states that have made offers may be able to provide for the session of the Assembly.

3. If there has been no offer, the next regular session shall be held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat. Nevertheless, should one of the member states make an offer of a site in its territory at least six months in advance of the date on which the session is to begin, the Permanent Council may decide, not more than six months nor less than five months in advance of that date that the Assembly shall meet at one of the places so offered, taking into account the provisions of the preceding operative paragraph.

Transitory Provision

4. Presentation of offers of a site for the second regular session may be made up to midnight, April 22, 1971.
AG/RES. 46 (I-0/71)

STANDARDS FOR INTER-AMERICAN SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session held on April 23, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT its Resolution AG/RES. 6 (I-E/70) of July 7, 1970, in which it instructed the Permanent Council to review the Standards for Inter-American Specialized Conferences approved by the Council of the Organization on June 20, 1962, and to prepare a draft of new standards for the application and coordination of the provisions of the Charter relating to Specialized Conferences, and also to submit that draft to the General Assembly at its First Regular Session;

HAVING SEEN the report of the Committee on Meetings and Organizations of the Permanent Council, transmitted by the latter to the General Assembly through its Resolution CP/RES. 36 (41/71) of March 12, 1971, which sets forth the reasons that prevented the Permanent Council from advancing in its preparation of the aforementioned standards; and

CONSIDERING:

That Resolution AG/RES. 6 (I-E/70) provided that the Standards for Inter-American Specialized Conferences approved by the Council of the Organization on June 20, 1962, would continue to be applied insofar as they did not conflict with the provisions of the Charter, until such time as the General Assembly shall approve the new standards referred to in the aforementioned resolution; and

That it is desirable to reiterate to the Permanent Council of the Organization the instructions contained in Resolution AG/RES. 6 (I-E/70),

RESOLVES:

1. To request that the Permanent Council of the Organization prepare a draft of new standards for Inter-American Specialized Conferences in accordance with the requirements of Resolution AG/RES. 6 (I-E/70), and that it submit this draft to the General Assembly at its Second Regular Session.

2. To extend the applicability of the Standards for Inter-American Specialized Conferences adopted by the Council of the Organization on June 20, 1962, insofar as they do not conflict with the provisions of the amended Charter or with the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, until such time as the General Assembly approves the new standards.
AG/RES. 47 (I-O/71)

STANDARDS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION AND COORDINATION
OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER RELATING TO
THE INTER-AMERICAN SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session,
held on April 23, 1971)

BEARING IN MIND its Resolution AG/RES. 13 (I-E/70), of July 7, 1970 by
which it entrusted the Permanent Council with preparing draft standards for
the application and coordination of the provisions of the Charter relating
to the Inter-American Specialized Organizations and presenting them to the
First Regular Session of the General Assembly;

HAVING SEEN the report of the Committee on Meetings and Organizations
of the Permanent Council, which it submitted to the General Assembly by
Resolution CP/RES. 37 (41/71), of March 12, 1971; and

CONSIDERING:

That the Permanent Council of the Organization has initiated a thorough
study of the provisions of the Charter referring to the Inter-American
Specialized Organizations as well as of the agreements concluded between such
organizations and that Council; and

That it is advisable to entrust the Permanent Council with continuing
the preparation of the aforementioned draft standards and with presenting
them to the General Assembly at its second regular session,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To entrust the Permanent Council with continuing the preparation of
the draft standards mentioned in Resolution AG/RES. 13 (I-E/70) of July 7,
1970.

2. To request the Permanent Council to present the aforementioned draft
standards to the General Assembly at its second regular session.
WHEREAS:

The Inter-American Council of Jurists, at its fifth meeting held in San Salvador, El Salvador, in 1965, in Resolution II.1 recommended to the Council of the Organization the convocation of a specialized conference on private international law, in order to revise the general rules and the sections on international civil law and international commercial law in the Code of Private International Law (Bustamante Code) and also to incorporate into the Code of a new section on international labor law;

The Inter-American Juridical Committee, at its meetings in 1966 and 1968, likewise recommended to the Council of the Organization that this specialized conference be convoked;

The Inter-American Juridical Committee has prepared various studies and reports on the revision of the Code of Private International Law (doc. CIJ-90, rev., June 1970, 548 pages);

In compliance with the aforementioned Resolution II, in July 1966 the General Secretariat of the Organization asked the governments of the member states for their opinions on the convocation of this specialized conference a request that was reiterated in 1967 and in 1969;

The majority of the governments of the member states expressed favorable opinions to the General Secretariat regarding the convocation of the aforementioned specialized conference, and several of them indicated that it should deal in particular with international mercantile law by formulating special conventions;

Several delegations stated at the present meeting of the General Assembly that consideration should be given to reforming the Code of Private International Law (Bustamante Code) by adding a section on international labor law;

It is therefore advisable to hold an inter-American specialized conference on private international law to study and adopt decisions on matters that the governments consider most urgent; and

Article 129 of the Chapter of the Organization provides that the agenda and rules of procedure of the specialized conferences shall be prepared by the Councils concerned and submitted for consideration to the governments of the member states.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To convoke an Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law, to be held before 1974, at the place and on the date to be determined by the Permanent Council of the Organization.

2. To recommend to the Permanent Council that it prepare the draft agenda and rules of procedure for this specialized conference and transmit them to the governments of the member states for consideration. The General Secretariat shall consult with the governments concerning matters that ought to be included in the agenda.

3. To recommend to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that it prepare the studies, reports, and draft conventions necessary for the use of the aforementioned specialized conference.

4. To recommend to the General Secretariat that it prepare background and technical documents, in order to facilitate the work of the conference, and that it also provide secretariat services.

5. To recommend to the Secretary General that he include in the draft program-budget of the Organization for the fiscal year 1972-1974 the necessary allocations for holding this conference.
WHEREAS:

The confidential documents of the Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Meetings of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs are on file in the General Secretariat, and it is advisable to authorize their unrestricted publication,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To authorize the Secretary General to publish all the documents of the Tenth, Eleventh, and Twelfth Meetings of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs without restriction.
AG/RES. 50 (I-0/71)

PERMANENT OBSERVERS TO THE
ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session,
held on April 23, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING SEEN the report regarding Resolution AG/RES. 8 (I-E/70) entitled "Permanent Observers to the Organization of American States," submitted to the Permanent Council by its Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs, and Resolution CP/RES. 40 (42/71) of the Permanent Council; and

CONSIDERING:

That the General Assembly is competent to establish the status of the Permanent Observers to the Organization of American States and that it is now time to do so; and

That interest has been expressed in accrediting Permanent Observers to the Organization of American States,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the aforementioned Resolution CP/RES. 40 (42/71) of the Permanent Council.

2. To establish the status of Permanent Observers to the Organization of American States.

3. To entrust the Permanent Council with the task of determining the criteria and timeliness to give effect to the second operative paragraph of this resolution and to implement it.
AG/RES. 51 (1-0/71)

REVISION, UPDATING, AND EVALUATION OF INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTIONS ON INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session, held on April 23, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING SEEN the annual report presented to the General Assembly by the Inter-American Juridical Committee at its first regular session (AG/doc.139, pp. 29-40) and the report of that Committee on the revision, updating, and evaluation of inter-American conventions on industrial property (AG/doc.136); and

CONSIDERING:

That it is necessary to review and update the inter-American conventions on industrial property, to adapt them to legal, scientific, and technological advances, thus contributing to the development of the American countries,

RESOLVES:

1. To convocate a meeting of governmental experts on industrial property and the application of technology to development for the purpose of studying problems of industrial property and their relationship to the development of the countries of the inter-American system, giving priority consideration to the topics set forth in Chapter V of the report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee on the subject. This meeting shall be held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat on a date to be set by the Secretary General following consultation with the governments of the member states. The conclusions of the group of experts shall be transmitted to the Inter-American Juridical Committee by the Secretary General.

