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TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF BENITO JUÁREZ

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on April 20, 1972)

WHEREAS:

Next July 18 will mark the one hundredth anniversary of the death of Benito Juárez, and the Government and the people of Mexico have therefore decided to declare 1972 the "Year of Juárez";

For all America and for the world, Benito Juárez is one of the most glorious representatives of our people;

The historic action of Juárez is closely related to the defense of non-intervention, inasmuch as the distinguished Mexican fought heroic battles against foreign interference in his country;

Benito Juárez' motto "respect for the rights of others is peace" is a splendid summary of the irreplaceable principles of American international law;

The governments and peoples of the Americas have rightfully accorded the title of Hero of the Americas to Benito Juárez, as he was so proclaimed by the Congresses of Colombia and the Dominican Republic in 1865 and 1867; and

The Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture decided, in resolution CIECC-135/72, to hold a history competition "on the life and work of Benito Juárez, the architect of modern Mexico," in which not only the people of the Americas but those of all the countries of the world may participate.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RESOLVES:

1. To pay tribute to Benito Juárez and to request the President of the General Assembly to appoint a committee from among its participants to place flowers at the monument to the Mexican hero in Washington, D.C.

2. To request the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to place an oil portrait of Benito Juárez in an appropriate location at the headquarters of the General Secretariat.

3. To request the General Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements so that the contest called for in resolution CIECC-135/72, to honor the memory of this Hero of the Americas, may be held during the "Year of Juárez."
AG/RES. 63 (II-0/72)

PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION 1972/74 AND QUOTAS 1972/73

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for 1972/74, and proposed quotas for 1972/73, submitted by the Secretary General;

Resolution CIIES/RES. 22 (VII-71), approving the programs in the economic and social area, and resolution CIIES/RES. 36 (XII-E/72), approving and transmitting to this General Assembly the Program-Budget of the Organization for 1972/74 in the economic area;

Resolution CIIECC/RES. 56/71, which instructed CIIECC to study the outlines of the program to be carried out during the 1972/74 biennium in the area of education, science, and culture; the decisions of CEPCIECC adopted at its Fourth Meeting; and resolution CIIECC/RES. 93/72, approving and transmitting to this General Assembly the Program-Budget of the Organization for 1972/74 in the area of education, science, and culture;

The precedent set through decision CP/SA.32/70 (3), in which the Permanent Council decided not to take under consideration Volume I of the proposed Program-Budget for 1971/72, and to return it to the General Secretariat without observations;

Resolution CP/RES. 51 (60/71) on implementation of the third stage of parity with the United Nations, as it concerns changes in the staff retirement and pension plan of the General Secretariat;

The reports of the Preparatory Committee of the Second Regular Session of the General Assembly, on "Programming and Management in the Organization of American States" (AG/doc.215); and on the Proposed Program-Budget for 1972/74 (AG/doc.216); and

The report of the Rapporteur of the Fourth Committee - Administrative and Budgetary Matters (AG/doc.259/72), and

CONSIDERING:

That at the Twelfth Special Meeting of CIIES pledges of contributions to the SDAF were received for the Program-Budget for 1972/74 in the amount of $7 544 650 (for the fiscal year 1972/73); pledges for financing that part of the Program pertaining to the Export Promotion Program carried out by CIIE
in the amount of $1,032,122 (also for the fiscal year 1972/73); and pledges for financing the activities of "1972 - Tourism Year of the Americas," in the amount of $757,576;

That at the Third Meeting of CIECC, pledges of contributions to FEMCIECC were received for the Program-Budget for 1972/74 in the amount of $9,572,965 (for the fiscal year 1972/73 of the biennium), as well as pledges for the financing that part of the Program pertaining to the Special Account for Culture in the amount of $277,574 (also for the fiscal year 1972/73);

That, under the provisions of Article 58.b of the Charter, the Preparatory Committee has examined the Proposed Program-Budget for 1972/74, submitted by the Secretary General and reviewed by CIES and CIECC, and has prepared its report to the General Assembly with its comments, suggested changes, and recommendations; and

That it is imperative to stabilize the Program-Budget of the Organization in terms of financing and staff,

RESOLVES:

I. FINANCING OF THE PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION

Article 1. To approve--with the changes, observations, and recommendations made in the reports of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly--the Program-Budget of the Organization of American States for the fiscal period beginning July 1, 1972, and ending June 30, 1974, submitted by the Secretary General in Volume OEA/Ser.D/II-1-1972/73, and financed by the following funds: (a) Regular Fund; (b) Special Development Assistance Fund, and the accounts of CIPE; of "1972 - Tourism Year of the Americas," and the unilateral contributions for the studies of Capital Markets in Latin America and Strengthening of CIAP; and (c) Multilateral Special Fund of CIECC and its Special Account for Culture--with a $10,000,000* initial operating level for FEMCIECC for 1972/73 and $277,574 for CEC--according to the following table of overall estimates (see also Appendices I and II):

* This initial level may be increased up to $12,000,000 depending on the resources that are made available in accordance with resolution CIECC/RES. 93/72.
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a. Includes an adjustment of $7.0 in connection with the readjustments shown in the report of the rapporteur of the Working Group to study the PEO-1972/74, compensated for between Chapters VII and VIII.

b. CIESE recommended to the General Secretariat that it carry out the mandate of the General Assembly on the reimbursement of 15% to the Regular Fund for Technical Supervision and General Support, but indicated that an equal amount should be allocated to "1972 - Tourism Year of the Americas," in the Regular Fund, that is $90 818.
Article 2. To establish the quota contributions through which the governments of the member states will finance during 1972/73 the Program-Budget of the Organization for 1972/74, 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:

- Regular Fund - Gross amount $29,372,919
Less: Reimbursement for Administration and General Support (15%) (2,748,200)
-- Net amount for calculating the 1972/73 quota $26,624,719

Article 3. To authorize the financing of the Program-Budget of the Organization for 1972/74. For the year 1972/73, in the following manner:

(a) Quotas of the member states, established in accordance with the provisions of Article 2 of this resolution $30,914,314 a/

(b) Voluntary contributions pledged at the Twelfth Special Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council for:
- SDAF 7,544,650
- CIIE 1,032,122
- "1972 - Tourism Year of the Americas" 757,576
- Studies of Capital Markets in Latin America 1,459,600
- Strengthening of CIAP 1,160,000

and those that may be received for those funds and accounts up to a total of $12,668,876

(c) Voluntary contributions pledged at the Third Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture for: -FEMCIECC 9,572,965
-CEC 277,574
$9,850,539 b/

a. Includes reimbursement of income tax, $4,289,595.
b. The initial level of operations of $10,000,000 may be increased up to $12,000,000 depending on the resources that may be made available in accordance with resolution CIECC/RES. 93/72.
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a. Amount paid to this country by the OAS for taxes on incomes earned in 1970/71.

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 fiscal years 1969/70, and 1970/71 for payment of income tax: 1,164,400

(2) Estimated additional amount to be reimbursed during fiscal year 1971/72: 614,000

(3) Estimate for 1972/73: 2,500,300

4,289,595

5,059,275

62,192,526
II. SPECIAL BUDGETARY PROVISIONS

Article 4. During the 1972/74 fiscal period, 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 the Regular Fund 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 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 for this purpose shall be reimbursed by depositing in it income received from the sale of publications, and that a report in this regard shall be rendered with the financial statements for the corresponding year;

(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:

   i. 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 period;

   ii. Miscellaneous income, of which $771,400 will be applied as reimbursement of part of the expenses of the Committee of the Thirteenth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs.
III. GENERAL BUDGETARY PROVISIONS

Article 6. With respect to the budgetary provisions adopted in resolution AG/RES. 10 (I-B/70), to reaffirm the principles regarding consolidation of the budgets within a single Program-Budget of the Organization and the concentration of activities and resources within the programs adopted by the Councils. Likewise, to maintain the principle regarding reimbursement to the Regular Fund for technical supervision and administrative support, to be paid from all voluntary funds—permanent or temporary, multilateral or unilateral—that amount to $100,000 or more, with the exception of the FONDEM since it is a fund for humanitarian purposes; and to establish that the basis for the computation of this 15 percent reimbursement shall be the net amount of the programs. To authorize the General Secretariat to update and improve the classification of objects of expenditure—as recommended by the Preparatory Committee in the document entitled "Programming and Management in the Organization of American States" (AG/doc.215)—beginning on July 1, 1972, in order to have a consistent basis for the computation and study of the next Program-Budget. To instruct the General Secretariat to study a possible updating of the classification of activities in the Program-Budget, and to submit it to the General Assembly at its third regular session, after it has been seen by CIES and CIECC or their respective Permanent Executive Committees.

Article 7. To maintain 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. This practice shall be extended to cover honorariums and per diem allowances to members of committees and commissions subject to such compensation.

Article 8. To establish that the items that appear in the Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization 1972/74 as unprogrammed direct technical assistance and unprogrammed fellowships, with approved amounts of $107,500 and $2,079,100, respectively, shall be utilized as special items to (a) meet priority requests from the member states for technical cooperation that cannot be considered because they are not programmed; and (b) meet the urgent requests of the member states in unprogrammed areas—when appropriations for unprogrammed technical cooperation activities are exhausted—with programmed technical cooperation funds that have not been obligated as of December 31 of each year, in order to bring about a more rational use of the resources of the Regular Fund for fellowships.

Article 9. To recommend to the Secretary General, that in preparing the proposed Program-Budget for 1974/76 and subsequent periods, he not exceed the maximum quota increase of 10 percent over the level of the Program-Budget of the preceding biennium as regards the Regular Fund; and, as regards the Special Funds, that he maintain a level closely related to a reasonable projection of the availability of funds.
Article 10. To repeat the request to all organs, subsidiary organs, specialized agencies, other agencies, and entities of the OAS that, in order to avoid submission of proposals for the Program-Budget of the Organization that contain large increases in expenditures, they stabilize the budgetary levels they recommend, through consolidation of programs, elimination of relatively low-priority programs, replacement of those that have fulfilled their objectives, or the focusing of actions increasingly toward the provision of direct services to the member states, within the goals established by them in adopting programs in accordance with Article 118.c of the Charter.

Article 11. To recommend that all organs of the OAS, when considering any resolution that may contain budgetary implications, request the Secretary General to submit an estimate of costs, as well as information on the availability of the necessary resources.

Article 12. To recommend to the Secretary General that he bear in mind the observations made by the several delegations during the Committee's discussion, as noted in the report of the Rapporteur.
### APPENDIX I

**DETAILS OF THE PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION 1972/74**

**SUMMARY**

(US$1,000)

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a. The budget for "1972 Tourism Year of the Americas" is for a calendar year.

b. Includes adjustment of $7,000 in connection with the reductions shown in the report of the rapporteur of the Working Group of the Subcommittee on Program and Budget to the Preparatory Committee, compensated for between Chapters VII and VIII.
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO THE
GENERAL ASSEMBLY, APPROVED THROUGH ARTICLE 1
OF RESOLUTION AG/RES 63 (II-0/72)

A. General recommendations

1. After considering the method of computation for the 15 percent reimbursement to the Regular Fund from the various voluntary funds for Technical Supervision and Administrative Support, the Preparatory Committee decided to RECOMMEND to the General Assembly that it adopt the formula proposed by CIES; i.e., that it take, as the basis for computation 15 percent of the net amount of programs financed from the voluntary funds. In addition, it decided to RECOMMEND that this reimbursement be made from all of the voluntary funds—permanent or temporary, unilateral or multilateral—amounting to $100,000 or more, except the FONDEM, since it is a fund for humanitarian purposes. Regarding CIPE, it decided to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that it conduct a study with a view to its incorporation into the system of reimbursement for Technical Supervision and Administrative Support and present it, after it has been seen by CIAP, to the third regular session of the General Assembly.

2. The Preparatory Committee agreed to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that in view of the current discussions regarding the future of the Panel of Experts of CIAP it economize on personnel, preferably by not filling vacancies as they occur on the panel.

B. Specific recommendations

a. On the Program-Budget of the Organization

3. The Preparatory Committee decided to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that in the next proposed Program-Budget of the Organization, it include a quantification of program goals and of project objectives where appropriate, as well as the total amount of expenditures for the last fiscal period. It also stressed the need for uniformity in budget formulation and presentation, so that an identical examination might be made of the financial aspects of each program.

4. The Preparatory Committee decided to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that it not include the Inter-American Defense Board, the Inter-American Children's Institute and the Inter-American Commission of Women in the adjustments of appropriations based on the level of receipts, since they do not have the flexibility of the mechanism for transfer of personnel and equipment as the other chapters of the Program-Budget of the Organization.

5. The Preparatory Committee decided to RECOMMEND to the General Assembly that it authorize the General Secretariat to defray the operating expenses of the Retirement and Pension Fund until June 30, 1972. Furthermore, in view of the recommendation for approval of the third stage of parity with the United Nations, the Committee decided to RECOMMEND to the General Assembly that as of July 1, 1972, the Retirement and Pension Fund finance its own operating expenses.
6. The Preparatory Committee noted that the activities of FONDEM, without corresponding appropriation of funds, include the rendering of technical cooperation services to the member states to collaborate in preparing mechanisms to cope with emergency situations should they arise. For this reason, the Preparatory Committee decided to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that $100,000 from the SDAF unprogrammed activities item be assigned to FONDEM's technical cooperation services.

b. On administrative organization

7. The Preparatory Committee decided to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that it accelerate the elimination of administrative activities in substantive areas that duplicate central administrative and support services, in order to reduce costs through the absorption of these responsibilities by the said central services.

8. The Preparatory Committee noted with concern the disproportionate number of advisors, coordinators, and assistants appearing on the OAS payroll in relation to the programs and personnel of the Organization. It also noted the stratification of directive personnel in the different dependencies of the General Secretariat, particularly in the classification of posts such as: directors, deputy directors, assistant directors, assistant deputy directors, administrative coordinators, etc.

Therefore, the Preparatory Committee agreed to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that the necessary measures be taken to reduce the number of advisors, coordinators, and assistants, as well as to eliminate the stratification in the cases of director and assistant director posts with duplication of functions in order to provide more efficient and economical administration in the dependencies, especially in the Substantive Areas, since it was agreed that no posts should exist which have no special functions to justify them or whose functions are duplicated by other posts.

