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SITUATION OF THE STATES THAT HAVE NOT YET DEPOSITED THEIR INSTRUMENTS
OF RATIFICATION OF THE PROTOCOL OF BUENOS AIRES

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session
held on April 14, 1973)

WHEREAS:

The General Assembly at its first special session approved resolution
AG/RES. 2 (I-E/70), which decided that all member states of the Organization,
whether or not they have deposited their instruments of ratification of the
Protocol of Buenos Aires, should participate in the work of the General
Assembly and the other organs of the Organization on an equal basis, in ac­
cordance with the provisions of that resolution;

The General Assembly at its first regular session approved resolution
AG/RES. 25 (I-O/71), providing that resolution AG/RES. 2 (I-E/70) should
remain in effect until the General Assembly studied the matter, if necessary,
at its next regular session;

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

The General Assembly, on examining this matter at its third regular
session, deems 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
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STUDY OF A DRAFT INSTRUMENT TO DEFINE VIOLATIONS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERVENTION

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That the Permanent Council received from the General Assembly, in AG/RES. 80 (II-0/72), the assignment of studying the Draft Instrument on Violations of the Principle of Nonintervention prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee (AG/doc.198) and, if possible, submitting a report to the third regular session;

That, with a view to carrying out this assignment, the Permanent Council decided to request the Inter-American Juridical Committee to add new material to its 1959 opinion, if it considered this useful;

That the Inter-American Juridical Committee has reported that it did not have time in its most recent regular session, in January and February 1973, to complete its study of the matter and has therefore included it on the agenda of its next regular session, which will be held in July and August 1973; and

That the Committee on Juridical-Political Affairs of the Permanent Council endorsed the view of its Working Group that the mandate of the General Assembly to the Permanent Council did not order the Council to present its report to the Assembly at its third regular session and that it would be preferable to await the results of the consideration of the topic by the Inter-American Juridical Committee; and

HAVING SEEN resolution CP/RES. 94 (98/73) of the Permanent Council (AG/doc.318/73), in which the Council took note of the report of its Committee on Juridical-Political Affairs and decided to present it to the General Assembly for consideration,
RESOLVES:

1. To request the Permanent Council to present to the fourth regular session of the General Assembly, if possible, the study entrusted to it, by resolution AG/RES. 80 (II-O/72), of the Draft Instrument on Violations of the Principle of Nonintervention prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee in 1959 (AG/doc.196), together with any new document on this topic that the Committee may submit.

2. To request the Preparatory Committee to include the topic "Study of a draft instrument on violations of the principle of nonintervention" on the draft agenda of the fourth regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 101 (III-0/73)

STRENGTHENING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM
FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF PEACE
OBSERVATIONS OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session
held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That at its second regular meeting the General Assembly by means of resolution AG/RES. 81 (II-0/72), requested the Permanent Council, in accordance with article 91.f of the Charter, to formulate whatever observations it deemed appropriate on the opinion presented by the Inter-American Juridical Committee, in compliance with resolution AG/RES. 54 (I-0/71), on the subject "Strengthening of the Inter-American System for the Maintenance of Peace" and to submit them to the General Assembly at its third regular meeting; and

HAVING SEEN resolution CP/RES. 93 (98/73), whereby the Permanent Council requests the General Assembly to extend this mandate for one year,

RESOLVES:

1. To extend for one year the mandate entrusted to the Permanent Council in operative paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 81 (II-0/72), "Strengthening of the Inter-American System for the Maintenance of Peace."