2. To entrust the Inter-American Juridical Committee with preparing, on the basis of the conclusions of the group of experts, one or more draft inter-American conventions to be submitted to the governments of the member states at least three months before the holding of the specialized conference mentioned in the following paragraph.

3. To convocate an Inter-American Specialized Conference on Industrial Property to consider the documents prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee in accordance with paragraph 2 of this resolution and to adopt the convention or conventions that it deems advisable. It is understood that such a convention or conventions shall not affect any subregional agreement or conventions to which any American states may be parties. This conference shall be held at a place and on a date to be determined by the Permanent Council in due course.
AG/RES. 52 (I-0/71)

COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION AMONG THE
THREE COUNCILS AND THE OTHER ORGANS OF THE SYSTEM
(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session,
held on April 23, 1971)

WHEREAS:

Article 52.b of the Charter of the Organization includes among the
powers of the General Assembly that of establishing "measures for
coordinating the activities of the organs, agencies, and entities of the
Organization among themselves and such activities with those of the other
institutions of the inter-American system;"

Under the Charter the Councils have duties and functions in related
areas or areas of common interest, which can be carried out more effective­
ly if the Councils establish adequate coordination among themselves; and

The officers of the three Councils have taken informal steps to coor­
dinate certain activities of common interest, and it is therefore advisable
to encourage such efforts, with a view to achieving a more formal and per­
manent coordination,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To establish a Committee on Coordination composed of representa­
tives of the three Councils, the purpose of which shall be to establish
the necessary coordination with regard to:

   a. Activities of the Councils with respect to each other;
   b. Meetings and conferences sponsored by the Organization;
   c. Matters of common interest relating to the organs, agencies,
      and entities of the Organization; and
   d. Other matters of common interest or action.

   The Committee may consult with the organs, organizations, and entities
   mentioned in c. in the case of matters relating to them.

   The Committee may make recommendations or suggestions to the Councils
or to the Secretary General in regard to the foregoing matters, and in all
cases it shall inform the Councils of its action.
2. To recommend to the Councils that they be represented on the Committee on Coordination as follows: the Permanent Council, by the chairmen of its Permanent Committee on Meetings and Organizations and its Permanent Committee on Program and Budget; the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, by the chairmen of their respective Permanent Executive Committees and, in each case, by another member designated by the corresponding Council or its Permanent Executive Committee. The Committee on Coordination shall be presided over by the Chairman of the Permanent Council.

The Secretary General of the Organization and the secretaries of the three Councils, or their respective representatives, shall participate in the meetings of the Committee.

3. To point out that it is desirable that the recommendations or suggestions of the Coordinating Committee reflect the consensus of its members.

4. To instruct the Permanent Council, in the event of exceptionally urgent cases, when the necessary coordination has not been obtained, to adopt the appropriate measures of coordination provided for in Article 52.b of the Charter.

5. To direct the Committee to present to the General Assembly at its Second Regular Session a report on its functioning, which shall include the points of view of the Councils. The General Assembly, taking into account the aforementioned report, shall decide if it is necessary to change the membership and functions of the Coordinating Committee.
AG/RES. 53 (I-0/71)

PROMOTION OF THE OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN THE AMERICAN STATES

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session,
held on April 23, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING SEEN the annual report presented by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and pursuant to the provisions of Article 52.f of the Charter and of Article 29.d of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly; and

CONSIDERING:

That several recommendations are submitted to the General Assembly in this report (AG/doc.12B), based on the Commission's experience in the fulfillment of its mandate to watch over the observance of human rights in the American States,

RESOLVES:


2. To recommend to the governments of the member states:

   a. That they take measures to disseminate and make known the inter-American instruments on human rights, as well as the material prepared for study and distribution by the Commission.

   b. That they furnish the Commission with the information it may request, particularly concerning progress toward attainment of the goals set forth in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, in order that it may prepare its annual report in accordance with its Statutes.

3. To suggest to the governments of the member states that they study the possibility of considering the following recommendations of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights:

   a. That they attend to the requests for information from the Commission within a reasonable period of time.

   b. That they assist the Commission in the observation of events within their territories, when appropriate.
4. To recommend to the governments that they consider adopting measures to strengthen the economic situation of their peoples, so as to achieve a vigorous national economic development, based on true international cooperation and a fair exchange of goods, which are the essential bases for building an American Community of men and women who are free from fear, poverty, and oppression.

5. To invite the governments of the member states that have not already done so to consider the advisability of signing the American Convention on Human Rights, approved at San José, Costa Rica, on November 22, 1969, and, with respect to those that have signed it, to activate their respective constitutional procedures for a prompt ratification of the aforementioned Convention.
AG/RES. 54 (I-0/71)

STRENGTHENING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM
FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session, held on April 23, 1971)

WHEREAS:

According to Article 2.a of the Charter, one of the essential purposes of the Organization of American States is "to strengthen the peace and security of the continent;"

The Charter of the Organization establishes the obligation that all international disputes arising among the member states shall be settled by the peaceful procedures set forth in the Charter itself; and

It is advisable to study strengthening of the inter-American system for the maintenance of peace, in view of the fact that the American Treaty on Peaceful Settlement (Pact of Bogotá) has not yet been ratified by all the member states of the Organization, among other reasons;

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Inter-American Juridical Committee to study in the light of the provisions of Article 26 of the Charter, the treaties and conventions that comprise the inter-American system for the maintenance of peace, based on the experience acquired from their application, with a view to strengthening the aforementioned system,

2. To request the Inter-American Juridical Committee to present its report to the governments of the member states as soon as possible, and, bearing in mind the observations made by these governments, to submit its conclusions to the General Assembly of the Organization, through the Permanent Council.
AG/RES. 55 (I-0/71)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session, held on April 23, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING SEEN the annual report presented by the Inter-American Juridical Committee to the General Assembly at its First Regular Session (AG/doc.139, pp. 29-40),

RESOLVES:

1. To take cognizance of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee, and to thank it for the work it has accomplished.

2. To transmit to the Permanent Council of the Organization, in compliance with Article 91.f of the Charter, the Draft Statutes of the Inter-American Juridical Committee prepared by the Committee at its regular session held from March 11 through April 9, 1971 (AG/doc.135).

3. To request the Preparatory Committee to include consideration of the Draft Statutes of the Inter-American Juridical Committee, with the pertinent observations made by the Permanent Council in this regard, on the agenda of the Second Regular Session of the General Assembly.

4. To recommend to the General Secretariat that it seek an appropriate means to grant the officials and employees of the Secretariat of the Inter-American Juridical Committee the social benefits that they are entitled to, that it take the necessary steps to put these measures into effect, and that it study the possibility of increasing the salaries of the aforementioned officials and employees during the fiscal year 1971-1972.
AG/RES. 56 (I-0/71)

ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session,
 held on April 23, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

CONSIDERING:

The large number of conferences and meetings that are held each year
by the Organization of American States and the personnel and resources they
require from the member states and from the General Secretariat, and

HAVING SEEN the desirability of anticipating those conferences and
meetings in an annual schedule that would make possible coordination of
their dates and sites and better use of the means available to the General
Secretariat,

RESOLVES:

1. To ask the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at
each regular session a report with a schedule of conferences and meetings
for the following fiscal year with details concerning the date, site, dura­
tion, services required, and the like.