9. The Preparatory Committee noted with concern the increasing number of conferences and meetings, which exceeds the capacity of the General Secretariat to render services, and decided to RECOMMEND to all organs, subsidiary bodies, agencies and other entities that they limit such meetings insofar as possible, subject to fulfillment of the purposes of the Organization, the requirements of the member states, and the need for implementation of programs. This recommendation also takes account of the consequences of the documents and publications required for such conferences and meetings; accordingly, the group decided to REQUEST the General Secretariat to present a "General Plan of Publications and Documents" to the General Assembly, with a detailed account of the personnel and other expenditures required, together with the expected output in the corresponding languages, specifying the costs of translation, editorial, graphic, distribution and other services, and their relationship with the conferences and meetings for which they will be utilized.
10. The Preparatory Committee decided to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that—in order to other rationalize the management area—it review the organizational structure of the units of its general administrative services.

11. The Preparatory Committee, concerned with the performance of the Department of Information and Public Affairs, decided to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that it reorganize the activities of that Department and that during the 1972/74 biennium, a technical evaluation be made of all activities and services to determine the effects of that reorganization.

12. The Preparatory Committee decided to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that it rationalize the activities of the Columbus Memorial Library in order to reduce the costs of its services.

c. On personnel

13. The Preparatory Committee decided to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that it not increase the staff of any kind, but rather make efforts to bring about a reduction, taking into account, insofar as possible, the situation of the career professional personnel. It further considered that the expansion of personnel benefits made an improvement in efficiency and individual productivity essential, and that any expansion of programs should take place on the basis of elimination of lower-priority programs or of programs that already have met their goals.

14. The Preparatory Committee observed that the General Secretariat has begun to transfer professional and technical personnel to its programs in the member states, for which reason it decided to RECOMMEND that this process of operational "deconcentration" be accelerated so that more and better Direct Services may be provided within the member states.

15. The Preparatory Committee decided to RECOMMEND to the General Secretariat that it establish centralized control for the use and cost of overtime, seeking to reduce it to a minimum.
AG/RES. 64 (II-0/72)

ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY AFFAIRS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 36 (I-0/71): "Programming and Management in the Organization of American States" (AG/doc.215) and the report of the Rapporteur of the Fourth Committee - Administrative and Budgetary Matters (AG/doc.259); and

CONSIDERING:

That the report of the Preparatory Committee contains the judgement factors necessary to decide on: (a) implementation of the aforementioned resolution and the work accomplished; (b) the results achieved and the advisability of establishing a system of continuous and permanent analysis and evaluation of the activities of the three Councils and the General Secretariat;

That the report also includes the studies made on: (a) the functioning of the Organization's programs and the result of its activities of planning and evaluation; (b) preparation and implementation of the program-budget; and (c) the administrative activities of the Organization;

That these studies were made with the participation of representatives of the Permanent Council, the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, or of their Permanent Executive Committees, and with the cooperation and technical advisory services of the General Secretariat;

That it is desirable to intensify the rationalization of the priorities, equity, and manner in which the funds of the Organization are being used;

That the increasing number of activities of the Organization and the importance and specialized nature of the programs of the technical Councils call for an effective, complete, and thorough review of the proposed program-budget by the appropriate subcommittee of the Preparatory Committee;

That the execution of the first biennial program-budget of the Organization calls for continued efforts in the programming of activities and special attention to the decision-making process on the part of government missions and delegations;
That in the light of the results obtained from resolution AG/RES. 36 (I-O/71), it is considered highly desirable to have a permanent advisory procedure such as the one being recommended; and

That Article 58.c of the Charter provides that the General Assembly may assign additional functions to the Preparatory Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the report of the Preparatory Committee on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 36 (I-O/71), entitled "Programming and Management in the Organization of American States" (AG/doc.215) and the recommendations it contains, with the modifications introduced by the Fourth Committee (see appendix).

2. To instruct the Preparatory Committee, as a complement to the specific functions mentioned in Article 58.b of the Charter, to provide the General Assembly with permanent advisory services, by studies or whatever other means it deems pertinent, on the planning, programming, budgeting, execution, and evaluation of all the programs, activities, and services of the Organization.

3. To request the Secretary General to consult with the Preparatory Committee on those matters of programming, management, 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.

4. 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 Permanent Executive Committees, when appropriate, and if they so deem advisable, to attend the meetings of the Preparatory Committee and to participate in the programming, budgetary, and evaluation studies carried out on matters within their spheres of competence.

5. To request the Preparatory Committee to submit a report to the General Assembly, during regular session, on: (a) the implementation of this resolution and the work performed; and (b) its observations and recommendations.
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,
APPROVED IN POINT 1 OF RESOLUTION AG/RES. 64 (I-0/72)

A. GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

a. In regard to the results achieved and the opinion of the Preparatory Committee regarding the advisability or not of continuing the functions of the Preparatory Committee (point 5.b of resolution AG/RES. 36 (I-0/71)):

1. The Preparatory Committee, after considering the implementation of the above resolution and the work accomplished, RECOMMENDS the continuation of its additional functions in administrative and budgetary matters, with the character of permanent advisory service to the General Assembly.

b. In relation to the possibility and advisability of establishing a system of continuing and permanent analysis and evaluation of the activities of the three Councils and the General Secretariat (point 5.c of resolution AG/RES. 36 (I-0/71)):

2. The Preparatory Committee informs the General Assembly that (i) there is already within the General Secretariat an established system of internal technical evaluation of the programs the Secretariat carries out, in addition to ad hoc evaluations made through contracted experts; (ii) that both CIES and CIECC, in accordance with the new provisions of the OAS Charter, have been carrying out work conducive to a general evaluation of the programs and activities in their respective areas through their Permanent Executive Committees, Inter-American Committees and Subcommittees or other mechanisms. Consequently, the Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS: (i) maintaining and strengthening such work of evaluation through activity based on consistent criteria that permit complementation of the necessary policy approach of the member states with the technical contribution of the General Secretariat's evaluation system and external consultants acting within those criteria; and (ii) improving and strengthening the coordination of the evaluation activities of the Councils and the General Secretariat, in compliance with the additional advisory functions which would be assigned to the Preparatory Committee.
B. SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS

a. In relation to the preparation process and execution of the Program-Budget of the Organization (point 1.b of resolution AG/RES. 36 (I-0/71):

3. The Preparatory Committee, after studying the program and execution of the Program-Budget of the Organization, RECOMMENDS that efforts be made to decrease the number of stages and levels of revision of the proposed Program-Budget of the Organization in accordance with the ruling in article 118.c of the Charter, and, at the same time, mechanisms be established to assure a disciplined budgetary process making it possible to receive the pertinent documents in time and permitting them to be adequately studied and considered within the specified time periods.

4. The Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS that the classification of activities of the Program-Budget of the Organization approved by resolution AG/RES. 10 (I-E/70) be updated to absorb and reflect the experience gained in the execution of the programs in recent years, with special emphasis on technical cooperation activities.

5. The Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS that the classification by objects of expenditure of the Program-Budget of the Organization approved by resolution AG/RES. 10 (I-E/70) be updated in order to make a clear distinction between staff members (permanent appointments; fixed-term appointments; short-term appointment) and personnel on contract for a specific purpose, a service, or a product contractually agreed upon. In this way, the staff personnel would be subject to the procedures and requirements appropriate to their status; and persons serving on contract (for example, professors, consultants, professional or technical groups; entities, public or private organizations, etc.) would be subject to the procedures and conditions included in their contracts.

6. The Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS that an in-depth study be conducted—by the General Secretariat for presentation to the third regular session of the General Assembly—regarding possible additional sources and/or alternative ways of financing the technical cooperation activities on the basis of the suggestions submitted by the Secretariat.

b. In relation to the functioning of programs (point 1.a of resolution AG/RES. 36 (I-0/71):

7. The Preparatory Committee, after studying the administrative operation of the programs, RECOMMENDS adoption of the concept that "the organizational structure of the General Secretariat should serve and follow the program structure adopted by the General Assembly."

8. The Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS the continuing improvement of the process of substantive programming and of the planning of the administrative services; the improvement of the preparation and presentation of
the annual plans of operations of activities and of disbursement of financial resources; and the speeding up of the process of the execution of the Program-Budget of the Organization, taking into account the utilization and interaction of "time", "personnel", and "money" implied in the appropriations approved by the General Assembly.

9. The Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS that a study be made on the optimum dimensions, in terms of human and financial resources, that a program should have which would make it possible to better define the technical direction and administrative support required for efficient execution. Such a study should also consider the possibility of conducting interdisciplinary programs by means of the joining of efforts and support of two or more units of one or more areas.

c. In relation to the administrative activities of the Organization (point 1.c of resolution AG/RES. 36 [I-0/71]):

10. The Preparatory Committee, after conducting the study of the administrative operations of the Services, RECOMMENDS, continuation and acceleration of the process of "optimization" of the use of human and financial resources within each fiscal period, preventing especially, at the Department or Office level, the duplication of editorial, library, conference, and administrative support services of any kind provided by the central administration; requiring that administrative and financial data be consistent, reliable, systematic, and made known at intervals that permit observation of the progress of the execution of the programs and the advance in the rendering of the services in conformity with modern management techniques; continued efforts toward operative deconcentration with respect to the Direct Services rendered to the member states; and, by the substantive areas, the making of better use of the services of the General Secretariat Offices away from headquarters.

11. The Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS the urging with the utmost decisiveness, of the rationalization of the documents and publications for the purpose of keeping costs within reasonable limits; continuing with the rationalization of travel to the member states by staff members from headquarters; and the continuation of efforts to perfect the calendar of conferences and meetings.

12. The Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS maintaining frequent auditing of all activities of the General Secretariat, through the corresponding unit.

13. The Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS continuing and improving the procedures of recruitment, selection and appointment of personnel (permanent; for fixed-term; for short periods) and the speeding up of the handling of the contracts for a specific service or product contractually agreed upon.
14. The Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS emphasizing in-service training activities and refresher activities for professional updating in modern management techniques for the personnel performing duties of this nature in the various Secretariat areas, in order to make it possible for the professional and technical personnel of the substantive areas to devote themselves wholly to their specific functions.

15. The Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS that the General Secretariat be requested to present a report on the results, the experience gained, and the conclusions arising from the strengthening of the Offices of the General Secretariat away from Headquarters, which report is to be presented to the third regular session of the General Assembly.

16. The Preparatory Committee RECOMMENDS that the function of publicizing the performance of the Organization be strengthened in order that it may contribute toward disseminating information on activities and objectives, primarily on the basis of the Direct Services it renders to the member states.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council to the General Assembly on the bases of financing of the Program-Budget of the Organization (AG/doc.223), and

CONSIDERING:

That in resolution AG/RES. 39 (I-O/71) the Permanent Council was entrusted with studying the formula for determining the assessed quotas in the maintenance of the Organization approved by the Council of the OAS in its resolution of December 21, 1949, and presenting its conclusions and recommendations to the General Assembly at its regular session in 1972;

That, according to the report of the Permanent Council on the Bases of Financing of the Program-Budget of the Organization, which contains the most important information obtained to date on the subject (Doc. AG/doc.223), it is still premature to adopt specific guidelines, since more thorough study should be given to certain elements, such as (a) the principle of a maximum limit in the OAS scale; (b) the effect of applying subjective criteria of the United Nations in the final percentages of the OAS; (c) the principle of a minimum limit in the United Nations scale; and (d) the effects of adapting the percentages of the United Nations scale to the OAS scale;

That, although the agreement signed in Washington, D.C., on December 18, 1971, by the "Group of ten" overcame the immediate international monetary problem, questions still remain to be resolved, such as the revision of monetary systems, international trade, and the role played by capital and investment flows;

That the foregoing situation suggests that the international monetary system is still subject to modifications that, if they should occur, will directly affect the exchange rates and therefore the guidelines to be followed in the study under consideration; and

That, owing to its importance to the Organization, any change in the bases for its financing should be the object of an exhaustive study,

RESOLVES:

1. To extend for one year the mandate entrusted to the Permanent Council in resolution AG/RES. 39 (I-O/71) on the bases of financing of the Program-Budget of the Organization, in order that it may complete the study of the
formula for determining the quotas of the governments of the member state for the support of the Organization, giving preferential attention to the following topics, among other: (a) the principle of a maximum limit in the OAS scale, (b) the effect of the application of subjective criteria of the United Nations in the final percentages of the OAS, (c) the principle of a minimum limit in the United Nations scale, and (d) the effects of adapting the percentages of the United Nations scale to the OAS scale.

2. To instruct the General Secretariat to consult the governments of the member states on their willingness to provide the Permanent Council with the statistics and other information related to the computation of their individual quotas in the United Nations scale of contributions.

3. To request the Permanent Council to present its conclusions and recommendations to the General Assembly at its third regular session.
AG/RES. 66 (II-O/72)

EFFECTIVE PERIOD OF THE PROVISIONAL GENERAL STANDARDS 
TO GOVERN THE OPERATIONS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session 
held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council to the General Assembly 
on General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat 
(AG/doc.221),

RESOLVES:

To extend for one more year the mandate to the Permanent Council to 
present to the governments, at least two months prior to the third regular 
session of the General Assembly, the complete draft of general standards 
mentioned in operative paragraph 4 of resolution AG/RES. 16 (I-E/70).
AG/RES. 67 (II-0/72)

SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The mandate approved at the first regular session of the General Assembly appearing in resolution AG/RES. 56 (I-0/71), on the Annual Schedule of Conferences and Meetings of the Organization of American States;

The comments and recommendations with respect to the multiplication of conferences and meetings made in the reports of the three Councils of the Organization, of the Preparatory Committee, and of the Committee on Coordination among the three Councils and the other organs of the system; and

The report of the Secretary General on the Schedule of Conferences and Meetings of the Organization of American States (AG/doc.237), which states that the General Secretariat intends to study this matter and submit a plan for rationalizing meetings; and

CONSIDERING:

The widespread and continuing concern in this regard expressed by the member states, the governing bodies at the Organization, and the General Secretariat, since the multiplication of meetings exceeds the capacity of the General Secretariat, and, at the same time, increases the demand for personnel and resources from the member states,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the schedule of conferences and meetings of the Organization of American States for the fiscal period 1972/74 appearing in the report of the Secretary General (AG/doc.237), and to recommend that the holding of conferences and meetings not provided for in that schedule be avoided insofar as possible.