2. To request the Preparatory Committee to include in the draft agenda of the fourth regular session of the General Assembly the topic "Strengthening of the Inter-American System for the Maintenance of Peace (AG/RES. 81 (II-0/72)--Observations of the Permanent Council."
AG/RES. 102 (III-0/73)

STANDARDS ON RESERVATIONS TO INTER-AMERICAN MULTILATERAL TREATIES

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

WHEREAS:

At the second regular session of the General Assembly, a working group of the First Committee (Juridical and Political Affairs) prepared a draft resolution entitled "Rules on reservations to multilateral inter-American treaties" (AG/Com.I/doc.9/72, rev. 2);

Through resolution AG/RES. 90 (II-0/72), approved at the same session, the General Assembly decided to transmit that draft resolution to the governments of the member states so that they might make observations, should they so wish, and send them to the Permanent Council in order that the latter, on the basis of those observations, might study the draft in reference and convey its conclusions to the General Assembly at its third regular session;

Pursuant to the instructions received, the Permanent Council prepared and submitted to the General Assembly at its third regular session a set of draft standards on reservations to inter-American multilateral treaties (AG/doc.299/73); and

It is desirable to adopt new standards on the subject to replace those approved in 1932 by the then Governing Board of the Pan American Union, as well as those adopted by Resolution XXIX of the Eighth International Conference of American States, held in Lima in 1938.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To approve the following:
A. **Formulation of reservations to inter-American Multilateral treaties**

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. A reservation expressly authorized by a treaty does not require any subsequent acceptance by the other contracting states unless the treaty so provides.

4. When it appears from the limited number of the negotiating states and the object and purpose of a treaty that the application of the treaty in its entirety between all the parties is an essential condition of the consent of each one to be bound by the treaty, a reservation requires acceptance by all the parties.

5. When a treaty is a constituent instrument of an inter-American organization and, unless it provided otherwise, a reservation requires the acceptance of the competent organ of that organization.

6. When a state proposes to deposit with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States 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 paragraphs 3 and 4 of section D of these standards.

7. If the contracting states that the General Secretariat has consulted on the text of the reservations have not formulated objections 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 the General Secretariat has notified, each such state shall be considered to have accepted the reservations on the date on which it deposits its instrument of ratification of or adherence to the treaty unless it formulates objections.

B. **Withdrawal of reservations**

1. 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. Unless the treaty otherwise provides, or it is otherwise agreed:

a. the withdrawal of a reservation becomes operative in relation to another contracting state only when notice of it has been received by that state;

b. the withdrawal of an objection to a reservation becomes operative only when notice of it has been received by the state that formulated the reservation.

C. Legal effects of the acceptance or nonacceptance of reservations

1. 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 has been signed.

2. 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; and

3. 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.

D. Standards for the General Secretariat as depository of inter-American multilateral treaties

The General Secretariat in the performance of its functions as depository of inter-American multilateral treaties in accordance with Article 118.f of the Charter of the Organization shall, except when the treaty concerned provides otherwise, observe the following standards:

1. Assume custody of the original treaty and of the full powers;

2. Furnish certified copies of the treaty to all member states of the OAS, whether signatories of the treaty or not, and to nonmember states that have signed it or adhered to it or that express an intention to adhere to the treaty;

3. 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 Section A.6 of these standards, and consult the contracting states as to whether they object to the reservations or not;
4. Receive the replies from the contracting states and transmit them to the reserving states and to the other states referred to in paragraph 2 of this section;

5. Receive and maintain custody of the instruments of ratification and adherence, including reservations;

6. Notify the states referred to in paragraph 2 of this section of the deposit of such instruments and transmit the text of any reservations;

7. Examine whether the signature or any instrument, notification, or communication relating to the treaty is in due and proper form and, if need be, bring the matter to the attention of the state concerned;

8. In the event of any difference appearing between a state and the depository as to the performance of the latter's functions, the depository shall bring the question to the attention of the signatory states and the contracting states or, where appropriate, of the competent organ of the inter-American organization concerned; and

9. Register the treaty with the Secretariat of the United Nations.

Final provisions

1. These standards on the formulation of reservations inter-American multilateral treaties shall apply to all reservations sent to the General Secretariat after the date on which these standards are approved.