2. To require that the councils and organs of the Organization of
American States provide the Secretary General with the information necessary
to prepare, duly in advance, the report mentioned in paragraph 1.
AG/RES. 57 (I-0/71)

STANDARDS ON COOPERATIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS, ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES, AND OTHER NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session, held on April 23, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING SEEN the draft standards on cooperative relations between the Organization of American States and the United Nations, its Specialized Agencies, and other national and international organizations, (AG/doc.109 rev. 1),

RESOLVES:

To approve the aforementioned standards.
FIRST REGULAR SESSION
April 14, 1971
San José, Costa Rica

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DRAFT STANDARDS ON COOPERATIVE RELATIONS
BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND
THE UNITED NATIONS, ITS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES,
AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AND NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

(Approved by Committee I -
Juridical and Political Affairs,
on April 21, 1971)
CHAPTER I

PURPOSE

Article 1. The purpose of these standards is to regulate the establishment of cooperative relations between the Organization of American States (hereinafter called the Organization) or its organs, on the one hand, and, on the other hand, the United Nations or its organs and its specialized agencies, or other national and international organizations foreseen or implied in Articles 52.c and d, 91.d, 95.d, 101.k, 109, and 118.h of the Charter of the Organization, as well as in the statutes of the three Councils, through determination of criteria that shall be observed and procedures that shall be followed in order that such relations may be carried out in a coordinated and coherent manner, making it possible for the Organization to provide more useful services to the member states.

CHAPTER II

DEFINITIONS

Article 2. For the purpose of these standards, the entities with which the Organization or its organs may establish cooperative relations are classified in three categories:

(a) Intergovernmental and semiofficial organizations. An intergovernmental organization is any organization established by virtue of an agreement between the governments of two or more states and composed of them exclusively; a semiofficial organization is any organization whose members include not only states, but also private persons or entities.
(b) **Governmental agencies.** A governmental agency is any agency directly or indirectly dependent on a government.

(c) **Nongovernmental organizations.** A nongovernmental organization is any national or international organization made up of natural or juridical persons of a private nature.

**CHAPTER III**

**RELATIONS WITH INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND SEMIOFFICIAL ORGANIZATIONS**

**Section A. Agreements**

**Article 3.** Cooperative relations with intergovernmental or semiofficial organizations that pursue goals related to those of the Organization may be established through agreements. For the purposes of these standards, such agreements shall be of two types:

(a) Agreements that involve the Organization as such, or that concern more than one of its organs, and

(b) Agreements concluded by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, the Inter-American Juridical Committee, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, or the General Secretariat, within their respective spheres of competence.

**Article 4.** The agreements referred to in this Chapter III shall be prepared in accordance with the following procedure:

(a) The General Secretariat shall transmit to the corresponding organ or organs the communications that it receives from intergovernmental or semiofficial agencies, in which they express an interest in establishing cooperative relations;
(b) The General Assembly, the Permanent Council, the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, the Inter-American Juridical Committee, or the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights may entrust the General Secretariat in each case with preparing a study on the advisability of concluding an agreement that is under consideration and, when it deems advisable, to prepare a preliminary draft agreement, in consultation with the governmental or semiofficial agency concerned;

(c) The study, together with the preliminary draft agreement, if any, shall be presented to:

(i) The Permanent Council, when it is a question of an agreement of the type referred to in Article 3.a of these standards, in order that the said Council, if it considers it advisable, may prepare the corresponding draft agreement, with the cooperation of the appropriate organs of the Organization, in order to submit it to the General Assembly for approval;

(ii) the appropriate organ of the Organization, when it is a question of an agreement of the type referred to in Article 3.b of these standards, in order that that organ, if it considers it advisable, may prepare and approve the corresponding draft agreement, and

(d) Once the General Assembly, or the corresponding organ, and the organization concerned have approved the draft agreement, it shall be signed by the Secretary General of the Organization
on behalf of and as a representative of the Organization or of the corresponding organ, as the case may be.

Article 5. Without prejudice to any other provisions that the parties may deem advisable in order to facilitate effective cooperation between them, all agreements concluded with intergovernmental and semiofficial organizations shall contain provisions on the following points:

(a) Definition of the fields in which the parties have a common interest;

(b) Reciprocal consultation on matters of common interest and the exchange of documents, publications, and statistics;

(c) The procedure for consultation that shall be followed in the programming process before the directing bodies of each party begin the stage of approval of their respective program-budgets;

(d) The right of each party to propose, after such consultations as may be deemed necessary, topics to be included on the agenda of a meeting of the other party;

(e) Reciprocal invitation to send observers to participate in the meetings of the various organs of the other party, in accordance with the standards in effect for each body when these meetings are to consider matters of common interest, and

(f) Standards for terminating agreements.

Article 6. The Secretary General shall establish the machinery necessary to carry out the following functions in connection with the application of agreements concluded with intergovernmental and semiofficial organizations:

(a) To receive all communications that such organizations may address to the Organization and refer them to those organs of the Organization that may have an interest in them, in order to assure coordination of activities;
(b) Continually to analyze the activities undertaken or planned by such organizations, in order to keep the corresponding organs of the Organization informed so that they may take them into consideration when formulating their programs;

(c) To inform the said organizations as to the activities undertaken or planned by the Organization that may be of interest to them;

(d) In agreement with the corresponding organs, to name the observers who should attend meetings of those organizations, and

(e) Within the framework of the agreements in force, to make the arrangements that it deems necessary with the secretariats, or their equivalents, of such organizations, in order to ensure smooth operation and optimum results in the programs approved by the General Assembly.

Section B. Relations in the absence of a formal agreement

Article 7. The organs of the Organization, in accordance with their respective regulations and spheres of competence, may cooperate with intergovernmental and semiofficial organizations that pursue goals related to those of the Organization and with which agreements do not exist, and may invite them to participate in their meetings when this is considered advisable.

Article 8. The Secretary General may make arrangements at the Secretariat level with the organizations referred to in the preceding paragraph, for consultations on matters of common interest and for the exchange of documents and information.
CHAPTER IV

RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Section A. Governmental organizations of the member states

Article 9. Cooperative relations with governmental organizations of the member states shall be maintained through the representatives of the respective governments on the organs of the Organization.

Article 10. However, direct cooperative relations may be established with governmental organizations in the member states, with the prior consent of the respective governments, expressly manifested through the delegations accredited to the Organization of American States.

Section B. Governmental organizations of nonmember states

Article 11. Relations with governmental organizations of nonmember states shall be established and maintained through the General Secretariat of the Organization.

Article 12. These relations shall be established with the prior consent of the respective governments.

CHAPTER V

RELATIONS WITH NONGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

Article 13. Cooperative relations with nongovernmental organizations whose objectives and activities are compatible with the principles and purposes of the Organization and that, under the terms set forth in this chapter, may assist in formulating, carrying out, evaluating, and publicizing the programs of the Organization, shall be of two kinds: general and special.
Section A. General relations

Article 14. General cooperative relations shall be established with those nongovernmental organizations that are willing to provide advisory services to the organs of the Organization and to disseminate information on its programs.