2. To state that, in principle, no conferences shall be convoked nor other intergovernmental meetings authorized when their topics can be considered with the same results by any of the other organs of the Organization.

3. To urge the organs, bodies, and entities of the Organizations to reduce the number of their conferences and meetings or others they sponsor to the minimum compatible with the objectives of the Organization. The needs of member states in relation to their participation in conferences and meetings of other organizations should also be taken into consideration.
4. To request of the Committee on Coordination among the three Councils and the other organs of the system that, before conferences, meetings, and seminars are convoked, it review the plans for each and make recommendations that will result in limiting their number.

5. To request of the Secretary General that, in consultation with the Committee on Coordination among the three Councils and the other organs of the system, he prepare a study on the problem of the multiplication of conferences and meetings of the Organization and a plan of recommendations that will be submitted to the third regular session of the General Assembly. The study should consider the possibility of establishing a system that will permit the identification of the direct and indirect costs of conferences and meetings in order to help decide whether it is justifiable to hold them, in the light of their estimated costs.
AG/RES. 68 (II-0/72)

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

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture to the General Assembly; and

CONSIDERING:

The desirability of there appearing in this report criteria that will make it possible to evaluate what has been accomplished and to guide future action;

The desirability of approval by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture of its Annual Report before it is submitted to the General Assembly; and

Operative paragraph 3 of resolution CIECC-103/72, by which it was recommended that the General Secretariat present to each regular meeting of CIECC a document containing the basic information for preparing the report that the Council is to submit to the General Assembly for consideration,

RESOLVES:


2. To recommend to the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture that, in the preparation of the next Annual Report, it take into account resolution CIECC-103/72, paragraph 3, and the observations and comments made at this Assembly during the deliberations of the Third Committee, regarding both the procedure for the preparation of the report and its contents.

3. To stress the importance of approval by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture of its Annual Report before it is submitted to the General Assembly for consideration.

AG/RES. 69 (II-0/72)

TERMS OF OFFICE OF THE MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND
CULTURE AND THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEES

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session
held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-102/72, adopted at the Third Meeting of the
Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture; and

CONSIDERING:

That Article 32 of the Statutes of the Inter-American Council for Educa­
tion, Science, and Culture, approved by the General Assembly, provides that
the Council shall elect the required members of the Permanent Executive Com­
mittee at its regular annual meeting at the ministerial level;

That it is necessary to maintain the continuity of the representation
of the member states on the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American
Council for Education, Science and Culture, without prejudice to the partial
replacement of Committee members each year; and

That it is advisable to establish the terms of office of members elected
to fill vacancies that occur before the end of members' terms on the CIECC
and on the Inter-American Committees,

RESOLVES:

1. That the two paragraphs of Article 32 of the Statutes of the Inter­
American Council for Education, Science, and Culture be replaced by the fol­
lowing two paragraphs:

The Chairman of the Permanent Executive Committee shall be elected
by the Council at its meeting at the ministerial level, from among the
candidates presented by the governments of the member states.

The Council shall elect the appropriate number of members of the
Executive Committee from among the candidates presented by the govern­ments of the member states, in accordance with the distribution by zone
established by the Council.

2. That a paragraph be added to Article 28 of the Statutes, to read
as follows:

When the post of a member or alternate becomes vacant before the
end of the term, his elected replacement shall serve only for the re­
mainder of the term of the member he replaces.
3. That a paragraph be added to Article 41 of the Statutes, to read as follows:

When the post of a member of one of the Inter-American Committees becomes vacant before the end of his term, his elected replacement shall serve only for the remainder of the term of the member he replaces.
AG/RES. 70 (II-0/72)

STRENGTHENING OF THE CULTURAL HERITAGE OF THE AMERICAS AS A MEANS OF STRENGTHENING REGIONAL INTEGRATION

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

WHEREAS:

The cultural heritage of the Americas is one of the most valuable bases of the regional integration policy pursued by the Organization; and

Although the member states have demonstrated their intention to extend inter-American cooperation to include the cultural sphere, the Organization's efforts to date have not been equal to those made in other aspects of the overall development of the hemisphere,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DECLARES:

That culture, whose great and lasting achievements strengthen the moral order and contribute to social harmony, is a most effective means to achieve the high goals of regional peace and integration, and

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the member states to contribute to the extent of their ability to the implementation of the cultural programs of the Organization as an indispensable complement to those it conducts in other areas of inter-American cooperation.

2. To recommend to the inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture that it maintain a proper balance among all programs it conducts, so as to foster parallel and balanced growth of the various cultural activities whose costs are paid out of the Special Account for Culture.
AG/RES. 71 (II-0/72)

FORM AND CONTENT OF THE ANNUAL REPORTS
OF CIES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session
held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the annual report of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council presented to this second regular session, which takes into account the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 59 (I-O/71) of the first regular session of the General Assembly; and

CONSIDERING:

That if it is accepted that a faster increase in resources derived from exports, development assistance, and the flow of investment capital are some of the essential prerequisites for more rapid economic development, it is then necessary to undertake efforts to strengthen international cooperation in the areas of trade, monetary policy, transfer of resources and technology, and, especially, to solve the problem of the burden of external debt service on the Latin American economies;

That the Special Committee for Consultation and Negotiation (CECON) has made a promising start and is a useful forum for consultations and negotiations that make it possible to study and deal with the economic problems confronting the inter-American system;

That, nevertheless, the fact that CECON has not been fully used in every instance in which it could have been, particularly in relation to the new economic policy (NEP) measures adopted by the United States of America in August 1971, has been cause for concern;

That, as unanimously stated in the Latin American Manifesto, some of the measures adopted by the United States of America, which were subsequently eliminated, had an unfavorable effect on Latin American development efforts and represented in some cases a violation of inter-American commitments;

That, the adoption of those measures generated a credibility gap in Latin America with regard to the validity of the existing commitments for hemispheric cooperation;

That the United States of America, in reply to criticism of the NEP by the Latin American countries, has stated that it considers that with achievement of the objectives of its stabilization program, the strengthening of its economy, and the readjustment of world trade and monetary systems, those measures will help to strengthen the Latin American economies;
That, the delay in establishing the general system of nonreciprocal preferences by the United States of America is viewed with growing concern because of the vital importance of that system to the efforts to increase the region's exports;

That, the United States of America has reaffirmed its commitments under the inter-American system;

That the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) has consistently emphasized the advantages of multilateralization of external financial assistance for Latin America;

That the CIES report points out and substantiates the fact that bilateral United States financing for development cooperation tends to become multilateral financing;

That, as stated in the conclusions of the Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress (CIAP) country review on the United States, in relation to certain measures that affect external aid and inter-American cooperation, although they stem from the exercise of a sovereign right of every country, they give rise to basic doubts on the part of the Latin American countries as to their compatibility with the concept of multilateral cooperation;

That it is necessary that the future annual reports of CIES to the General Assembly include specific ideas for establishing guidelines and policies in the area of competence of CIES, and

That, for this purpose, it is felt that CIAP should provide CIES with all available information that will enable it to present the report in the manner indicated, taking into account the results of the studies the General Secretariat will present in this field,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its thanks and appreciation for the report CIES has presented to the General Assembly.

2. To request that the next report of CIES to the General Assembly continue to provide analytical information on, and submit specific proposals concerning, the principal events and activities in the area of competence of CIES.

3. To recommend to CIES that it assign to CIAP the responsibility preparing the draft of the report that CIES will present to the General Assembly.

4. That CIES, through its subordinate organs and with the cooperation of the Secretariat, continually review the goals established in the economic and social fields, with a view to adapting inter-American cooperation to existing circumstances.
5. To reaffirm the provisions of resolution REM-1/70 on the joint action programs, especially in the area of trade, that are under consideration by CECON.

6. To urge the governments to make full use of CECON mechanisms and procedures so that the goals that motivated the establishment of this Committee may be attained.

7. To reaffirm the basic importance that the Latin American countries be permanently, effectively, and adequately represented in future negotiations on the international monetary system and world trade, as part of the group of developing nations.

8. To call upon all member countries of the Organization to contribute with all means at their disposal to achieve the multilateralization of external financial assistance, so that it may make an effective contribution to hemispheric cooperation for development.

9. To express, with regard to paragraph 8, its agreement with the CIAP conclusions setting forth the basic principle of external aid accepted by all member countries of the Organization, to the effect that the granting of such aid should be adapted to the development strategies adopted by each country.

10. That CIAP should modify its activities and procedures in order to be able to make recommendations on inter-American cooperation, with alternatives, on the basis of which CIES may take decisions, and particularly with regard to the problems mentioned in the second paragraph of the preamble of this resolution.

At the same time the Latin American countries urge the United States Government to renew its efforts to make its participation in inter-American cooperation as effective as possible and to hasten concrete application of its generalized system of preferences.
AG/RES. 72 (II-0/72)

EXPANSION OF THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE INTER-AMERICAN EMERGENCY AID COMMITTEE AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR STRENGTHENING IT

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the statutes of the Inter-American Emergency Aid Fund (FONDEM) and the report prepared by the General Secretariat and approved by the Committee, which includes recommendations for expanding the capacity of the Fund in the field of emergency humanitarian activities,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the governments of the member states that they improve their capacity for pre-emergency planning, assessment of damage, and management and coordination of emergency assistance activities.

2. To call upon the governments of the member states and of nonmember countries, and upon public and private organizations, to coordinate their assistance services with those of FONDEM when responding to appeals for emergency humanitarian assistance for the member countries of the Organization, in order to ensure maximum efficiency and effective utilization of the assistance.

3. To authorize the Secretary General to continue to solicit contributions to FONDEM from member and nonmember states, from public and private groups, and international organizations, so as to have available the supplies, equipment, personnel, and emergency aid funds required by the circumstances.

4. To authorize the Secretary General to continue to request the funds necessary to improve the capacity of FONDEM to assist stricken countries and provide them with technical advisory service and training to strengthen their own capacity to cope with emergency situations.

5. To approve the amendments proposed by CIES to articles VII and X of the statutes of the Inter-American Emergency Aid Fund, transcribed below:

Article VII

An Inter-American Emergency Aid Committee is established to operate the Fund, composed of the Secretary General of the OAS, the President of the Inter-American Development Bank, the Director of the Pan American Sanitary Bureau, the Chairman of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIAP), and the Chairman of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CEPCIECC). The Secretary of CIIES or his representative shall act as
Secretary of the Committee. The Executive Secretary of the CIECC and the Assistant Secretaries for Technical Cooperation and for Management, of the General Secretariat of the OAS, shall serve as advisers to the Committee.

The agreement of three members of the Committee or, in their absence, of their representatives, shall be sufficient to validate decisions of the Committee.

Article X

Whenever necessary, the offices of the General Secretariat away from headquarters shall provide the Inter-American Emergency Aid Committee with assistance in all matters related to their services, facilities, and connections with local agencies for the rapid channeling, in case of emergency, of aid of all kinds that needs to be provided to a particular country. These offices shall serve as local bases for the activities of the Fund.

(The present Article XI will be eliminated because it contains regulatory provisions.)
AG/RES. 73 (II-O/72)

ACTIVITIES IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR UNDER THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN documents AG/235, "Proposal for the Establishment of Activities in the Fisheries Sector under the Inter-American System," prepared by the Secretariats of CIES and CIECC and presented to the General Assembly at this session; and

CONSIDERING:

The pressing need to promote to the fullest extent the development of the fisheries sector, in order to bring about a rapid increase in the contribution of fishing to the economic progress and well-being of the member countries;

The need to expand, to this end, multinational cooperation mechanisms in this area under the inter-American system;

The need for the governments to have available a more complete study with a view to increasing fisheries activities in the oceans, lakes, and rivers of the member countries;

The importance of avoiding duplication of initiatives and efforts in the fisheries sector and in fishery sciences under way or planned by the member countries and international institutions;

The consequent advisability of having the study furnish the information necessary to outline the structure and operational aspects of the activities to be undertaken and the basis for prompt action once the decision is made;

The importance of having governmental experts collaborate with the General Secretariat in preparing this study; and

The offer of site and facilities made by the Government of Peru,

RESOLVES:

2. To instruct the General Secretariat to convene an ad hoc group of government experts from those member states that wish to participate, to expand and add to the study contained in AG/doc.235 and, in collaboration with the General Secretariat, to prepare recommendations regarding activities in the fisheries sector in the inter-American system.

3. To request that the meetings of the ad hoc group of government experts be held during the second half of 1972 so that the results of its work may be made known to the member states at least 30 days prior to the Eighth Regular Meeting of CIES and the Fourth Regular Meeting of CIECC.

4. To request that the recommendations made in this area by both CIES and CIECC be presented to the General Assembly at its third regular session.

5. To accept the offer of the Government of Peru that the work of the ad hoc group of government experts be carried out in Lima.

6. To note that the General Secretariat will devote up to $40,000 from the total funds allocated for unprogrammed mandates of CIES and CIECC to carry out the present resolution.
AG/RES. 74 (II-0/72)

CONVOCATION OF THE SECOND INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE ON COOPERATIVES

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

WHEREAS:

The First Inter-American Conference on Cooperatives, held in Buenos Aires in November 1968, adopted a resolution that, in addition to thanking the Government of Chile for its generous offer to act as host country for the Second Conference, recommended that the Council of the Organization of American States convene the Second Inter-American Conference on Cooperatives, to be held in Santiago, Chile, in 1971;

The Permanent Council, in considering the convocation of various specialized inter-American conferences at its special meeting on May 26, 1971, decided that, as a result of the amendments to the Charter of the OAS, it was no longer empowered to convene the Second Inter-American Conference on Cooperatives;

The Inter-American Economic and Social Council, by means of Resolution 49 (XII (E) 72) adopted at its Twelfth Special Meeting and in accordance with Article 128 of the Charter of the Organization, decided to recommend the convocation of the Second Inter-American Conference on Cooperatives, to be held in Santiago, Chile, during the first half of 1973; and

The Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for 1972/73 has allocated $46,500 to cover the costs of this Conference,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To express its appreciation to the Government of Chile for its offer to act as host, and to convene the Second Inter-American Conference on Cooperatives, to be held in Santiago, Chile, during the first half of 1973.