2. The standards to be observed by the General Secretariat pursuant to section D, in the performance of its duties as depository of inter-American multilateral treaties, shall not apply to any action that has already been taken by the General Secretariat.
AG/RES. 103 (III-0/73)

CONSIDERATION OF THE DRAFT CONVENTION ON EXTRADITION

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session
held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Draft Convention on Extradition approved by the Inter-American Juridical Committee on February 7, 1973 (AG/doc.326/73); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Permanent Council did not have the necessary time to study and to make observations on this document, in accordance with the provisions of Article 91.f of the Charter and of the last part of paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 91 (II-0/72) approved by the General Assembly during its second regular session,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Permanent Council that, in accordance with the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 91 (II-0/72), it study the Draft Inter-American Convention on Extradition approved by the Inter-American Juridical Committee on February 7, 1973, and submit such observations as it deems advisable to the General Assembly at its fourth regular session.

2. To request that the Preparatory Committee include the topic "Draft Inter-American Convention on Extradition" on the draft agenda for the fourth regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 104 (III-0/73)

AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WITH REGARD TO THE PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION IN THE ASSEMBLY OF
PERMANENT OBSERVERS TO THE ORGANIZATION

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session
held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution CP/RES. 81 (89/72) of the Permanent Council, which contains the proposed "Amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly with Regard to the Presence and Participation of Permanent Observers to the OAS";

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the amendments to the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly with regard to the presence and participation in the Assembly of Permanent Observers to the Organization, contained in the appendix to this resolution.

2. To entrust the General Secretariat with including the amendments approved in the Rules of Procedure and making the pertinent changes in the numerical order of the articles.
AMENDMENTS TO THE RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WITH REGARD TO THE PRESENCE AND PARTICIPATION OF THE
PERMANENT OBSERVERS TO THE OAS

Credentials

**Article 3.** The members of each delegation and the permanent observers to the Organization of American States shall be accredited by their respective governments through written communication to the Secretary General of the Organization.

Precedence

**Article 4.** The order of precedence of the delegations for each session shall be established by lot by the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly. The order of precedence of the permanent observers shall be established in the same manner.

Permanent observers

**Article 7 bis.** Permanent observers or their respective alternates, as the case may be, may attend the public meetings of the General Assembly and of its principal committees and, when invited by the corresponding presiding officer, the closed meetings. Permanent observers may also speak at meetings provided that the corresponding presiding officer so decides.

Other observers

**Article 8.** The following may also send observers to the General Assembly: (Paragraphs a, b, c, and d are not changed).

The observers referred to in this article may speak at the General Assembly or at meetings of its main committees when invited by the corresponding president or chairman.

For the purposes of this article, the Secretary General of the Organization shall transmit the appropriate communications.

**Article 15 bis.** The General Secretariat shall provide the delegations with the official documents of the General Assembly. It shall also provide these documents, except those for which it has been decided to limit distribution, to the permanent observers, other observers, and special guests.

**Article 49.** Only the delegations of the member states, necessary Secretariat personnel, and the permanent observers in accordance with article 7 bis may attend closed sessions.
Article 79. The Secretariat shall distribute the provisional minutes to the delegations and, when applicable, to the permanent observers as promptly as possible. It shall do the same for the other observers in the case of public meetings at which these observers have spoken. The delegations, permanent observers, and other observers may present to the Secretariat any corrections in style that they deem necessary.

The corrected minutes shall be published as part of the official proceedings of the session.

Resolutions

Article 81. Resolutions shall be published in the official languages of the Organization and shall be distributed to the delegations, permanent observers, other observers, and special guests immediately after they are approved. The General Assembly may entrust the Permanent Council with coordinating the texts of the resolutions after each session. The General Secretariat shall distribute the official versions of these resolutions to the governments.
AG/RES. 105 (III-0/73)

CONSIDERATION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The annual report presented by the Inter-American Juridical Committee to the General Assembly at its third regular session (AG/doc.302/73);

RESOLVES:

To take note of the annual report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee and to express its appreciation for the important work the Committee is carrying out.
AG/RES. 106 (III-0/73)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The annual report presented by the Inter-American Committee on Human Rights to the General Assembly in its third regular session (AG/doc.305, rev. l),

RESOLVES:

To take note of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Committee on Human Rights and to express its appreciation for the important work it is carrying out.
AG/RES. 107 (III-O/73)