Article 15. Such relations with nongovernmental organizations shall be established through the following procedure:

(a) At the initiative of any of the organs of the Organization or of the interested nongovernmental organization, or of the Secretary General, general cooperative relations may be established, in accordance with Article 118.h of the Charter. The interested nongovernmental organization shall make known its compliance with the provisions of Article 16 of these standards and indicate the field or fields in which it proposes to cooperate with the corresponding organ of the Organization. With regard to national or regional organizations affiliated with international organizations, these relations shall normally be established with the international organization concerned, thus attending to the interests of the affiliates of the international organization;

(b) To ensure the proper coordination of their handling, all communications from nongovernmental organizations shall be addressed to the Secretary General, who shall refer them to those organs of the Organization that may have an interest in them, and
(c) In consultation with the corresponding organ of the Organization, the Secretary General may terminate the cooperative relations with any nongovernmental organization when the action of that organization is not in line with the provisions of Article 16 of these standards, or when the organization has made no effective contribution to the work of the Organization during two consecutive years.

Article 16. The nongovernmental organizations with which general cooperative relations have been established shall:

(a) Answer inquiries from the organs of the Organization and provide advisory services to these organs on matters within their spheres of competence;

(b) Disseminate among their members information on the objectives and activities of the Organization, based on that which the Organization provides to them;

(c) Send copies of their charters and of any other pertinent documents and publications, to the General Secretariat; and

(d) Present to the General Secretariat, before January 31 of each year, a brief report on their collaboration with the Organization during the previous year and on the activities planned in that field for the current year, as well as a current list of their executive officers and, when appropriate, of their affiliated organizations in the member states of the Organization.

Article 17. With regard to the nongovernmental organizations concerned, the General Secretariat of the Organization shall:
(a) Send them the documents and publications of the Organization that may be of interest to them;

(b) Consider the points of view that they submit in writing on matters of common interest, and

(c) Invite them, in accordance with the provisions of the regulations of the respective organs of the Organization, to send observers to the public meetings of such organs in which matters related to the fields of activity of those organizations are to be considered.

Section B. - Special relations

Article 18. Special cooperative relations shall be established with those nongovernmental organizations that are willing to carry out programs on behalf of the Organization, to participate in carrying out joint projects, or to contribute technical, administrative, or financial resources for the programs of the Organization.

Article 19. It shall not be necessary for the nongovernmental organization with which special cooperative relations are to be established to have established previously general relations with the Organization or with any of its organs.

Article 20. The Secretary General may establish special cooperative relations with a nongovernmental organization at the request of that organization or of any of the organs of the Organization, or in accordance with Article 118.h of the Charter.
Article 21. In each case, the nature of the special contribution to be made by the organization in question and the cooperation to be provided by the Organization shall be specified in detail. This cooperation shall be carried out in accordance with the program-budget and the regulations in force. In any case, the organization concerned shall send the General Secretary the documents referred to in Article 16.c of the standards.

Article 22. Special relations may be terminated by any of the parties.

CHAPTER VI

RELATIONS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS

Article 23. The cooperative relations of the Inter-American Specialized Organizations with world organizations of the same character provided for in Article 135 of the Charter shall be coordinated with the activities of the other organs of the Organization, in accordance with the applicable standards prescribed by the General Assembly.

CHAPTER VII

OTHER FUNCTIONS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

Article 24. The Secretary General may initiate conversations or negotiations with the organizations referred to in Article 118.h of the Charter that are interested in establishing cooperative relations with the General Secretariat and, on his own, may conclude agreements to that end, provided that in doing so he does not obligate any other organ of the Organization without its consent, or the Organization as a whole, and provided that such relations will contribute to the coordination of administrative activities or to avoiding duplication of efforts and expenses.
Article 25. The General Secretariat shall include in its annual reports to the General Assembly matters relating to the progress achieved in the cooperative relations of the Organization and its organs.
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INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session, held on April 23, 1971)

WHEREAS:

The Inter-American Economic and Social Council, by Resolution 9-M/63, created the Inter-American Telecommunications Commission (CITEL), composed of government experts from the member states of the Organization, and left it to the Commission to consider the advisability of its eventual transformation into a specialized conference;

The Inter-American Economic and Social Council, by Resolution 8-M/69, recommended to the Council of the Organization the establishment of an Inter-American Specialized Telecommunications Conference as a permanent series, in accordance with the request formulated in Resolution CITEL 66/68, adopted at its third meeting (Rio de Janeiro, August 1968), and reiterated in Resolution CITEL 89/69, adopted at its fourth meeting (Asunción, September 1969);

The Commission by Resolution 116/70, approved at its fifth meeting, adopted the draft organization plan that appears in document CIES/1585, requesting its approval by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and reiterating to the General Assembly the need to convocate the First Inter-American Telecommunications Conference without delay;

It was decided at the Fifth Meeting of the Commission (Bogotá, July 1970) to accept the offer of the Delegation of Venezuela that the Sixth Meeting of the Commission be held in that country; and the Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress had approved the convocation of this meeting in Caracas on September 5 through 11, 1971, at its Twenty-third Meeting held in Washington on February 17 through 19, 1971;

The Government of Venezuela has offered to be host to the First Inter-American Telecommunications Conference so that it may be held concurrently with the Sixth Meeting of the Commission;

The Inter-American Economic and Social Council, at its Eleventh Special Meeting at Punta del Este in March 1971, approved the draft organization plan of the Inter-American Telecommunications Conference, adopted at the Fifth Meeting of the Commission and renewed its request for convocation of the First Inter-American Telecommunications Conference,
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the renewed request of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council that the Inter-American Telecommunications Conference be established, and to convene the First Conference, to be held in Caracas, Venezuela, on September 5 through 11, 1971.

2. To give provisional approval to the draft organization plan of the Inter-American Telecommunications Conference adopted at the Fifth Meeting of the Commission and at the Eleventh Special Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, agreeing to review its contents within the terms of Article 75 of the Charter of the Organization at its Second Regular Session, to be held in 1972, taking into account the experience gained at the first conference and other factors related to its organization.

3. To include the topic "Evaluation of the organization plan of the Inter-American Telecommunications Conference" on the agenda of the Second Regular Session of the General Assembly, to be held in 1972.
ORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

(Approved by the tenth plenary session, on April 23, 1971)
ORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE INTER-
AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE ("CITEL")

I. NATURE

(1)* Article 1. The Inter-American Telecommunications Conference (CITEL) is a specialized conference, in accordance with Articles 51.g, 128, and 129 of the Charter of the Organization of American States.