2. To request that the General Secretariat, in consultation with the government of the host country, establish the date for the conference.
WHEREAS:

The Council of the Organization of American States, sharing the favorable opinion expressed by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council in resolution 15-M/67 of its Fifth Annual Meeting, decided on May 15, 1968, to state its agreement with the holding of the Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor at least once every three years for the purpose of improving and providing continuity and impetus for inter-American activities in the social field by proposing specific social goals and suggesting how and when they may be attained, within the terms of the Charter of Punta del Este;

The Third Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor, held in Washington, D.C., in October 1969, adopted a resolution in which, in addition to thanking the Government of Argentina for its offer to serve as host for the Fourth Conference, it recommended to the Council of the OAS that it convene the Fourth Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor to be held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, within three years;

The Permanent Council, at its special meeting on May 26, 1971, in considering the convocation of various inter-American specialized conferences, decided that, because of the amendments to the Charter of the OAS, it was no longer empowered to convene the Fourth Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor [CP/RES. 43 (44/71)];

The Inter-American Economic and Social Council, by means of resolution 31 (VII-71) of its Seventh Annual Meeting and in accordance with Article 128 of the Charter of the Organization, decided to recommend the convocation of the Fourth Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor to be held in Buenos Aires, during the second half of 1972; and

The Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for the fiscal year 1972/73 contains an item of $48,000 to cover the costs of the Conference, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

1. To express its appreciation to the Argentine Government for its offer to serve as host, and to convene the Fourth Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor to be held in Buenos Aires during the second half of 1972.

2. To request the General Secretariat to set the date for the Conference, in agreement with the host country.
AG/RES. 76 (II-0/72)

CONVOCATION OF THE SIXTH INTER-AMERICAN STATISTICAL CONFERENCE

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

WHEREAS:

Inter-American Statistical Conferences are held approximately every five years to consider statistical matters of common interest to the American states and to develop inter-American cooperation in the field of statistics;

The Fifth Inter-American Statistical Conference was held in Caracas in October 1967, and at that time the Government of Chile offered to act as host to the Sixth Inter-American Statistical Conference, in 1972;

In accordance with the orientation of the Inter-American Statistical Conferences since 1962, the Sixth Conference will examine the activities carried out since the last Conference and the progress achieved, and should establish the bases and targets for the regional statistical work to be carried out in the immediate future;

The rules of procedure of the Inter-American Statistical Conferences approved by the Council of the Organization during its regular meeting on June 6, 1962, are currently in force and may be applied without amendment to the Sixth Inter-American Statistical Conference;

The proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for the fiscal year 1972/73 includes an item of $15,600 to meet the expenses of the Conference; and

Pursuant to Article 6 of the Agreement in force between the Council of the OAS and the Inter-American Statistical Institute, the latter has prepared a preliminary draft agenda for the Conference,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the offer of the Government of Chile to act as host to the Sixth Inter-American Statistical Conference and to convocate it to be held from November 6 through 14, 1972, in Santiago.

2. To take note of the proposed agenda and transmit it to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council for consideration.
WHEREAS:

The General Assembly at its first special session approved resolution AG/RES. 2 (I-E/70), 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 other organs of the Organization in accordance with the provisions of the aforesaid resolution;

The General Assembly at its first regular session approved resolution AG/RES. 25 (I-O/71) whereby it extended the period during which resolution AG/RES. 2 (I-E/70) would remain in effect, until the General Assembly at its second regular session studied the subject of that resolution, if necessary;

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 second regular session, deemed it advisable to extend the period during which resolution AG/RES. 2 (I-E/70) would remain in effect,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To extend the effect of resolution AG/RES. 2 (I-E/70) until the General Assembly again studies the subject of this resolution, if necessary, at its third regular session.
AG/RES. 78 (II-0/72)

STRENGTHENING OF THE PRINCIPLES OF NONINTERVENTION AND THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES AND MEASURES TO GUARANTEE THEIR OBSERVANCE

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

WHEREAS:

Acts of direct or indirect intervention by a state or group of states, in the internal or external affairs of any other state for any reason whatever, constitute a flagrant violation of the principles of nonintervention and self-determination of peoples established in the Charter of the Organization of American States;

The principle of nonintervention has been a constant concern of the countries of the hemisphere and a foundation for the maintenance of good relations among them; and there are specific statements concerning this principle in various inter-American instruments, especially those approved at the Conferences of Montevideo, Buenos Aires, Chapultepec, and Bogotá;

The Charter of the Organization, in articles 18 and 19, establishes the following:

No State or group of States has the right to intervene, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatever, in the internal or external affairs of any other State. The foregoing principle prohibits not only armed force but also any other form of interference or attempted threat against the personality of the State or against its political, economic, and cultural elements; and

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;

The Charter of the United Nations to which all the member states of the Organization of American States belong, establishes the principles of the sovereign equality of states and of the self-determination of peoples;

The Twentieth Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in Resolution 2131 (XX), concerning the inadmissibility of intervention in the internal affairs of states and the protection of their independence and sovereignty, solemnly stated the following:

No State has the right to intervene, directly or indirectly for any reason whatever, in the internal or external affairs of any other State. Consequently, armed intervention and all other forms of interference or attempted threats against the personality of the State or against its political, economic and cultural elements, are condemned;
No State may use or encourage the use of economic, political or any other type of measures to coerce another State in order to obtain from it the subordination of the exercise of its sovereign rights or to secure from it advantages of any kind. Also, no State shall organize, assist, foment, finance, incite or tolerate subversive, terrorist or armed activities directed towards the violent overthrow of the regime of another State, or interfere in civil strife in another State;

The use of force to deprive peoples of their national identity constitutes a violation of their inalienable rights and of the principle of nonintervention;

Every State has an inalienable right to choose its political, economic, social and cultural systems, without interference in any form by another State; and

All States shall respect the right of self-determination and independence of peoples and nations, to be freely exercised without any foreign pressure, and with absolute respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms;

The principles of nonintervention, of equal rights, and of self-determination of peoples were included, reaffirmed, and expanded, together with others equally important, in the "Declaration of Principles of International Law concerning Friendly Relations and Cooperation among States in Accordance with the Charter of the United Nations," approved as Resolution 2625 (XXV) by the United Nations General Assembly on its twenty-fifth anniversary;

The principles referred to in the foregoing paragraphs are supplemented within the inter-American system by the following principles set forth in Article 3, paragraphs (d), (g), (h), (i) and (j), of the Charter of the Organization:

The solidarity of the American States and the high aims which are sought through it require the political organization of those States on the basis of the effective exercise of representative democracy;

Controversies of an international character arising between two or more American States shall be settled by peaceful procedures;

Social justice and social security are bases of lasting peace;

Economic cooperation is essential to the common welfare and prosperity of the peoples of the continent:

The American States proclaim the fundamental rights of the individual without distinction as to race, nationality, creed, or sex;
Normal relations among states have been repeatedly disturbed by acts that represent flagrant violations of the principle of nonintervention, affect the right of self-determination of peoples, and cause a deterioration in the international situation that can endanger peace and security in the hemisphere;

Acts of intervention aimed at the destruction of public freedoms and the institutional system have become especially serious and constitute a clear threat to the American states, since they violate each person's right to carry on his cultural, political, and economic life freely and spontaneously; and

It is desirable to reaffirm the validity and far-reaching importance of the principles of nonintervention and self-determination of peoples by urging the American states to adhere strictly to these principles, which admit of no reservation,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate solemnly the need for the member states of the Organization to observe strictly the principles of nonintervention and self-determination of peoples as a means of ensuring peaceful coexistence among them and to refrain from committing any direct or indirect act that might constitute a violation of those principles.

2. To reaffirm the obligation of those states to refrain from applying economic, political, or any other type of measures to coerce another state and obtain from it advantages of any kind.

3. Similarly, to reaffirm the obligation of these states to refrain from organizing, supporting, promoting, financing, instigating, or tolerating subversive, terrorist, or armed activities against another state and from intervening in a civil war in another state or in its internal struggles.

4. To urge the member states to take the necessary measures, in fulfilling their international commitments, to avoid intervention of any kind.
AG/RES. 79 (II-0/72)

STRENGTHENING OF THE PRINCIPLES OF NONINTERVENTION AND THE SELF-DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES AND MEASURES TO GUARANTEE THEIR OBSERVANCE

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING NOTED the denunciation made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Guatemala in the address he delivered at the plenary session held on April 15, 1972, and

CONSIDERING:

That in the course of discussions made possible through the efforts of the President of the General Assembly and the Secretary General of the Organization, and through the willingness that has been shown to resolve the situation in question, the representative of the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland stated that the military forces stationed in British Honduras had been reduced, and offered to accept an observer of the Organization to verify the military forces still maintained there;

That in order that negotiations may be resumed between the interested parties it is desirable to accept the above offer; and

That without prejudice to decisions that might be taken by any other competent organ, the General Assembly, as supreme organ of the Organization of American States, can take action in this matter.

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the above-mentioned denunciation by the Government of Guatemala and of the above-mentioned statement and offer by the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

2. To request that the Secretary General of the Organization of American States send an observer to the territory of British Honduras to determine the number and type of the military forces stationed there.

3. To request the Secretary General to transmit to the governments of the member states, through the Permanent Council, the report or reports the observer may present.
AG/RES. 80 (II-0/72)

STUDY OF A DRAFT INSTRUMENT ON VIOLATIONS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERVENTION

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the "Draft Instrument on Violations of the Principle of Nonintervention," prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee in 1959 (AG/doc.198),

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Permanent Council to study the "Draft Instrument on Violations of the Principle of Nonintervention" prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee in 1959 (AG/doc.198) and, if possible, to submit a report on this document to the third regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 81 (II-0/72)

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

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The opinion of the Inter-American Juridical Committee on the subject "Strengthening of the Inter-American System for the Maintenance of Peace" and the observations on that opinion presented by the Governments of Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guatemala, and Mexico (AG/doc.222 add. 1); and

The resolution of the Permanent Council (CP/RES. 63 (65/72) regarding the above-mentioned opinion (AG/doc.222),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the opinion presented by the Inter-American Juridical Committee on the subject "Strengthening of the Inter-American System for the Maintenance of Peace" in compliance with resolution AG/RES. 54 (I-0/71).

2. To request the Permanent Council, in accordance with Article 91.f of the Charter, to formulate the observations that it deems appropriate on the above-mentioned opinion and present them to the General Assembly at its third regular session.

3. To ask the Preparatory Committee to include in the draft agenda for the third regular session of the General Assembly the topic "Strengthening of the Inter-American System for the Maintenance of Peace."
AG/RES. 82 (II-0/72)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session
held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report presented by the Inter-American Juridical Committee to the General Assembly at its second regular session (AG/doc.208),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee and thank it for the valuable and important work it is doing.

2. To suggest to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that, if possible, it arrange its sessions so that its annual report reaches the General Secretariat early enough to enable the Permanent Council to make observations, regarding the report, if it so wishes, in accordance with Article 91.f of the Charter.

3. To transmit to the Inter-American Juridical Committee, for its information, the observations, considerations, and comments of the delegations expressed in the First Committee of the second regular session of the General Assembly, which appear in the minutes of the meetings and in the rapporteur's report.
AG/RES. 83 (II-0/72)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session
held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the annual report presented by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to the General Assembly at its second regular session (AG/doc.227),

RESOLVES:

To take note of the annual report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and to thank it for the important work it is doing.
AG/RES. 84 (II-0/72)

COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION AMONG THE THREE COUNCILS AND THE OTHER ORGANs OF THE SYSTEM

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the preliminary report of the Committee on Coordination among the three Councils and the other Organs of the System (AG/doc.220),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note with satisfaction of the aforementioned report.

2. To request the Committee to submit the report referred to in paragraph 5 of resolution AG/RES. 52 (I-0/71) to the General Assembly at its third session so that the latter may decide, in the light of that report, whether or not it is necessary to change the composition and functions of the Committees on Coordination.
AG/RES. 85 (II-0/72)

STANDARDS FOR INTER-AMERICAN SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

Resolution AG/RES. 46 (I-O/71), in which it requested the Permanent Council to prepare "a draft of new standards for the inter-American specialized conferences";

HAVING SEEN the draft of new standards for inter-American specialized conferences approved by the Permanent Council (resolution CP/RES. 58 (63/72) of February 11, 1972); and

CONSIDERING:

That in the preparation of this draft, attention was paid to the articles in the Charter of the Organization concerning the specialized conferences, the standards now in effect for these conferences approved by the Council of the Organization on June 20, 1962, as well as other pertinent provisions appearing in the Statutes of the Councils and the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly and the Councils;

That pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 6 (I-E/70), representatives of the Permanent Executive Committees of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture participated in preparing this draft, with the General Secretariat providing advisory services; and

That the Permanent Council has fully carried out the mandate given to it by the General Assembly in resolution AG/RES. 46 (I-O/71) since the draft presented by the Council to the General Assembly contains the necessary standards for proper implementation and coordination of the provisions of the Charter relating to the inter-American specialized conferences,

RESOLVES:

To approve the following
STANDARDS FOR INTER-AMERICAN SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES

I. SCOPE OF APPLICATION OF THE STANDARDS

Article 1. The organs, agencies, and other entities of the Organization of American States responsible for functions related to holding specialized conferences shall observe the following standards.

II. CHARACTERISTICS OF SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES

Article 2. Specialized conferences shall be convoked in accordance with the Charter of the Organization and these standards and have the following characteristics:

a. They must be intergovernmental, that is, all delegations must represent their respective governments and participate in their name.

b. They must deal with special technical matters or develop specific aspects of inter-American cooperation.

Article 3. It is the function of the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs or, if appropriate, the corresponding Councils to determine whether the conferences to be held meet the requirements of specialized conferences.

III. CONVOCATION OF SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES

Article 4. Inter-American Specialized Conferences shall be held when so decided by:

a. The General Assembly, on its own initiative or at the request of one of the competent organs;

b. The Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, on its own initiative or the request of one of the competent organs;

c. Each Council, on its own initiative, in urgent cases and on matters within its competence, after consulting with the member states.

Article 5. The report that the General Secretariat must present to each regular session of the General Assembly shall indicate, with the date, place, and agenda of each, the specialized conferences that are proposed for the following fiscal year and whose holding must be decided upon by the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 128 of the Charter.
Article 6. When a specialized conference is to be convoked in accordance with Article 72 of the Charter, the corresponding Council, after consulting with the member states, shall decide by majority vote, whether an urgent case is involved, and if so, it shall then convocate this specialized conference.