STUDY OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION ON THE ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

WHEREAS:

The evolution of the situation in the Americas, particularly with regard to the process of eliminating colonialism, is of interest to the Organization of American States because of its possible consequences in respect to participation by newly independent states; and

The Organization lacks an up-to-date report on the subject,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To ask the General Secretariat to prepare, bearing in mind document C/INF. 948 of March 20, 1968, as background information, an up-to-date report on the status of the nonautonomous territories in the American Hemisphere and other territories in the Americas having ties with countries outside the hemisphere, for possible presentation to the fourth regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 108 (III-0/73)

DRAFT ORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE PAN AMERICAN HIGHWAY CONGRESSES

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The draft organization plan for the Pan American Highway Congresses, approved by the XI Congress of the series, held in Quito, Ecuador, November 15 to 19, 1971 (Doc. CIES/1785), and

The resolution of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at its Eighth Annual Meeting, held in Bogota, Colombia, January 30 to February 9, 1973 CIES/RES. 61 (VIII/73); and

CONSIDERING:

That pursuant to Article 52 of the Charter the General Assembly has the power to determine the structure and functions of the organs of the Organization;

That the Inter-American Specialized Conferences are organs of the Organization and that the Pan American Highway Congresses are such under Articles 51(g), 128, and 129 of the Charter; and

That the draft submitted to the General Assembly for consideration is in accordance with the Standards for Inter-American Specialized Conferences (AG/RES. 85 (II-0/72),

RESOLVES:

To approve the following
Article 1. The Congresses shall be known as the Pan American Highway Congresses, and the sequence of numbering shall continue that which is already in effect.

OBJECTIVES

Article 2. The aims of the Pan American Highway Congresses shall be:

a. To promote, by all means at their disposal, the development of highways and road transportation in the American Hemisphere in order to speed up the progressive integration of the Pan American highway system with the national and international transportation systems.

b. To advocate multinational coordination of highway planning, programming, financing, and administration.

c. To promote the opening of large highways of multinational interest, by supporting the financial negotiations of the interested countries.

d. To promote uniformity of highway and traffic standards throughout the hemisphere.

e. To act as the principal advisory organ of the Organization of American States in all matters relating to highways.

f. To study, propose and sponsor, through the Organization of American States, the adoption of official agreements among the American governments relating to studies for the planning, design, construction, improvement, and maintenance and use of highways, at the national and international levels.

g. To establish and maintain permanent relations with international organizations that enjoy consultative status with the United Nations or maintain relations of cooperation with the OAS and with government or private entities of other countries or regions of the world, with the aim of facilitating the use of international experience, especially with reference to research and experimentation in all matters relating to highways.

h. To promote the holding of meetings of specialists at the national, regional, or hemisphere level in the various technical fields relating to highways and other means of transportation and in order to link them with one another.
i. To promote official and private national action for academic and practical training of technicians and specialists in highways and transportation, and to promote international collaboration to provide fellowships, subsidies, and loans for specialized training of the technicians of each country in the fields of highways and transportation.

j. To encourage community action and the participation of private initiative in each country in official efforts in behalf of highways and transportation.

k. To disseminate information relating to progress in highway and transportation programs in the hemisphere and concerning their coordination, especially to the international credit agencies in order to facilitate their cooperation with the highway programs of the member countries.

RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Article 3. The Pan American Highway Congresses are an activity within the Organization of American States as specialized conferences.

All matters coming within the province of the Congresses shall be subject, therefore, to the terms of the Charter of the Organization of American States and the other related provisions.

ORGANIZING COMMITTEE

Article 4. The Organizing Committee of each Congress shall be designated by the government of the host country, which shall likewise appoint the Secretary General of the Congress.

CONGRESS MEETINGS

Article 5. The meetings of the Congress may be regular or special. Regular meetings shall be held every four years, if possible in each of the American countries in rotation, at the site determined by the previous Congress. The duration of each Congress shall be fixed in the notice of convocation.

Special meetings shall be held when so requested by the Permanent Executive Committee on its own initiative or at the request of a majority of the governments of the member countries.