(2) Article 2. CITEL is a permanent series of conferences, is directly associated with the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES), and fulfills its objectives through regular and special meetings, and through its Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL), and its Permanent Technical Committees, in collaboration with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

II. COMPETENCE

(4) Article 3. CITEL has the following principal functions:

a. To facilitate and promote, by all means available to it, the continuing development of telecommunications in this hemisphere;

b. To organize and sponsor the periodic holding of meetings of technicians and experts to study planning, financing, construction, operation, standardization, technical assistance, maintenance, and other matters related to the use and operation of telecommunications in the Americas;

c. To sponsor or undertake studies that will permit the orderly development of telecommunications networks, making use of the most suitable and efficient systems available;

d. To maintain continuous contact with the various governmental and private international organizations in the field of telecommunications, and to promote the coordination of their activities with those of the member states of the Organization of American States;

e. To promote the adoption of uniform technical standards and criteria for the operation of the systems, in order to obtain maximum benefit from the available facilities for each individual country and for the group of American states that belong to the Inter-American Telecommunications Network;

* The number in parentheses is the number that corresponds to the Article in the "Draft Organization Plan" approved at the Fifth Meeting of CITEL (Doc. CIES/COM.X/261 Rev.).
f. To promote and study technical assistance and cooperation projects, in agreement with the governments of the countries concerned;

g. To request the cooperation of world or regional governmental organizations, especially the International Telecommunication Union, and of international agencies concerned with telecommunications that enjoy consultative status with the United Nations or maintain cooperative relations with the Organization of American States;

h. To collect and disseminate among the member states of the Organization, information pertaining to accomplishment of its objectives, as well as any other information that may be of interest;

i. To recommend studies and sponsor the adoption of official agreements between the governments of the member states of the Organization, in connection with the planning, installation, maintenance, and operation of telecommunications systems in the hemisphere;

j. To foster the improvement and standardization of administrative, financial, and operational procedures for the planning, installation, improvement, maintenance, and operation of the Inter-American Telecommunications Network, within the framework of the recommendations of the ITU;

k. To serve as the principal advisory body of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in all matters related to telecommunications in the Americas;

l. To study the legal aspects of telecommunications, taking into account existing inter-American instruments, with a view to the preparation of new draft conventions in this field;

m. To study legal problems related to direct transmission via satellite, in order to prepare draft inter-American conventions or agreements on this subject and to formulate a common position for the member states of the Organization of American States to take in this connection when dealing with the pertinent international agencies;

n. To prepare studies on the standardization and unification of the legislation of the member states of the Organization of American States on matters relating to telecommunications;

o. To make recommendations in the field of telecommunications to the governments of the member states of the Organization, taking into account those made by the ITU;

p. To consider any other matters relating to inter-American cooperation in the field of telecommunications entrusted to it by the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, or the Inter-American Economic and Social Council.
Article 4. To attain these objectives, CITEL 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, and this organization plan.

PART ONE - MEETINGS

III. REGULAR AND SPECIAL MEETINGS

Frequency

Article 5. The Inter-American Telecommunications Conference (CITEL) shall meet regularly every four 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 Foreign Ministers, bearing in mind the recommendation of the previous Conference, in accordance with the principle of rotation.

Article 7. If for any reason it is not possible to hold the Conference in the selected country, it shall be held at the General Secretariat of the Organization, unless one of the member states, with sufficient anticipation, should offer to be host to the Conference, CIES may agree to hold the Conference in that country.

Principle of rotation

Article 8. In applying the principle of rotation in selecting the site of the Conference, it is understood that a new Conference shall not be held in a member state if another member state in which no Conference has previously been held were to offer itself for that purpose.

Extraordinary meetings

Article 9. In special circumstances, at the initiative of the Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL), CIES may request the General Assembly of the Organization to convene a special meeting of CITEL, proposing the pertinent agenda. If the proposed date for the special meeting of CITEL were to preclude waiting until the next regular session of the General Assembly, CIES may convene and set the date and place for that special meeting.
IV. PARTICIPANTS

Delegations

(13) Article 10. All member states of the Organization of American States have the right to be represented in CITEL.

Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL)

(17) Article 11. Persons who have been or are representatives to COM/CITEL and who are not members of the delegation of their own country may participate in the meetings of the Conference with a right to voice but not to vote.

Secretary General of the Organization

(18) Article 12. The Secretary General of the Organization, or his representative, participates with voice but without vote in the deliberations of CITEL, both in its plenary sessions and in the committees and subcommittees.

Observers

(19) Article 13. The following may attend the Conference as observers, with voice but without vote:

a. American states not members of the Organization and other member states of the United Nations or of its specialized agencies that have expressed an interest in the Conference.

b. Inter-American Specialized Organizations, other inter-American organizations, the United Nations and its specialized agencies, and other international organizations, including those for regional and subregional integration, when these entities are eligible to attend because of agreements that they have concluded with the Organization of American States.

Guests

(21) Article 14. After consulting with the host country, the Secretary General may invite governmental or nongovernmental international organization of recognized standing internationally and having a special interest in the matters to be discussed at the Conference, to send observers. In these cases, the invitations shall be limited to organizations that can make a positive contribution to the discussions.

Also, in agreement with the government of the host country, the Secretary General may extend special invitations to national organizations representing important sectors of activity related to the Conference. The special guests may attend the plenary sessions and committee meetings for the sole purpose of following the course of the discussions; they may, however, take part in the discussions of the committees if there is no objection on the part of the representative of the state concerned.
V. OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

Provisional President

(24) Article 15. Until the election of the President of the Conference, the Chairman of COM/CITEL shall serve as its provisional President.

Election of the President and Vice Presidents

(25) Article 16. The President and the two Vice Presidents of the Conference shall be elected at the first plenary session, and they shall perform their duties until its closing. These officers shall be elected by an absolute majority of votes of the states represented at the Conference.

VI. AGENDA

Approval of the agenda

(35) Article 17. COM/CITEL shall prepare the preliminary draft agenda for each Conference, bearing in mind the topics proposed by the governments of the member states, which it shall submit to those governments, for consideration, through the Secretary General of the Organization, at least three months in advance of the opening of the Conference, setting a deadline of thirty consecutive days for presentation of their observations. On the basis of these observations, COM/CITEL shall draw up the draft agenda and submit it to CIES for consideration.

(36) Article 18. At the meeting held by CIES immediately preceding the date set for the Conference, it shall approve the draft agenda. This shall be presented to the governments of the member states for consideration, under the terms of Article 129 of the Charter of the Organization, as much in advance as possible of the opening date of the Conference.

(This same wording will be used in the draft rules of procedure, instead of that of Article 31. Article 30, whose wording is identical to that of Article 17 of the Organization Plan, may be left unchanged.)

(37) Article 19. The agenda approved by CIES may be changed only during the meeting of CITEL and by the vote of two thirds of the member states participating therein.

VII. SESSIONS

Plenary sessions

(42) Article 20. The decisions of the Conference shall be adopted at plenary sessions.
Inaugural session

(47) Article 21. The inaugural session shall be held on the date set for convocation of the Conference.

First plenary session

(48) Article 22. After the Conference has been opened, the first plenary session shall be held as soon as possible, and at that session the Conference shall elect its officers, establish the working committees and appoint the members of the permanent committees.

VIII. COMMITTEES

Working committees

(49) Article 23. The Conference shall establish such working committees as it deems desirable for consideration of the various topics on the agenda.

(50) Article 24. The working committees shall be made up of the delegations of the member states that wish to take part in them and express that wish to the President of the Conference before the first working meeting of the committee in question. The installation meeting of each committee shall be held with the delegations that up to the time of the meeting have expressed their desire to form part of the committee.

Steering Committee

(56) Article 25. There shall be a Steering Committee, which shall be made up of the President of the Conference, who shall preside over it, the two Vice Presidents, and the chairmen of the working committees. Its task shall be to resolve any difficulties that may arise regarding the functioning of the Conference and to suggest appropriate solutions to the committees or to a plenary session. In seeking the smooth development of the Conference, it shall coordinate the work of the working committees. The President shall convene this Committee whenever he considers it advisable for the progress of the work of the Conference.

Committee on Credentials

(57) Article 26. There shall be a Committee on Credentials composed of the representatives of three member states elected at the first plenary session. It shall examine the credentials of the delegations and submit the corresponding report to the Conference as soon as possible.
IX. DISCUSSIONS

Quorum

(60) Article 27. An absolute majority of the participating member states shall constitute a quorum for plenary sessions of the Conference.

(61) Article 28. The quorum of the committees, subcommittees, and working groups shall consist in an absolute majority of the member states participating therein.