Article 7. When the competent organ has decided to convocate a specialized conference, the Secretary General of the Organization shall transmit the notice of convocation to the governments of the member states. It is the function of the specialized organizations to transmit this notice of convocation to states that are members of those specialized organizations but that are not members of the Organization.

Article 8. When the participation of observers is called for or has been expressly authorized by the competent organ, the invitations shall be issued by the General Secretariat or, if appropriate, by the specialized organizations.

IV. PARTICIPANTS

Delegations

Article 9. The following may accredit delegations to specialized conferences:

a. The governments of member states of the Organization; and

b. The government of any other American state that is not a member of the Organization but is a member of the specialized organization concerned.

Permanent observers

Article 10. Permanent Observers 1/ may attend the specialized conferences in accordance with the resolution of the Permanent Council that determines criteria on this matter. 2/ The presence and participation of such observers at these conferences shall be governed by the regulations that the conference in question has established in this respect.

Other observers

Article 11. Except for the cases specified in basic instruments establishing special procedures, the following may accredit observers to the specialized conferences:

1. Resolution AG/RES. 50 (I-0/71).
a. Inter-American specialized organizations and intergovernmental regional agencies of the Americas;

b. The United Nations and its specialized agencies;

c. International or national organizations that maintain cooperative relations with the Organization or with the inter-American specialized organizations sponsoring the conference or, in other cases, when the organ at whose initiative the conference is convoked expressly decides to do so;

d. Governments of states that are not members of the Organization or of the specialized organization within whose jurisdiction the conference has been convoked, when these governments have expressed an interest in participating and meet the requirements for participation of observers called for in the rules of procedures of the organ that has convoked the conference, provided that the resolution on the convocation does not contain express provisions on the matter. When the conference has been convoked by the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the requirements for participation of observers set forth in the rules of procedure of the General Assembly shall be observed, if applicable.

Special guests

Article 12. Persons of recognized competence in the topic or topics to be considered at the specialized conference may attend as special guests, when so decided or authorized by the organ that convokes the conference or at whose initiative it is being held. If none of these organs makes a decision on the attendance of special guests prior to the holding of the conference, the Permanent Council shall do so, if it deems this appropriate. Invitations shall be extended by the General Secretariat or by the specialized organization concerned.

Other participants

Article 13. The Secretary General of the Organization or his representative shall attend the specialized conferences.

Article 14. Representatives of organs or entities of the Organization whose spheres of competence are related to the topic or topics to be discussed may also attend the specialized conferences.

Article 15. The participants referred to in articles 13 and 14 shall have the right to voice but not to vote.
Article 16. The privileges and immunities of the delegations accredited to the conferences and those of other participants, essential for the independent performance of their duties, shall be specified in the agreements for the holding of the conferences, concluded by the General Secretariat of the Organization and the host country.

V. AGENDAS AND RULES OF PROCEDURES OF SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES

Article 17. The agendas and rules of procedure of the specialized conferences shall be prepared by the corresponding Council or the specialized organizations concerned and shall be submitted to the governments of the member states for consideration sufficiently in advance of the opening date of the conference. The governments may make the observations that they deem pertinent or propose the inclusion of additional topics, in which case the reasons for the request should be stated.

Article 18. The rules of procedure of specialized conferences shall establish that any proposed activity presented to these conferences having financial implications for the Organization of American States must be accompanied by an estimate of its cost.

Article 19. The General Secretariat of the Organization shall advise the appropriate organs in the preparation of the agendas and rules of procedure of the specialized conferences.

Article 20. The governments of the member states may present studies, proposals, and drafts of international instruments to the specialized conferences.

Article 21. In matters within their respective fields of action, the Councils and specialized organizations may present studies, proposals, and drafts of international instruments to the specialized conferences.

VI. ORGANIZATION OF SPECIALIZED CONFERENCES

Article 22. The General Secretariat of the Organization shall provide the specialized conferences with adequate secretariat services. However, when the conference has been convoked at the initiative of an inter-American specialized organization that has its own budget, that organization, with whatever cooperation the General Secretariat can provide, shall attend to the organization of the conference, including the preparation, publication, and distribution of its documents. The specialized organization shall also take the principal responsibility for providing the conference with such secretariat services and technical personnel as may be agreed to with the General Secretariat.

Article 23. When the conference is to be held away from the headquarters of the General Secretariat or of the specialized organization at whose
initiative it has been convoked, the General Secretariat or the specialized organization concerned shall reach agreement with the government of the host country as to the forms of cooperation and the contribution of each of the parties to the holding of the conference. Such an agreement shall deal with the services, equipment, and installations that the government of the host country can offer to the conference.

VII. DOCUMENTS, REPORTS, AND ARCHIVES

Article 24. The documents intended for the conferences may be the following, among others: (1) working documents on the topics of the agenda; (2) reference documents related to the topics of the agenda; (3) drafts or proposals presented; and (4) any other document that the conference itself may decide to include.

Article 25. Unless its rules of procedure provide otherwise, the General Secretariat or the specialized organization concerned, as the case may be, shall be responsible for preparing, publishing, and distributing the following: (1) summary minutes of the plenary sessions of the conference; (2) reports of the committees and of the working groups; (3) conclusions approved; and (4) the final report, act, or document of the conference.

Article 26. The General Secretariat shall take custody of the documents and archives of the specialized conferences and shall serve as depository for inter-American treaties and agreements emanating from them, and also for the corresponding instruments of ratification.

VIII. FINANCIAL ASPECTS

Article 27. In the resolution convoking a specialized conference, the pertinent organ of the Organization shall indicate the source of financing that will be used to defray the expenses of that conference.

IX. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 28. Attendance at specialized conferences shall be determined in accordance with their multilateral nature and shall not depend upon the bilateral relations between the government of any member state of the Organization or the specialized organization concerned and the country that is host to the conference.

Article 29. At the request of a specialized conference that is held periodically, the corresponding Council shall submit the organization plan to govern the structure and functioning of the corresponding series of conferences to the General Assembly for approval.

Such organization plans shall be in accordance with these standards.

Article 30. These standards may be amended only by the General Assembly.
WHEREAS:

In resolution CP/RES. 58 (63/72), the Permanent Council suggests to the General Assembly that it would be desirable to issue model rules of procedure for the inter-American specialized conferences,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To entrust the Permanent Council with the preparation and approval of model rules of procedure for the inter-American specialized conferences.
AG/RES. 87 (II-0/72)

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

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

Resolutions AG/RES. 13 (I-E/70) of July 7, 1970 and AG/RES. 47 (I-0/71) of April 23, 1971, in which it entrusted the Permanent Council with preparing draft standards for the implementation and coordination of the provisions of the Charter relating to the inter-American specialized organizations and submitting them to the second regular session of the General Assembly;

HAVING SEEN the draft approved by the Permanent Council and submitted by it to the General Assembly through resolution CP/RES. 60 (64/72) of March 1, 1972; and

CONSIDERING:

That this draft contains the standards necessary for implementation and coordination of the provisions of the Charter relating to the inter-American specialized organizations and establishes a system for coordination of activities between the General Secretariat and those organizations in an attempt to avoid duplication of efforts and expenditures, as well as to make their respective activities more complementary,

RESOLVES:

To approve the following

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

Article 1. The following shall be considered inter-American specialized organizations:

a. Existing specialized organizations registered as of the date on which these general standards are approved.

b. Those intergovernmental organizations that may be established by treaties or multilateral agreements having specific objectives and functions in technical areas of common interest to the American states, provided that, in each case, the General Assembly has determined, on the basis of the report of the Council concerned, that the organization meets the conditions set forth in the Charter and in these standards.

Article 2. The General Secretariat shall include in the register of specialized organizations, in addition to those already existing and registered, those that may subsequently be determined and characterized as such by the General Assembly, in accordance with Article 1.b of these standards.

Article 3. After a report from the Council concerned that shall indicate the points of view of the organization in question, the General Assembly may annul a characterization as an inter-American specialized organization when it considers that an organization has ceased to fulfill the conditions established for specialized organizations in the Charter and in Article 1.b of these standards.

Article 4. The Councils, on matters within their respective fields of competence, may present to the General Assembly proposals on the creation, modification, or elimination of inter-American specialized organizations, and on the coordination of their activities. In cases of modification or elimination, the Councils shall include the points of view of the organization in question in their proposals to the General Assembly.

II. TECHNICAL AUTONOMY AND ADVISORY FUNCTION

Article 5. Specialized organizations shall enjoy the fullest technical autonomy, but shall take into account the recommendations made by the General Assembly and the Councils, in keeping with the provisions of the Charter.
Article 6. The inter-American specialized organizations shall provide technical advisory services on matters within their competence to the General Assembly and to the Councils. They shall also provide available information to any other organ of the OAS on its request.

III. STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS

Article 7. The structure and functions of inter-American specialized organizations established after approval of these standards shall be determined by the instruments establishing them, taking into account the provisions set forth in the Charter and in these general standards, and the recommendations of the General Assembly.

Article 8. Any change in the structure or functions of an inter-American specialized organization shall be made known to the corresponding Council, so that it may inform the General Assembly for the purposes set forth in Article 3 of these general standards.

IV. ADMISSION AND PARTICIPATION OF STATES

Article 9. The member states of the Organization of American States have the right to be members of the inter-American specialized organizations. Their admission and participation in these organizations shall be determined in the manner established in the instrument establishing the organization. The instrument establishing it may also establish the conditions for entry or participation by independent American states that are not members of the OAS.

Article 10. The instrument establishing each inter-American specialized organization may also include the conditions for and extent of participation in its activities by non-American states that are cooperating continually and substantially in the organization's programs.

V. LOCATION

Article 11. In determining the location of the headquarters and other offices of the inter-American specialized organizations, the principle of equitable geographical distribution set forth in the Charter shall be taken into account, bearing in mind the location of the already-existing inter-American specialized organizations.
VI. STAFF

Article 12. For filling the elective posts in the inter-American specialized organizations, account shall be taken of the technical ability of the candidates and of the principles of rotation and geographical representation.

Article 13. In the selection of the staff of the inter-American specialized organizations, the efficiency, competence, and integrity of the candidates shall be taken into account in relation to the technical and scientific requirements of the entity. At the same time, an effort shall be made to select the staff, at all levels, on the basis of as broad a geographical representation as possible.

VII. RELATIONS WITH THE ORGANIZATION

Article 14. The relations that should exist between the inter-American specialized organizations and the Organization shall be determined by means of agreements concluded between each organization and the Secretary General, with the authorization of the General Assembly. Such agreements shall be subject to the provisions of the Charter, these general standards, and any general or special terms set forth by the General Assembly.

Article 15. The agreements contemplated in Article 14 shall enter into force on the dates on which they are signed by the Secretary General of the Organization, with the prior authorization of the General Assembly, and by the authorized representative of the inter-American specialized organization in question.

These agreements may be amended by mutual consent of the authorized representative of the inter-American specialized organization in question, on the one hand, and the Secretary General of the Organization, with the prior authorization of the General Assembly to make the change, on the other.

Article 16. Upon authorizing the registration of an organization, the General Assembly shall empower the Secretary General to conclude the corresponding agreement, taking into account the general or special terms it may indicate.

VIII. COORDINATION

Article 17. The programs and activities of the specialized organizations shall be carried out through a system that will avoid the duplication of effort or of expenditures and that will facilitate making the activities of the specialized organizations, those of the General Secretariat and those of other organs of the OAS complementary.

Article 18. To ensure the coordination mentioned in Article 17, the inter-American specialized organizations shall take into account recommendations that may be made in that regard by the Committee on Coordination among the three Councils and also, in the stages of preparation and implementation of the programs, the following general recommendations:
a. To exchange information at the administrative level between the secretariat of the inter-American specialized organization or the body representing it and the General Secretariat of the OAS.

b. After the exchange of information mentioned in paragraph (a) has been effected, the competent deliberative body of the inter-American specialized organization, when it approves its programs, shall seek the coordination recommended for the case by the Committee on Coordination and shall also take into account the information mentioned in that paragraph.

c. Each Council, in considering its program-budget, shall take into account the information on the programs of the other organs of the Organization provided to it in accordance with paragraph (a).

Article 19. Upon submitting the proposed program-budget, the General Secretariat shall report on the steps that may have been taken to coordinate the programs of the specialized organizations with the other programs of the Organization, with a view to complementing efforts and economizing on unnecessary expenditures. It shall also describe the problems of coordination it has not been possible to solve by available means, and it shall make the pertinent suggestions. The annual reports that the inter-American specialized organizations must send to the General Assembly shall include a special chapter on this subject.

Article 20. In establishing cooperative relations with world organizations of the same nature, the inter-American specialized organizations shall seek appropriate coordination of activities.

Article 21. Representatives of inter-American specialized organizations may attend the sessions of the General Assembly and the meetings of the other organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization with the right to speak, in accordance with their respective rules of procedure.

IX. CONFERENCES AND OTHER MEETINGS

Article 22. Conferences and meetings of specialized organizations shall have the status of inter-American specialized conferences when they are intergovernmental meetings to deal with special technical matters or to develop certain aspects of inter-American cooperation, and when they are held at the decision of the General Assembly or of the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, on its own initiative, or at the request of one of the Councils or of the specialized organization itself, in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Organization and of the Standards for Inter-American Specialized Conferences.
Article 23. The specialized organizations and the General Secretariat of the Organization shall exchange information concerning any initiative that may be taken for holding a specialized conference or other inter-American meeting.

Article 24. The General Assembly, the Councils of the Organization of American States, and inter-American specialized organizations may make recommendations to each other for the inclusion of topics on the agendas of their respective conferences and meetings.

Article 25. The inter-American specialized organizations shall notify the General Secretariat of the Organization of the dates of the conferences and meetings mentioned in Article 24, including those of their governing bodies, and of the draft agendas, so that the pertinent organ or the organ designated for that purpose will be able to make the necessary observations concerning coordination of those dates and agendas.

Article 26. Inter-American specialized organizations that have a specific interest in the agenda to be discussed at a meeting of another organ of the Organization may be represented at the meeting, with voice but without vote. In turn, the other organs of the Organization may be represented at meetings of the inter-American specialized organizations with voice but without vote. In both cases, the corresponding rules of procedure shall be observed.

X. ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Article 27. Each inter-American specialized organization shall send an annual report on its activities and budgets to the General Assembly, through the General Secretariat.

XI. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Article 28. All official correspondence between the Organization and an inter-American specialized organization shall be addressed through the General Secretariat and that of the specialized organization concerned.

Article 29. These general standards may be amended only by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States.

XII. TRANSITORY PROVISION

The agreements existing between the Organization and the inter-American specialized organization as of the date on which these standards are approved shall continue in force until the Secretary General, with the prior authorization of the General Assembly, shall, along with the representative of the specialized organization in question, amend the existing agreement or sign a new one in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, these standards, and such general or special terms as the Assembly may determine.
CONCLUSION OR AMENDMENT OF AGREEMENTS
WITH INTER-AMERICAN SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session
held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the standards for the implementation and coordination of the
provisions of the Charter relating to the inter-American specialized organi-
zations, adopted at this session; and

CONSIDERING:

That, in accordance with Article 134 of the Charter, "relations that
should exist between the Specialized Organizations and the Organization shall
be defined by means of agreements concluded between each organization and the
Secretary General, with the authorization of the General Assembly,"

RESOLVES:

To authorized the Secretary General, in agreement with the representa-
tives of the inter-American specialized organizations, to amend the existing
agreements or to sign new ones, in accordance with the provisions of the
Charter and of the Standards for the Implementation and Coordination of the
Provisions of the Charter relating to the Inter-American Specialized Orga-
nizations.
AG/RES. 89 (II-0/72)

STATUTES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

WHEREAS:

The General Assembly, through resolution AG/RES. 12 (I-E/70), adopted the Provisional Statutes of the Inter-American Juridical Committee and requested that that Committee submit to the Assembly its draft statutes;

The draft statutes prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee at its regular session held from March 11 to April 9, 1971, were originally submitted to the General Assembly at its first regular session and were transmitted by the General Assembly to the Permanent Council (resolution AG/RES. 55 (I-0/71), in compliance with Article 91.f of the Charter; this draft has also been presented to the General Assembly at its second regular session (AG/doc.135 corr. 1), and

The draft statutes prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee at its regular session held from March 11 to April 9, 1971, were originally submitted to the General Assembly to the Permanent Council (resolution AG/RES. 55 (I-0/71), in compliance with Article 91.f of the Charter; this draft has also been presented to the General Assembly at its second regular session (AG/doc.135 corr. 1); and

In keeping with the above-mentioned resolution, the Permanent Council has submitted to it at its present regular session its observations with regard to the draft statutes in question (AG/doc.207),

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To approve the following

STATUTES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE
I. Nature and Purposes

Article 1

The Inter-American Juridical Committee is one of the organs by means of which the Organization of American States carries out its purposes. Its composition and operation shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and of these Statutes.

Article 2

The Committee represents all the member states of the Organization and has the broadest possible technical autonomy. The members of the Committee have full independence in their opinions and enjoy the privileges and immunities established by Article 140 of the Charter.

Article 3

The purpose of the Committee is to serve the Organization as an advisory body on juridical matters; to promote the progressive development and the codification of international law; and to study juridical problems related to the integration of the developing countries of the hemisphere and, insofar as may appear desirable, the possibility of attaining uniformity in their legislation.

II. Composition

Article 4

The Committee shall be composed of eleven jurists, nationals of the member states, elected by the General Assembly in their personal capacity for a period of four years, from panels of three candidates presented by those states.
Their terms of office shall begin on July 1 of the year of their election. Part of the membership of the Committee shall be replaced every year.

Article 5

In the election of the members of the Committee, an equitable geographical representation shall be taken into account, insofar as possible. No two members may be nationals of the same state.

Article 6

A member state may propose nationals of other member states on its panel of three candidates. The candidates shall be of high moral character, possess the scientific knowledge and the experience required for the best performance of their duties, and be able to devote themselves exclusively to the work of the Committee during its meetings.

Article 7

Prior to each election, either to replace a member at the end of his normal term or to fill a vacancy owing to some other cause, the General Secretariat shall invite the governments of the member states to present their respective panels of three candidates, if they wish to do so, at least 30 days in advance, together with their biographical data, and shall immediately communicate them to the government. Subsequently, the General Secretariat shall submit to the General Assembly a list of the proposed panels of three candidates, drawn up in accordance with the alphabetical order of the names of the countries making the proposal and accompanied by the corresponding biographical data.
Article 8
In the event of a vacancy caused by a reason other than the expiration of the term of a member of the Committee, the successor elected shall begin serving immediately and shall complete the term of his predecessor.

Article 9
The failure of a member of the Committee to attend its meetings for two consecutive years shall automatically result in vacancy of his position.

III. Chairman and Vice Chairman

Article 10
The Committee shall elect a Chairman and a Vice Chairman from among its members by the concurring vote of six of them. They shall hold office for a term of two years, or for such time as remains to be served of their terms as members of the Committee, if the latter should be shorter. The powers of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman shall be set forth in the rules of procedure of the Committee.

Article 11
In the event of temporary absence of the Chairman, he shall be replaced by the Vice Chairman; in the event of permanent absence of the Chairman, he shall be replaced by the Vice Chairman until his term is ended and a new Vice Chairman shall be elected; and in the temporary absence of both, an interim Chairman shall be elected by the same majority as called for in Article 10.

IV. Functions and Powers

Article 12
The Inter-American Juridical Committee has the following principal functions and powers:
a. To provide advice on juridical matters requested of it by other organs of the Organization;
b. To undertake the studies and preparatory work assigned to it by the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, or the Councils of the Organization;
c. To undertake, on its own initiative, such studies and preparatory work as it considers advisable;
d. To suggest to the General Assembly and to the Councils the holding of specialized conferences on juridical matters; and
e. To establish cooperative relations with universities, institutes, and other teaching centers, with bar associations and other associations of lawyers and with national and international committees, organizations, and entities devoted to the development or codification of international law or to the study, research, teaching, or dissemination of information on juridical matters of international interest.

Article 13

The Committee shall present to the General Assembly an annual report and such special reports on its activities as it may consider necessary.

The Committee shall send these reports to the General Secretariat, as far in advance as called for by regulations, so that it may transmit them to the governments of the member states and to the Permanent Council, for the purposes called for in Article 91.f of the Charter.

Each year the Committee may designate one of its members for the purpose of reporting on the work of the Committee to the General Assembly.
The Committee may also designate one of its members as an observer at meetings of other organs of the Organization when the agendas of such meetings include juridical topics of interest to the Committee, in accordance with the pertinent rules of procedure.

V. Seat of the Committee and Meetings

Article 14

The Inter-American Juridical Committee shall have its seat in Rio de Janeiro. However, in special cases, the Committee may hold meetings in any other place that it may duly designate. It shall first obtain agreement from the member state concerned and obtain the proper funding.

Article 15

The Committee shall hold two regular meetings each year, lasting a total of three months. However, these meetings may be extended for an additional period of up to ten days, when the Committee considers it necessary. It shall also hold special meetings when convoked by the General Assembly or by the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs or when the Committee itself decides to do so in view of the importance and urgency of the matter or matters it is to study, taking into account the provisions of Article 17.

Article 16

If, while the Committee is in recess, any of its members should propose the holding of a special meeting, the Chairman shall consult with the other members as to whether they agree to hold such a meeting.

When at least six of its members so agree, and in such cases as are referred to in the second part of the previous article, the Chairman shall issue the corresponding notice of convocation through the General Secretariat of the Organization.
Article 17

When the Inter-American Juridical Committee decides to hold a meeting away from its seat, to hold a special meeting, to extend a regular meeting, or to engage in any other activity involving expenditures, it shall request the Secretary General of the Organization to take the necessary measures to provide the corresponding funds, in accordance with the financial and budgetary regulations in force.

Article 18

At the beginning of a regular meeting, the Committee shall add to the agenda prepared prior to the close of the previous regular meeting any new matters that, pursuant to Article 106 of the Charter, may have been assigned to it after the approval of the agenda, or that it may, by a majority decision by six of the members participating, decide to include thereon.

Prior to the close of each regular meeting, the Committee shall determine the opening date of the next one.

Article 19

When the Chairman of the Committee convokes the members to a special meeting, he shall list in the notice of convocation the matters that are to be considered, as the respective organs may have determined in accordance with Articles 15 and 16.

At a special meeting, the Committee shall consider only the matters indicated in the notice of convocation.

Article 20

While it is in recess, and at the request of any of its members, the Committee may decide, by a majority of eight votes, given in reply to the
inquiries made by the Chairman for this purpose, by mail, cable, or any other means of communication, as to a change of the date already set for a regular or special meeting.

Article 21

The Secretary General of the Organization or his representative may participate with voice but without vote in the discussions of the Committee and of such subcommittees or working groups as may be established.

Article 22

The Committee may invite the organs and agencies of the Organization, world or regional international institutions, and the national entities referred to in Article 12.e of these statutes to be represented in its discussions by observers. The observers may take the floor when the Chairman invites them to do so.

The expenses occasioned by the participation of observers shall be paid by the observers themselves or by the entities they represent.

Article 23

The Committee may invite specialists in a certain subject to take part in its discussions on that subject. In the event that such an invitation involves expenditures, it shall make the corresponding request for funds to the General Secretariat.

Article 24

The Inter-American Juridical Committee may, during its sessions, hold joint meetings with bar associations and other associations of lawyers, groups of law professors, or authors or entities that specialize in the study of international juridical problems.

The purpose of these joint meetings will be:
a. To study topics on the agenda of the Committee;
b. To strengthen cooperative relations between the Committee and the natural or juridical persons referred to above; and
c. To afford these professional persons an opportunity to become familiar with the activities of the Committee and to cooperate with it.

If the joint meetings involve any expense, the Committee shall request the funds from the General Secretariat.

II. Quorum and Voting

Article 25

Six members shall constitute a quorum for conducting the business of the Committee, but it may hold preparatory sessions with only four of its members present. The preparatory sessions shall be merely deliberative.

Article 26

Each member shall be entitled to one vote only.

Article 27

For the adoption of recommendations, resolutions, and opinions of the Committee on any matters that are not procedural, the concurring vote, by roll call, of at least six of its members shall be required.

Procedural matters shall be decided by a majority of the members present.

If there is a difference of opinion as to whether a matter is one of substance or of procedure, the question shall be decided by the vote of at least six of the members of the Committee.

A Committee member shall have the right to have the explanation of his concurring or dissenting vote included in the record following decisions...
approved on matters of substance, if he announces his intention at the time
the vote is taken. The text of this explanation of vote shall be delivered
within ten days, or such period as the Committee may indicate.

VII. Secretariat

Article 28

The General Secretariat of the Organization shall provide full technical
and secretariat services to the Inter-American Juridical Committee, which has
its seat in Rio de Janeiro, and shall carry out its instructions and
assignments.

Article 29

When the Inter-American Juridical Committee considers it necessary to
utilize the services of specialists who are to be paid by the Organization,
it shall make the corresponding request to the General Secretariat.

Article 30

The General Secretariat shall publish the opinions, studies, reports,
drafts, and resolutions of the Committee in the four official languages of
the Organization.

It shall likewise give due publicity to the activities of the Committee
among law faculties and schools, bar associations and other associations and
federations of lawyers, communications media, international agencies and other
institutions, and professors and other interested persons, unless an authori-
tative request to restrict such information is received.

Article 31

The General Secretariat shall cooperate with the Committee in the esta-
blishment and promotion of cooperative relations with universities, bar
associations and other associations of lawyers, institutes and other teaching centers, and with national and international committees and entities devoted to study, research, teaching or dissemination of information on juridical matters of international interest.

**Article 32**

The Committee shall provide the General Secretariat with elements to facilitate the coordination of the Committee's activities with those of the other organs of the Organization and also with those of other international organizations or entities that are similar in nature to the Committee.

**Article 33**

The opinions and reports prepared by the Committee in response to inquiries or that contain studies or preparatory works assigned by the General Assembly or the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, and also those prepared on its own initiative and intended for either of those organs, shall be presented to the General Secretariat for appropriate action.

The works, studies, opinions, or drafts prepared by the Committee in accordance with the plans it prepares for the progressive development and the codification of international law, for studying the legal problems related to the integration of the developing countries of the hemisphere, and for the possibility of attaining uniformity in or harmonizing legislation of the American states, shall be circulated in accordance with the procedures established in those plans.

**III. Expenses**

**Article 34**

The expenditures for the functioning of the Committee shall be included in the program-budget of the Organization.
Article 35

The travel expenses, honorariums, and per diem allowances of the members of the Committee for attendance at its meetings shall be borne by the Organization.

Article 36

The Committee shall submit its work program for each fiscal period to the Secretary General for the purposes indicated in Article 118.c of the Charter. The consultation referred to in that provision of the Charter shall be made to the Committee or, in the event that the Committee is not in session, to its Chairman.

IX. General Provisions

Article 37

Any amendment to these statutes must be approved by the General Assembly. The Committee may propose to the Assembly any amendments that it considers advisable.

Article 38

The Committee shall adopt its rules of procedure by the affirmative vote of six of its members.

Transitory Provision

To accomplish the partial replacement called for in Article 4 of these statutes, three of the eleven members of the Committee elected at the first election shall conclude their terms of office on June 30, 1974; three on June 30, 1973; and three on June 30, 1972.
RESOLVES:

1. To transmit the aforementioned draft resolution to the governments of the member states so that they may make observations, should they so wish, and send them to the Permanent Council.

2. To request the Permanent Council to study the draft, on the basis of those observations, and present its conclusions to that General Assembly at its third regular session.
FIRST COMMITTEE - JURIDICAL-POLITICAL MATTERS

Draft Resolution

RULES ON RESERVATIONS TO MULTILATERAL INTER-AMERICAN TREATIES

(Topic 21 of the Agenda)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Rules of Procedure approved on May 4, 1932, by the then Governing Board of the Pan American Union, with respect to the deposit of ratifications; Resolution XXIX of the Eighth International Conference of American States, held at Lima, Peru, in 1938, on reservations, and Resolution X of the Fourth Meeting of the Inter-American Council of Jurists, held at Santiago, Chile, in 1959, which approved draft rules on reservations to multilateral treaties, and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

The desirability of coordinating and improving the rules on reservations to multilateral inter-American treaties and on the deposit of ratifications of and adherences to such treaties,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the following general rules on the formulation of reservations to multilateral inter-American treaties:

   a. States may make reservations at the time of signing, ratifying, or adhering to a treaty, unless the treaty does not permit them or contains special provisions on reservations;

   b. Reservations to a treaty have no effect whatever if the reserving state does not reiterate them at the time of depositing its instrument of ratification or adherence;

   c. When a state proposes to deposit an instrument of ratification of or adherence to a treaty with reservations, whether it has made them at the time of signing the treaty or not, it shall send the text of the
reservations to the General Secretariat, prior to the deposit of the instrument, so that the Secretariat may carry out the consultation provided for in subparagraphs (c) and (d) of paragraph 3 of this resolution;

d. If the contracting states that the General Secretariat has consulted on the text of the reservations do not reply within one year after the date of the communication from the General Secretariat, they shall be considered to have accepted the reservations.