X. VOTING

Right to vote

(72) Article 29. Each delegation shall have the right to one vote. The right to vote does not imply an obligation to vote.

Majority required

(73) Article 30. The decisions of the Conference shall be adopted by the vote of an absolute majority of the member states participating, except in those cases where a two thirds vote of the member states is expressly required.

(74) Article 31. In the committees, subcommittees, and working groups, decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority.
PART TWO - THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(Com/CTIEL)

Object of Com/CTIEL

Article 32. The Permanent Executive Committee of CITEL (Com/CTIEL) is the executive organ of the Conference.

Composition

Article 33. Com/CTIEL shall be composed of representatives who are specialists in the field of telecommunications, appointed by the governments of the member states of the Organization of American States. The number of member states on the Committee shall be determined in accordance with the basic spheres of competence of CITEL, and initially it shall be composed of nine members.

The principles of rotation and of an equitable geographic representation shall be observed, as far as possible, in the election of seven of these members. The seven members of Com/CTIEL shall be elected by an absolute majority of the votes of the states participating in the meeting of CITEL. The two remaining members shall be: one, the member state in whose territory the Conference at which the election is held takes place, and the other, shall be the state in whose territory the next regular meeting of the Conference is scheduled to be held.

The number of Com/CTIEL members may be increased or decreased by CITEL.

Organization of Com/CTIEL

Article 34. Com/CTIEL shall be composed of a chairman and such officers as the Conference may designate.

Term of office

Article 35. The term of office of the member states in Com/CTIEL shall be four years.

Designation of representatives in Com/CTIEL

Article 36. The government of each member state elected to form part of Com/CTIEL shall designate a representative and an alternate, who may be substituted whenever deemed appropriate. The pertinent communications shall be directed to the Chairman of Com/CTIEL and to the Secretary General of the Organization.
Functions

Article 37. The functions of COM/CITEL, among others, are the following:

a. To carry out the decisions of CITEL, taking into consideration the recommendations of the General Assembly of the Organization and of CIES with respect to telecommunications;

b. To carry out and enforce the objectives of Article 3;

c. To prepare for the convening of the regular and special meetings of CITEL;

d. To propose to CIES the date and place for the regular or special meetings, or any changes thereto, when necessary.

e. To prepare the draft agenda for the regular and special meetings of CITEL and to submit them to the governments of the member states for consideration, through the Secretary General of the Organization, pursuant to Article 17 hereof;

f. To propose to CIES and to the Conference any amendments it may consider necessary to introduce in the permanent rules of procedure of CITEL;

g. To establish a work program for its Permanent Secretariat and for the office of the Chairman, having regard to the implementation of the decisions of CITEL;

h. To prepare a work program for the COM/CITEL for the purpose of drawing up the pertinent program budget, in accordance with the provisions of Article 118.c of the Charter of the Organization;

i. To adopt any urgent measures that cannot be held pending until the next meeting of the CITEL;

j. Through its Chairman or some other member of COM/CITEL to represent CITEL at world, regional, or national meetings or conferences on telecommunications or related activities;

k. To promote coordination of inter-American activities relating to telecommunications;

l. With the cooperation of the General Secretariat, to prepare studies, drafts of inter-American conventions and treaties, and any other documents relating to telecommunications in the hemisphere;

m. Through the Secretary General of the Organization, to present to CIES an annual report on the development of the activities of COM/CITEL.
n. To establish such temporary technical commissions, committees, and working groups as it may consider necessary;

o. To promote visiting missions of its members, at least once a year, to a country not represented on COM/CITEL. Such visits shall take into account an equitable geographic distribution as provided in Article 33 of this legal instrument and their purpose shall be to achieve uniform criteria on the matters to be discussed at COM/CITEL meetings. The expenses incurred on these visits shall be defrayed by the respective member states.

Installation session

Article 38. Before closing the meeting of CITEL at which the member states that are to serve on COM/CITEL are elected, the Committee shall hold its installation session, with the attendance of the respective heads of delegations of the aforesaid member states, convoked and presided over by the President of the Conference, with the participation of the representatives of the seven member states elected and the other two members of the Committee referred to in Article 33 of this organization plan.

Election of President and Vice President

Article 39. The member state that is to assume the chairmanship of COM/CITEL shall be elected at the installation session by an absolute majority of the votes of the representatives of the countries elected to the Committee. In like manner, during this session, a Vice President shall be elected from among COM/CITEL members; a work schedule for the period before the first meeting of the Committee shall be prepared and the date and place of that meeting shall be set.

Replacement of the Chairman

Article 40. In case the Chairman of COM/CITEL is unable to act in that capacity during a meeting, the Vice Chairman or whoever may be acting as such shall replace him in his functions, with the same powers and duties. Should the Chairman cease to represent his country, the appropriate member state shall appoint his successor.

Functions of the Chairman

Article 41. The Chairman of COM/CITEL shall have the following duties:

a. To exercise the representation of CITEL;

b. To convocate and preside over the sessions of the Committee, and to preside provisionally over the regular and special meetings of CITEL until the President of the Conference is elected;
c. To see that the provisions of Article 37.0 hereof are observed;

d. In cooperation with the Permanent Secretariat, to draw up the agendas for the meetings of the Committee, in consultation with the other members;

e. To address himself to the Chairman of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, through the Secretary General of the Organization, on behalf of the Committee, to communicate to him the decisions that the Committee has adopted and that need to be brought to the attention of that Council;

f. To communicate with the governments of the member states of the Organization and institutions interested in the objectives of CITEL regarding matters relating to the functioning of CITEL;

g. To represent CITEL, when the Committee so authorizes him, at public functions and at meetings of international organizations, with authority to delegate this representation to another member of the Committee;

h. To submit to CIES through the Secretary General of the Organization, an annual progress report on the activities of the Committee.

Meetings and headquarters of COM/CITEL

(108) **Article 42.** COM/CITEL shall meet at least once a year, in the country represented by its Chairman or in another country, or at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Organization, as the Committee may decide by an absolute majority of votes of its members at its preceding meeting. The meetings shall be numbered consecutively.

(109) **Article 43.** The country elected to preside over COM/CITEL 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 best performance of the Committee's duties and responsibilities.

Should the Committee decide to establish a technical committee or a working group, such committee or group shall have its headquarters in the country selected to preside over it. As in the case of the headquarters of COM/CITEL, the country concerned shall provide, at its expense, the staff and the necessary facilities for the performance of its functions.
Article 44. The office to which the preceding article refers shall, for all purposes, be responsible exclusively to the Chairman of the Committee, and shall not be dependent upon the General Secretariat of the Organization. The Chairman of the Committee shall maintain close working and cooperative relations with the Permanent Secretariat of CITEL, for purposes of coordination and liaison, as well as for the best possible performance of the various tasks of the Committee.

The Office of the Chairman of COM/CITEL shall send copies of official correspondence to the Permanent Secretariat.

Article 45. Any member state may participate in the meetings of COM/CITEL, with voice but without vote. Furthermore, in consultation with the other Committee members, the Chairman may invite representatives of specialized agencies or experts in matters to be considered at the meetings, to participate in the meetings as observers, in an advisory capacity.

Quorum

Article 46. An absolute majority of the Committee members shall constitute the necessary quorum for a meeting of the Committee, whether they are the principal representatives or, in their absence, their alternates.