As to the other states consulted by the General Secretariat, each such state shall be considered to have accepted the reservations if it does not reply on or before the date on which it deposits its instrument of ratification of or adherence to the treaty or within one year after the date of the communication from the General Secretariat, whichever date is later;

e. States may withdraw their reservations at any time, whether before or after the other states have accepted or objected to them. Likewise, states that have objected to reservations may later accept them.

2. To approve, without prejudice to any contrary provisions in the treaty, the following rules on the legal effects of the acceptance or non-acceptance of reservations to multilateral inter-American treaties:

a. As between states that have deposited their respective instruments of ratification or adherence without reservations, the treaty shall be in force in the form in which the original text was signed;

b. As between states that have deposited their respective instruments of ratification or adherence with reservations and the contracting states that have accepted such reservations, the treaty shall be in force in the form in which it was modified by the said reservations;

c. As between a reserving state and a state that has objected to its reservations, the treaty shall be in force, unless the objecting state unequivocally states its intention to the contrary. If the objecting state does not oppose the treaty's being in force, the provisions affected by the reservation shall be inapplicable between the two states to the extent determined by the reservation.

3. To adopt the following rules to be observed by the General Secretariat in the performance of its functions as depository of multilateral inter-American treaties in accordance with article 118.f of the Charter of the Organization, except when the treaty concerned provides otherwise:

a. To assume custody of the original instrument;

b. To furnish certified copies thereof to all member states of the OAS, whether signatories of the treaty or not, and to nonmember states
that have signed or adhered or that express an intention to adhere to the treaty;

c. To transmit to all states referred to in the preceding subparagraph the text of the reservations that have been transmitted by each other state in accordance with paragraph 1.b of this resolution, for the purpose of ascertaining whether they accept the reservations or not;

d. To receive the replies from the states consulted and to transmit them to the reserving states and to the other states referred to in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph;

e. To receive and maintain custody of the instruments of ratification and adherence, including reservations, and

f. To notify the states referred to in subparagraph (b) of this paragraph of the deposit of such instruments and to transmit the text of any reservations.

TRANSITORY PROVISIONS

1. The rules on the formulation of reservations to multilateral inter-American treaties, mentioned in paragraph 1 of this resolution, and on the legal effects of reservations, mentioned in paragraph 2, shall apply to all reservations sent to the General Secretariat after the date of this resolution.

2. The rules to be observed by the General Secretariat pursuant to paragraph 3 of this resolution, in the performance of its duties as depository of multilateral inter-American treaties, shall not apply to any action that has already been taken by the General Secretariat.
AG/RES. 91 (II-0/72)

DRAFT CONVENTION ON EXTRADITION

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Draft Convention on Extradition approved by the Inter-American Council of Jurists at its Fourth Meeting, held in Santiago, Chile, in 1959 (AG/doc.199); and

CONSIDERING:

That, in view of the time elapsed since the approval of this Draft Convention, it is desirable to ask the governments of the member states to formulate observations on this document if they wish,

RESOLVES:

1. To request of the member states that, before September 30, 1972, they formulate, if they so desire, observations on the Draft Convention on Extradition approved by the Inter-American Council of Jurists at its Fourth Meeting and transmit them to the General Secretariat of the Organization.

2. To instruct the Inter-American Juridical Committee, taking into account the observations of the governments, to prepare a new draft Inter-American Convention on Extradition and submit it to the General Assembly through the Permanent Council, in order that the latter may formulate such observations as it deems advisable, in accordance with Article 91.f of the Charter.
AG/RES. 92 (II-0/72)

ORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the draft Organization Plan of the Inter-American Telecommunications Conference approved by the General Assembly at its first regular session (AG/RES. 58 (I-0/71) and the revised text adopted by the First Inter-American Telecommunications Conference (Doc. CITEL/5 rev. 2); and

CONSIDERING:

That in accordance with Article 52 of the Charter, it is a power of the General Assembly to determine the structure and functions of the organs of the Organization;

That the Inter-American Specialized Conferences constitute an organ of the Organization and that the Inter-American Telecommunications Conference is a Specialized Conference in accordance with Articles 51.g, 128, and 129 of the Charter; and

That it is advisable to introduce certain amendments to the revised text prepared by the First Inter-American Telecommunications Conference,

RESOLVES:

To approve the following

ORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TELECOMMUNICATIONS CONFERENCE

I. NATURE

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.

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

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;

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;
1. 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 study, prepare, and promote the execution of projects related to the manufacture of products used in telecommunications;

q. To prepare and coordinate research in the field of telecommunications and electronics;

r. 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 at least once 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 Ministers of Foreign Affairs, 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, in which case CIES may agree to hold the Conference in that country.

Principle of rotation

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

Special 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

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

Secretary General of the Organization

Article 11. 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

Article 12. The following may be represented by observers at the Conference, with the right to voice but without vote:

a. Inter-American specialized organizations and American intergovernmental organizations;

b. The United Nations and its specialized agencies;

c. International and national organizations that are parties to agreements or arrangements establishing relations of cooperation with the Organization, with its organs, organizations or agencies, when such agreements or arrangements provide for the participation of observers or in special cases when COM/CITEL so decides;
d. The governments of states not members of the Organization when they express a desire to participate and when the corresponding invitation is approved by COM/CITEL.

Invitations to observers shall be sent by the Secretary General of the Organization.

Guests

Article 13. With the authorization of COM/CITEL and in consultation with the government of the host country, the Secretary General of the Organization may send invitations to attend the Conference to such persons or institutions not covered in the preceding article as may be deemed advisable.

These guests may attend the plenary meetings and the meetings of the committees for the sole purpose of following the discussions. However, they may take part in committee discussions if there is no objection on the part of the representative of the corresponding member state.

V. OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE

Provisional President

Article 14. 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

Article 15. 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

Article 16. COM/CITEL shall prepare the preliminary draft agenda for each Conference, bearing in mind the topics proposed by the governments of the member states, and shall submit it to those governments for consideration, through the Secretary General of the Organization, at least three months in advance of the opening of the Conference, setting a period 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.
Article 17. The final agenda shall be approved by CIES at its meeting held prior to the scheduled meeting of CITEL. The final text so approved shall be brought to the attention of the governments of the member states as far as possible in advance of the opening of the Conference.

Article 18. The agenda approved by CIES may be changed only during the meeting of CITEL and by the vote of two thirds of the participating member states.

VII. SESSIONS

Plenary sessions

Article 19. The decisions of the Conference shall be adopted at plenary sessions.

Inaugural session

Article 20. The inaugural session shall be held on the date set in the convocation of the Conference.

First plenary session

Article 21. 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 Committee on Credentials.

VIII. COMMITTEES

Working committees

Article 22. The Conference shall establish such working committees as it deems desirable for consideration of the various topics on the agenda.

Article 23. 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

Article 24. 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 convocate this Committee whenever he considers it advisable for the progress of the work of the Conference.

Committee on Credentials

Article 25. 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

Article 26. The presence of more than half of the participating member states shall constitute a quorum for plenary session of the Conference.

Article 27. For the committees, subcommittees, and working groups of the Conference, as well as for the permanent technical committees the presence of more than half of the members shall constitute a quorum.

X. VOTING

Right to vote

Article 28. Each delegation shall have the right to one vote. The right to vote does not imply an obligation to vote.

Majority required

Article 29. 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.

Article 30. In the committees, subcommittees, and working groups, decisions shall be adopted by a simple majority.

Article 31. For purposes of this Organization Plan the term "absolute majority" means more than half of the votes of all the states represented on each deliberative body, and the term "simple majority" means more than half of those present and voting.
PART TWO - THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
(COM/CITEL)

Purpose of COM/CITEL

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

Membership

Article 33. COM/CITEL shall be composed of representatives of nine member states of the Organization of American States. The principle of rotation and of an equitable geographic representation shall be observed, insofar as possible, in the election of seven of these member states, and they shall be elected by an absolute majority of the member states participating in the corresponding meeting of CITEL. One of the two remaining representatives shall be the representative of the member state in whose territory the Conference at which the election is held takes place. The other shall be the representative of the member state whose territory is recommended, according to Article 6, as the site for the next regular meeting.

Organization of COM/CITEL

Article 34. COM/CITEL shall be composed of a Chairman, a Vice Chairman, and seven members. The members of COM/CITEL shall be appointed according to the procedures provided for in Article 33 of this Organization Plan.

Length of term

Article 35. The term of the representatives of the member states of COM/CITEL shall run until the election of its new members by the next regular conference. Likewise, the term of the representatives of member states elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman shall be as established in this Article.

Appointment of Representatives on COM/CITEL

Article 36. The government of each member state that is a member of COM/CITEL shall appoint a principal representative and an alternate representative, both of them specialized in telecommunications matters, and may replace either of them when it deems this advisable. The pertinent communications shall be addressed to the Chairman of COM/CITEL 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 agendas 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 16;

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

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

h. To prepare a work program for the COM/CITEL for the purpose of drawing up the corresponding 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 deferred until the next meeting of 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, and determine the work they are to carry out;

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 Organization Plan 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 of COM/CITEL.
Installation session

Article 38. COM/CITEL shall be installed by the Chairman of CITEL before the closing of the meeting at which the member states that are to serve on COM/CITEL are elected. Delegations of all the member states shall be invited to this installation session, which shall be presided over by the President of the Conference.

Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman

Article 39. At the installation session, COM/CITEL shall elect from among its members, by absolute majority of votes, the member states that shall hold the positions of Chairman and Vice Chairman; in the event of impediment of the Chairman of COM/CITEL to serve during a meeting, the Vice Chairman shall take his place with same powers and duties.

In the event of impediment of both, a Provisional Chairman shall be appointed.

Work Program

Article 40. At the installation session, COM/CITEL shall prepare a work program for the time prior to the holding of the first meeting of the Committee, and shall set the date and place for this meeting.

Functions of the Chairman

Article 41. The Chairman of COM/CITEL shall have the following main 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 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 CIES, 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 CIPS, through the Secretary General of the Organization, an annual progress report on the activities of the Committee;

i. To make known and to coordinate, on behalf of COM/CITEL, the work of the technical commissions, committees, and working groups indicated in Article 37.n and to see that it is carried out;

j. To coordinate the work of the Permanent Technical Committees, and to see that it is carried out;

k. To exercise other authority that may be given him by COM/CITEL.

Meetings and headquarters of COM/CITEL

Article 42. COM/CITEL shall meet at least once a year, in the country represented by its Chairman, 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.

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 Article 43 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 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

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.

In the Permanent Technical Committees, resolutions shall be adopted by a simple majority of the member states thereof.

The meetings of the Permanent Technical Committees shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Rules of Procedure of the Conference, insofar as they are applicable.
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 corresponding 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.

Article 52. The country that has been elected to preside over a Permanent Technical Committee shall organize, at its expense, a permanent office under a full-time Assistant to the Chairman and composed of such experts and administrative officials as may be necessary. Furthermore, the country shall provide the premises for the secretariat offices and such other working facilities as may be necessary to best exercise the authority and perform the functions of the Technical Committee.

Article 53. The representatives of the member states on the Permanent Technical Committees shall be specialists in telecommunications, appointed by their respective governments, which may remove or replace them at will, notifying COM/CITEL.

Article 54. Each Permanent Technical Committee may set up working groups composed of experts in the fields to be studied by the Committee, and these shall submit reports to it.

PART FOUR - PERMANENT SECRETARIAT

Article 55. 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-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.

Article 56. The Permanent Secretary 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, shall participate, as the representative of the Secretary General, with voice but without vote, in the meetings of CITEL and COM/CITEL.

**Article 57.** 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 handle 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 to distribute them to 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;
1. 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

Coordination with National Telecommunications Entities

Article 58. 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 that government with respect to telecommunications. Within a period of thirty (30) days counted from the close of the Conference, that institution shall appoint a person to serve as liaison with CITEL.

Amendment of the Organization Plan

Article 59. The provisions of the present Organization Plan may be amended by the General Assembly at its own initiative or upon request by CIES.
AG/RES. 93 (II-0/72)

CONSIDERATION OF THE REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL ON RESOLUTION AG/RES. 35 (I-0/71) "ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL"

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 35 (I-0/71) "Administrative Tribunal" presented to the General Assembly at its second regular session (AG/doc.206),

RESOLVES:

To take note of the aforementioned report and to thank the Permanent Council for its important work in this regard.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the resolution of the Permanent Council [CP/RES. 64 (65/72)], regarding an addition to the text of paragraph 4 of Article II of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the Organization (AG/doc.206 add. 1),

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the recommendation of the Permanent Council contained in the aforementioned resolution.

2. That paragraph 4 of Article II of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the Organization shall be drafted in the following terms:

4. The competence of the Tribunal may be extended to any inter-American specialized organization of the Organization of American States as defined in the Charter of the Organization, as well as to any interested American intergovernmental organization, in accordance with the terms established by a special agreement to be concluded for the purpose by the Secretary General with each such specialized organization or interested American intergovernmental organization. Each special agreement shall provide that the specialized organization or interested organization shall be bound by the judgments of the Tribunal and shall include, among others, provisions concerning participation by the organization in the administrative arrangements necessary for the functioning of the Tribunal and its sharing of the expenses of the Tribunal.
AG/RES. 95 (II-0/72)

CHAPTER VI OF THE DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Declaration of the Presidents of America, signed at Punta del Este, Uruguay, on April 14, 1967, in Chapter VI of which the Latin American Presidents stated that they "... conscious of the importance of the armed forces in maintaining security, at the same time recognize that the demands of economic development and social progress make it necessary to devote the maximum resources available in Latin America to these ends," and therefore "express their intention to limit military expenditures in proportion to the actual demands of national security, in accordance with each country's constitutional provisions, avoiding those expenditures that are not indispensable for the performance of the specific duties of the armed forces and, where pertinent, of international commitments that obligate their respective governments";

Resolution AG/RES. 26 (I-0/71), approved by the General Assembly at its first regular session, in which it recognized 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"; instructed 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," and requested that it "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"; and

The report presented by the Permanent Council to the General Assembly on Chapter VI of the Declaration of the Presidents of America (OEA/Ser.P/AG/doc. 219, of 10 March 1972, attached hereto); and

CONSIDERING:

That in the aforementioned report, and bearing in mind the content of the documents mentioned therein, the Permanent Council, states:

Analysis of the historical and political facts already given leads to the conclusion with regard to the meaning and scope of Chapter VI of the Declaration of the Presidents of America that it is a firm policy statement by the Presidents of the Latin American countries who
 subscribed to it, aimed at avoiding military expenditures that are not indispensable; that the application of that declaration must be the exclusive responsibility of each government in its own territory and in keeping with each country's constitutional provisions, and that the purpose of this policy declaration is--in addition to preserving the peaceful tradition of Latin America without prejudice to internal and external security or to international commitments--to assist in applying the maximum resources available for economic development and social progress, in keeping with the conditions of each country.

Moreover, the Council has arrived at the conclusion that the various texts mentioned are still in effect, and particularly the Declaration made at the highest level by the Presidents of America at Punta del Este on April 14, 1967,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the conclusions of the aforementioned report of the Permanent Council and to consider them a guideline for member states of the Organization.

2. To reaffirm the aim of the governments of the Latin American member states of the OAS to apply the maximum available resources to the demands of economic development and social progress in each of their countries, and to state the intention of continuing to restrict military expenditures to those that may be indispensable within the requirements that each state may deem necessary for its own security.
REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON CHAPTER VI OF THE DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA
(AG/RES. 26 (I-0/71)
(Topic 7 of the Agenda)
REPORT OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ON CHAPTER VI OF THE DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENTS
OF AMERICA (AG/RES. 26 (I-0/71)

The General Assembly, at its first regular session, held in San José, Costa Rica, adopted resolution AG/RES. 26 (I-0/71) instructing 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," and requested 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."

In Chapter VI of that Declaration of Punta del Este the Latin American Presidents stated that they, "conscious of the importance of the armed forces in maintaining security, at the same time recognize that the demands of economic development and social progress make it necessary to apply the maximum resources available in Latin America to these ends" and they consequently expressed "their intention to limit military expenditures in proportion to the actual demands of national security, in accordance with each country's constitutional provisions, avoiding those expenditures that are not indispensable for the performance of the specific duties of the armed forces and, where pertinent, of international commitments that obligate their respective governments."

The Council has studied Chapter VI of the aforementioned Declaration of the Presidents of America in the light of the background antecedent to that Declaration and the basic principles of the inter-American system.

In this regard, the Council took into account principally the contents of the following documents:

1. The Anti-war Treaty of Non-aggression and Conciliation, signed at Rio de Janeiro on October 10, 1933, in which the American states "solemnly declare that they condemn wars of aggression in their mutual relations or in those with other states."

2. Resolution XVI of the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Peace, held in Buenos Aires in 1936, which recommended "to the Governing Board of the Pan American Union that it give preferential attention in the programs of future American International Conferences to the study of all available means for the promotion of harmony among the American peoples, and to that end the Committees of Intellectual Cooperation be enlarged to become also Committees of Moral Disarmament."

3. Resolution V of the Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace, held in Mexico City in February and March 1945, which states in its preamble that "The American Republics, through international instruments and by various other means, have expressed on many solemn occasions the most spontaneous and categorical condemnation of war as an instrument for
achieving the political and individual aims of States, and as a basic principle in their relations have proscribed armed force, as the sole basis on which universal peace can be secured and maintained; and Resolution XI of the same Conference, entitled "Declaration of Mexico," according to which "Conflicts between States are to be settled exclusively by peaceful means;" "War of aggression in any of its forms is outlawed;" and "An aggression against an American State constitutes an aggression against all American States."

4. The Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, of September 2, 1947, in Article 1 of which the Parties states that they "formally condemn war and undertake in their international relations not to resort to the threat or the use of force in any manner inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations or of this Treaty."

5. Resolution XI of the Inter-American Conference for the Maintenance of Continental Peace and Security, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1947, at which the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance was signed, in which that Conference declared "That its primary purpose as well as that of the Treaty which it has concluded is to assure the peace and security of the Continent, and, consequently, that no stipulation of the Treaty nor any of the obligations created under it should be interpreted as justifying excessive armaments or may be invoked as a reason for the creation or maintenance of armaments or armed forces beyond those required for common defense in the interest of peace and security."

6. The Carter of the Organization of American States, approved at the Ninth International Conference of American States, held in Bogotá in 1948, and amended by the Protocol of Buenos Aires:

   a. Article 2 of which established the following essential purposes of the Organization: "a) To strengthen the peace and security of the continent; b) To prevent possible causes of difficulties and to ensure the pacific settlement of disputes that may arise among the Member States; c) To provide for common action on the part of those States in the event of aggression; d) To seek the solution of political, juridical and economic problems that may arise among them; and e) To promote, by cooperative action, their economic, social and cultural development."

   b. Article 3 of which contains a reaffirmation of principles, among which are: "a) International law is the standard of conduct of States in their reciprocal relations;" "c) The American States condemn war of aggression: victory does not give rights;" "f) An act of aggression against one American State is an act of aggression against all the other American States;" "g) Controversies of an international character arising between two or more American States shall be settled by peaceful procedures;" and "i) Economic cooperation is essential to the common welfare and prosperity of the peoples of the continent."
c. Article 23 which states, "All international disputes that may arise between American States shall be submitted to the peaceful procedures set forth in this Charter, before being referred to the Security Council of the United Nations."

7. Resolution XII of the Fifth Meeting of Consultation, held in Santiago, Chile, in 1959, which stated: "WHEREAS: ... Excessive military expenditures signify a reduction in the resources required to raise the general standard of living of the peoples... [The Meeting] RESOLVES: To urge the governments of the American States to study the problem of military expenditures in order that, should these be excessive in relation to the requirements of national and hemispheric defense, they may gradually and progressively reduce them."

8. In its Resolution VIII, the VII Meeting of Consultation, held in Costa Rica in 1960, considering: "That an agreement to the effect that expenditures be avoided for armaments not essential to the noble mission that the armed forces are called upon to perform with respect to the preservation of internal order in each country, the defense of territorial integrity, and the actual demands of continental defense, would in many countries free considerable financial resources, which would increase the funds available for the economic and social development of Latin America," resolved "To transmit to the Council of the Organization of American States the text of this resolution, recommending that it continue to consider with the greatest interest and urgency the necessary measures for the convocation, as soon as possible, of a specialized conference on this subject."

9. On February 12, 1967, the Treaty of Tlatelolco was approved in Mexico City, proscribing the use of nuclear weapons in the Latin American countries.

10. Resolution III of the XII Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, held in Washington in 1967, which, in paragraph 11, stated: "that the maintenance of order and of internal and external security is the exclusive responsibility of the government of each member state, without prejudice to its reiterated adherence to the principle of collective and mutual security for the preservation of peace, in accordance with the treaties on this subject."

11. The first paragraph of Resolution AG/RES. 26, approved by the General Assembly at its first regular session, held in 1971, in which it is recognized "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."

Analysis of the historical and political facts already given leads to the conclusion that with regard to the meaning and scope of Chapter VI of the Declaration of the Presidents of America it is a firm policy statement by the Presidents of the Latin American countries who subscribed to it, aimed at avoiding military expenditures that are not indispensable; that the application of that declaration must be the exclusive responsibility of each
government in its own territory and in keeping with each country's constitutional provisions, and that the purpose of this policy declaration is—in addition to preserving the peaceful tradition of Latin America without prejudice to internal and external security or to international commitments—to assist in applying the maximum resources available for economic development and social progress, in keeping with the conditions of each country.

Moreover, the Council has arrived at the conclusion that the various texts mentioned are still in effect, and particularly the Declaration made at the highest level by the Presidents of America at Punta del Este on April 14, 1967.

The Permanent Council considered that the governments of the member states directly concerned could study the advisability of reiterating to the General Assembly the intention to apply the maximum resources available to the requirements of economic development and social progress in each country in Latin America, and of expressing the intention to continue to limit military expenditures to those that are indispensable, in keeping with the requirements that each country considers necessary for its own security.

Some representatives on the Council felt that it would be possible to further develop the Declaration of the Presidents of America with additional statements interpreting it and expanding on it. Nevertheless, the consensus of the Council was that this report should be limited to the foregoing considerations.

Appended hereto are the observations made by the Government of Brazil on the preliminary report that the Permanent Council, in compliance with resolution AG/RES. 26, transmitted to the governments of the member states on February 16, 1972.
NOTE N. ° 82, DATED MARCH 3, 1972, CONTAINING OBSERVATIONS BY THE DELEGATION OF BRAZIL ON THE PRELIMINARY REPORT ON CHAPTER VI OF THE DECLARATION OF THE PRESIDENTS OF AMERICA
Excellency:

I have the honor to address Your Excellency with reference to paragraph 1 of the operative part of the resolution transmitting the report by the General Committee regarding a preliminary report on Chapter VI of the Declaration of the Presidents of America, by which the Permanent Council, in transmitting the said report, requests the member states to present such observations as they may deem appropriate.

2. In this connection, I am pleased to inform Your Excellency that the Brazilian Government agrees with the principal conclusion of the preliminary report of the Permanent Council, contained in the first full paragraph on page 9,1/ which basically states that "the application of that declaration must be the exclusive responsibility of each government in its own territory and in keeping with each country's constitutional provisions..."

3. A corollary of its basic conclusion could be added to this paragraph of the preliminary report, namely, that Chapter VI would not justify any collective action by the OAS in the matter.

4. The three paragraphs that follow the aforementioned conclusion—which exhausts the mandate received by the Permanent Council—could be eliminated, since they do not fit in with the terms of Resolution 26 of the General Assembly. At the same time, the Brazilian Government does not deny that the texts mentioned in the preliminary report are still in effect, nor does it formally oppose the Permanent Council's so stating, since they are the premise of the main conclusion of the report. With regard to the advisability of the Latin American states' reiterating to the General Assembly the purpose of Chapter VI, the Brazilian Government considers that this is not necessary, provided the General Assembly approves the definitive report of the Permanent Council in a form containing the main conclusion of the preliminary report and, more particularly, if it contains the statement that the instruments mentioned therein are still in effect.

His Excellency Luis Herrera
Chairman of the Permanent Council of the
Organization of American States
Washington, D.C.

1. Page 107 of this document.
5. In connection with the idea expressed in the next to the last paragraph of the preliminary report, on statements to interpret and expand on the Declaration of the Presidents as regards its Chapter VI, the Brazilian Government considers this idea inconsistent with the basic and main conclusion of the preliminary report of the Permanent Council itself, according to which "the application of that declaration must be the exclusive responsibility of each government in its own territory and in keeping with each country's constitutional provisions..." Moreover, it firmly believes that the solemn commitments assumed at the highest level of representation of each state, in the form of a declaration of intention or of policy by the presidents of the Latin American countries, do not lend themselves to any kind of development outside the boundaries of each Latin American country, above all when it is evident that no mandate in this sense was conferred by the presidents on any international organ.

Accept, Excellency, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

(s) George Alvares Maciel
Ambassador, Representative of
Brazil to the OAS
WHEREAS:

Pursuant to Article 55 of the Charter of the Organization, the General Assembly shall convene annually during the period determined by the Rules of Procedure;

Article 42 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly provides that a regular session shall be held during the second quarter of each year and that at each session, following a report by its General Committee, the General Assembly shall determine the opening date of its next session;

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;

No offer of a site for the third regular session has been made at the second regular session; and

Paragraph 3 of resolution AG/RES. 45 (I-0/71) provides that, if there has been no offer, the next regular session shall be held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat; and that, 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 the date that the Assembly shall meet at one of the places offered,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To set April 4, 1973, as the opening date for the third regular session of the General Assembly, which will be held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat unless the provisions of paragraph 3 of resolution AG/RES. 45 (I-0/71) are applicable.

2. To authorize the Permanent Council to change the date indicated if circumstances so require.
AG/RES. 97 (II-O/72)

ACTIVITIES WITH REGARD TO YOUTH

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session
held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

The fundamental importance of problems concerning youth in the overall context of the economic and social development of the member states;

The need for the Organization of American States to be suitably concerned with the effective participation of youth in the development of the countries of the system, in keeping with the recommendations made in resolution AG/RES. 33 (I-O/71) adopted by the General Assembly;

The preliminary research that the General Secretariat has carried out with regard to the nature and scope of the programs for young people and the youth movements in a number of member states; the studies, reports, and research projects on youth that have been carried out or are being carried out by various international organizations, academic centers, and other institutions, and the conclusions of the Working Group on Youth and Development, which met in Puerto Ayacucho, Venezuela, in February 1972 (Doc.AG/INF.14/72);

The growing interest shown by the member states in this field;

The fact that the Organization of American States is conducting activities related to youth that call for adequate coordination; and

The need to ensure consistency in objectives, efficiency in the utilization of funds, and the most effective development of the Organization's activities in this field,

RESOLVES:

1. To ask the Secretary General to submit to the Permanent Council a report containing an action plan, which shall consider the possibility of coordinating the activities of the General Secretariat in the field of youth, for more efficient implementation of the Organization's activities in this area.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council, in accordance with articles 68 and 91.a and 91.b of the Charter of the Organization, to adopt the measures necessary for the possible establishment of that coordination in the General Secretariat, and to urge it to examine all aspects of the topic of youth, to which the Assembly attributes the greatest importance.
AG/RES. 98 (II-0/72)

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Resolution adopted at the eleventh plenary session held on April 21, 1972)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Permanent Council to prepare draft amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly, in order to include provisions concerning the presence and participation of Permanent Observers to the Organization of American States in the General Assembly and to present the draft to the General Assembly for consideration at its next regular session.
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 second regular session, held in Washington, D.C., from April 11 through 21, 1972.

Galo Plaza
Secretary General of the Organization of American States

Washington, D.C.
28 April 1972