Voting

Article 47. Decisions of the Committee shall be adopted by the vote of an absolute majority of its members. However, on questions of procedure, decisions shall be taken by a simple majority of those present and voting. In the latter case, abstentions shall not be counted as votes cast. Each member shall have the right to one vote.

Travel expenses

Article 48. Travel expenses incurred by the members of the Committee to take part in its meetings or in those of the Conference shall be defrayed by the respective governments they represent.

Article 49. Should the Chairman of the Committee or some other member acting in his behalf, attend a meeting of an international agency as the representative of CITEL, the travel expenses shall be defrayed by the Organization provided the corresponding items were provided for in the program-budget of the Organization, for which purpose the Committee should approach the Secretary General sufficiently in advance of the presentation of the proposed program-budget of the Organization.
PART THREE - PERMANENT TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

(119) Article 50. The Conference shall appoint the Permanent Technical Committees it considers necessary to attain the objectives defined in Article 3, with terms of reference that shall be determined in each case, and continue in force until such time as the Conference itself or COM/CITEL deems them to be concluded.

The Permanent Technical Committees shall meet at least once a year at their respective headquarters, upon convocation by the Chairman of COM/CITEL.

Each member state shall have one vote in the Permanent Technical Committees, and resolutions shall be adopted by a simple majority.

(120) Article 51. Each Conference shall designate the host countries of the Permanent Technical Committees. The representative appointed by the host country shall automatically be the Chairman of the respective Committee.

The Chairmen of the Permanent Technical Committees shall direct the work, prepare the material for the meetings, as well as the studies, decisions, and draft resolutions, and shall send them in duplicate to COM/CITEL and to the Permanent Secretariat for processing. The Permanent Secretariat shall inform the governments of the work and recommendations of the Permanent Technical Committees as soon as possible.

Papers, studies, decisions, and draft resolutions shall be submitted to COM/CITEL at least six months before the Conference takes place. Preferably, the Chairmen of the Permanent Technical Committees shall act as rapporteurs for the plenary sessions of the Conference, to report on matters within the competence of their committees.

(121) Article 52. The members of the Permanent Technical Committees shall be appointed by their respective government, which may remove or replace them at will, notifying COM/CITEL.

(122) Article 53. The Chairman of each Permanent Technical Committee may set up working groups with experts in the fields under study by the Committee, and these shall submit reports to him.
PART FOUR - THE PERMANENT SECRETARIAT

(123) Article 54. The General Secretariat of the Organization shall provide CITEL and COM/CITEL, on a permanent basis, with adequate secretariat services, in accordance with the allocation of funds in the program and budget of the Organization, and shall carry out the mandates entrusted to it by CITEL and COM/CITEL.

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

Permanent Secretariat

(124) Article 55. The Permanent Secretariat of CITEL, as well as the officers and other staff of the Permanent Secretariat, shall be appointed by the Secretary General, and their remuneration and travel expenses shall be defrayed by the Organization.

The Permanent Secretary, acting as the representative of the Secretary General, shall participate with voice but without vote in the meetings of CITEL and COM/CITEL.

(125) Article 56. The Permanent Secretariat of CITEL shall perform the following duties, among others:

a. To see that the minutes, decisions, papers and draft resolutions of all the organs of CITEL are in accordance with the provisions of this instrument and with those of the Charter of the Organization;

b. To receive official correspondence relating to CITEL, to handle it appropriately, and to deal with communications regarding the work of the Permanent Secretariat, informing the Secretary General of the Organization thereof. Copies of such correspondence shall be sent to the Chairman of COM/CITEL;

c. To carry out the decisions and tasks that CITEL or COM/CITEL may indicate;

d. To cooperate with the Chairman of COM/CITEL in the preparation of the draft agenda for each CITEL meeting, as well as in the preparation of the agenda for each COM/CITEL meeting;

e. To prepare documents, studies, and reports necessary for CITEL meetings, taking into account the guidelines established in this regard by COM/CITEL;
f. To prepare notices of convocation for the meetings of the Conference and of COM/CITEL, which shall be transmitted by the Secretary General of the Organization;

g. To see that minutes are kept of the meetings of COM/CITEL and distributed to the participants;

h. To cooperate with COM/CITEL in the preparation of the annual report of the Committee to be presented to CIES;

i. To keep CITEL member states permanently informed on the technical activities carried out in the field of telecommunications, in accordance with the instructions received from the Chairman of COM/CITEL, and taking into account the information received by the Committee;

j. To distribute the resolutions and decisions of CITEL on telecommunications matters among world or regional, governmental or nongovernmental agencies specializing in telecommunications, for which purpose a periodic newsletter may be published;

k. To provide a periodic information service, with widespread coverage on the progress of telecommunications and their development in the countries of the Americas;

l. To take custody, in the General Secretariat, of the files containing the official documentation of the meetings of CITEL and COM/CITEL;

m. To represent the Chairman of COM/CITEL at public or private functions and at meetings of international organizations, when the Chairman so decides.
PART FIVE - GENERAL PROVISIONS

COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS ENTITIES

(126) **Article 57.** Each Government shall notify the General Secretariat of the Organization of the name of the official institution that will serve as liaison between CITEL and the governments of the member states of the Organization with respect to telecommunications. Within a period of thirty (30) days counted from the close of the Conference, the aforementioned institution shall appoint a person to serve as liaison with CITEL.

AMENDMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION PLAN

(127) **Article 58.** The provisions of the present organization plan may be amended only by CIES, at the request of CITEL.

Draft amendments shall be submitted through COM/CITEL, to a regular or special meeting of CITEL for approval, and communicated to the governments of the member states of the Organization, through the Permanent Secretariat, twelve months in advance of the date on which the pertinent meeting will be held.

In order that the amendments may be submitted to CIES for consideration, they must be approved by a two-thirds majority of votes of the governments of the member states participating in the meeting. Such amendments shall enter into force on the date on which they are approved by CIES.
WHEREAS:

It is the responsibility of the General Assembly to decide the general action and policy of the Organization of American States, as provided for in Article 52.a of the Charter of the OAS;

It is necessary to create the conditions to guarantee to the General Assembly the full exercise of this function in the economic and social field;

It is also necessary to organize and program the activities of the organs responsible for implementing measures to achieve the goals stated in Chapters VII and VIII of the Charter so that they can contribute in the most effective way to the purposes of an accelerated economic and social development and expansion of trade of the developing member states; and

It is necessary to adapt the cycle of meetings, programming of activities, and distribution of tasks among the various agencies of the system and of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council to the provisions of the Charter of the OAS as amended,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To direct the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, in accordance with the authority vested in it by Article 95.b of the Charter, to coordinate all the economic activities of the Organization:

   a. To adopt appropriate measures to guarantee the full exercise of its powers with regard to the orientation and coordination of the activities of its subordinate organs;

   b. To define the priority areas of its activities, taking into account, in particular, the need to:

      i. intensify the expansion of the foreign trade of the developing member states;
ii. provide continuity for the initiatives and action measures taken to this end; and

iii. report to the General Assembly on the results achieved.

c. To review the attributions of its subordinate organs with a view to adopting measures for the improved and rational distribution of work among them, and all the activities carried out under their auspices; and

d. To program its activities and those of its subordinate organs in terms of concrete goals for attaining the economic and social objectives of the Charter of the Organization.

2. To instruct the Inter-American Economic and Social Council to prepare the schedule of its meetings and those of its subsidiary organs so as to allow proper preparation for the regular sessions of the General Assembly insofar as the economic and social activities of the Organization are concerned.

For that purpose, the regular annual meetings of the Council should be held sufficiently in advance of the corresponding regular sessions of the General Assembly. The annual schedule of meetings of the subsidiary organs of the Council should be adjusted in accordance with the date of its annual regular meeting.

3. The request the Inter-American Economic and Social Council to submit to the General Assembly, according to the terms of Article 52.f of the Charter and of its Statutes, at least 30 days before each regular meeting, a complete analytical report of its activities, in which it shall provide detailed information of the tasks carried out by its Permanent Executive Committee and its other subsidiary organs, and, likewise, to provide the Assembly with data necessary for judging the progress made in complying with its commitments and achieving its agreed goals.

4. To request the Inter-American Economic and Social Council to propose to the General Assembly, at its second regular session, any amendments to its statutes that may be necessary, in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 above.

5. To call upon the Inter-American Economic and Social Council:

a. To adopt at its Seventh Annual Meeting the measures needed to comply with paragraph 2 above; and

b. To hold, early in December of this year, a special meeting to:

   i. evaluate the activities carried out under its auspices during 1971;

   ii. approve the report to be presented to the second regular session of the General Assembly;
iii. adopt the necessary measures for carrying out the provisions of paragraphs 1, 3 and 4 above; and

iv. adopt the part of the Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization relating to its field of competency, to be presented for final approval to the second regular session of the General Assembly.

The Permanent Executive Committee and the Secretariat of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council shall present the documents necessary to carry out the provisions of this paragraph sufficiently in advance of the Seventh Annual Meeting and of the special meeting of the Council to be held next December.
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TRADE EXPANSION

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session, held on April 23, 1971)

WHEREAS:

According to Article 2.e of the Charter of the Organization, the promotion of economic and social development in the member states is one of the basic purposes of the Organization of American States;

By virtue of Article 29 of the Charter of the Organization, the member states pledge themselves to a united effort to bring about dynamic and balanced economic development for their peoples, as an essential condition for peace and security in the hemisphere;

Article 37 of the Charter recognizes the close interdependence between the foreign trade and the economic and social development of the member states;

The accelerated expansion of the exports of the developing member states, especially those to the developed countries, is of fundamental importance in obtaining supplementary resources for the expansion and diversification of their production and the implementation of the national economic and social development programs in which they are engaged;

The member states have been working for over ten years--at the worldwide, inter-American, regional, and subregional levels--to establish principles and carry out activities that will enable international cooperation to make an effective and decisive contribution to the accelerated expansion of the exports of the developing member states and the elimination of restrictions thereon;

These efforts have resulted in the establishment of objectives and action plans designed to bring about profound changes in economic and trade relations between developed and developing countries, as reflected in many declarations, resolutions, and agreements in worldwide, inter-American, and Latin American contexts;
Despite the efforts of the member states and these objectives and action plans, the changes in economic and trade relations have fallen short of satisfying the needs of the developing countries of the region;

As a consequence of the structure and standards that regulate international trade, and other factors, the relative share of exports from the developing member states in world trade has decreased in recent years, and the expansion of these exports is insufficient to further the economic and social development of their peoples;

It is essential to accelerate the transfer of technology to, and its dissemination in, the developing member states, particularly that which will contribute to the expansion of their exports;

There has been substantial progress in limited areas in subsidiary forums of the inter-American system; nevertheless, development of inter-American trade has not met the expectations and aspirations of the developing member states of the Organization, especially in terms of attainment of the objectives set forth in Article 37 of the Charter of the Organization; and

Greater and continuing efforts on the part of the international community are needed to complement and support the developing countries' efforts to expand their trade and further their development,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To address the governments of the developed countries, requesting that they urgently adopt special measures, mechanisms, and standards to foster expansion of the export trade of the developing member states of the OAS and to ensure implementation of the strategy for the United Nations Second Decade of Development. The most important measures among those that should be adopted are:

   a. To conduct negotiations in competent international forums, with a view to establishing a program to eliminate progressively the barriers and restrictions that affect the exports of the developing countries, and thus add to the gains which will result from the entry into effect of the general system of preferences. Such a program should deal with restrictions that affect agricultural commodities and other basic products of special interest to the developing member states of the OAS;

   b. To put into effect the general system of preferences at the earliest possible date in 1971;
c. Not to distort the general system of preferences that was agreed upon for the exclusive benefit of the group of developing countries of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development. For this reason, no new restrictions should be placed on exports of these countries, nor should the system be extended to countries outside that group;

d. To step up the transfer of technology and financial assistance for the expansion of the exports of the developing countries;

e. To consider, in terms more favorable than those employed up to the present, an equitable policy of price stability and improvement regarding the basic products of the developing countries; and

f. To take the initiative to terminate the reverse preferences extended by developing countries to some developed countries, by voluntarily renouncing them.

2. To urge the governments of the developed countries furthermore:

a. To avoid adopting protectionist trade measures that might adversely affect the exports of the developing countries;

b. To take no measure of any kind that might constitute a violation of standstill commitments with the developing countries.

3. To urge the countries engaged in negotiations for the enlargement of the European Economic Community to take into account the need to avoid adversely affecting the exports of developing countries, and in particular to provide secure markets in the enlarged community for the exports of those developing countries members of the Organization of American States, which are traditional suppliers of the countries being integrated into the Community.

4. To urge the Government of the United States in its trade policy with respect to the developing member states:

a. To give prompt and full attention to the demands that, in relation to trade with the United States, the developing member countries stated in the Consensus of Viña del Mar, and in the resolutions of the Ninth Special Meeting of the Committee on Latin American Coordination;

b. Not to adopt protectionist measures that might unfavorably affect the export trade of the developing member states or contravene commitments assumed in international forums and instruments;

c. Not to adopt or apply measures, affecting exports of the developing member states represented in the Organization, that are contrary to the provisions of the Charter of the OAS and particularly
those of Article 19, whereby "no State may use or encourage the
use of coercive measures of an economic or political character in
order to force the sovereign will of another State and obtain from
it advantages of any kind;"

d. To support, at the international and inter-American levels, more
equitable mechanisms, rules, and measures with respect to the
trade of the developing member states, including the elimination
discriminatory barriers and practices that affect their export
products;

e. To make an early decision, if possible in 1971, in regard to the
entry into effect of the general system of preferences, within the
terms and conditions indicated above, which should exclusively
favor the group of developing countries that belong to the United
Nations Conference on Trade and Development; and

f. To ensure that its offer of nonreciprocal preferences (within the
framework of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development's
general system of preferences) is made available to all the develop-
ing countries represented in the Organization of American States, on
conditions that are in effect the same.

5. To request the Secretary General of the Organization to transmit
this resolution to the Secretary General of the Organization for Economic
Cooperation and Development and the Secretary General of the United Nations,
with the request that they bring it to the attention of the member states of
both organizations that are not members of the OAS, and their specialized
agencies and subsidiary organs.
AG/RES. 61 (I-O/71)

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO STUDY THE RESOLUTIONS AND DOCUMENTS THAT COULD NOT BE STUDIED BY THE STYLE COMMITTEE

(Resolution approved at the tenth plenary session, held on April 23, 1971)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Permanent Council, in accordance with the provisions of Article 81 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, to examine the resolutions and documents approved by the General Assembly that could not be studied by the Style Committee.
I CERTIFY that the present volume contains the official texts of the resolutions approved by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States in its first regular session, held in San Jose, Costa Rica, from April 14 through 23, 1971.

Galo Plaza
Secretary General of the Organization of American States

Washington, D.C.
30 September 1971