The Congresses shall be called by the competent organ of the Organization of American States.
The official languages of the Pan American Highway Congresses and its organs shall be English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish.

PARTICIPATION IN THE CONGRESSES

Article 6. The following shall attend the Pan American Highway Congresses:

a. Official delegates: representatives designated by the governments of the member countries of the Organization of American States.

b. The Secretary General of the Organization of American States or his designated representative.

The following may also attend:

c. Permanent observers: Permanent Observers to the Organization of American States, or their alternates, may attend the meetings, following written communication to the Secretary General of the Organization.

d. Other observers: The following may be invited, with the prior authorization of the Permanent Executive Committee in consultation with the Organizing Committee of the Congress, to be represented by observers: the governments of American countries not members of the OAS; the governments of other countries that express their desire to be represented; and governmental or nongovernmental international institutions interested in public roads and traffic, which enjoy consultative status with the United Nations or that maintain relations of cooperation with the Organization of American States. These invitations shall be transmitted through the General Secretariat of the Organization.

e. Guests: representatives of public or private institutions, technicians in the various fields of public roads and traffic, and other persons connected with public roads activities. These invitations shall be transmitted by the Organizing Committee of the Congress.

Each state represented in accordance with clause (a) of this article shall have the right to one vote in plenary sessions and in each of the committees and working groups that may be established.

The participating members referred to in clauses (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this article, shall have the right to voice and to submit reports and proposals in the plenary and working sessions in accordance with the provisions of Article 9. The members referred to in clause (e) of this article may speak when so especially authorized by resolution of a plenary session or the Committee or working group concerned.

A legal quorum for the meetings of the Pan American Highway Congresses shall be a majority of the delegations of the Member States of the OAS.
OFFICERS OF THE CONGRESSES

Article 7. The plenary session of the Pan American Highway Congress shall be the highest authority of the Congress, within the terms of the Charter of the Organization of American States.

Each Congress, as its first order of business, shall elect a Chairman. The heads of all of the Official delegations other than that of the Chairman shall serve as Vice Chairman, in order of precedence previously established.

The Chairman and the Vice Chairman shall constitute the Steering Committee of the Congress, which shall name the officers of the working committees of the Congress.

DRAFT AGENDA AND REGULATIONS

Article 8. The draft agenda and rules of procedure of the Congresses shall be prepared by the Permanent Executive Committee and submitted for consideration to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, which shall prepare the definitive texts. These texts shall be transmitted to the governments of the member states of the Organization of American States, to the other countries invited, and to the Organizing Committee of the particular Congress through the General Secretariat of the Organization, six months prior to the date the Congress is to meet.

The rules of procedure shall remain in force for each Congress unless amended, in accordance with the terms of Article 15 of the present rules.

Each Congress, in addition to dealing with substantive matters included on its agenda, shall also deal with and decide upon the following organizational matters, which shall form a separate section of the agenda:

a. Consideration of the report of the Permanent Executive Committee.

b. Consideration of the reports of the Technical Committees of Experts or summaries of them, which the Permanent Executive Committee considers it advisable to present.

c. Consideration of the report of the Permanent Secretariat.

d. Selection of the host country for the next Congress, and of another, in case the first is unable to be host.

If the country designated as host for the Congress is unable to hold it, it shall give notice to the Permanent Executive Committee and the General Secretariat of the OAS at least six months prior to the date the Congress is to meet.
e. Designation of the countries to form the Permanent Executive Committee.

f. Establishment, composition, and selection of the seats of the Technical Committee.

g. Other organizational matters relating to the purpose and aims of the Congresses as defined in Article 2.

Article 9. The matters (or topics) to be presented to the Congress for consideration may include:

a. Technical reports.

b. Proposals.

Technical reports may be presented to the Congress, only through the Technical Committees, which shall consider them in their meetings prior to the Congress.

Proposals may deal with any topic on the agenda, and should be of such nature that they may lead to results that may be the bases of conclusions of importance to the public roads systems in the hemisphere, to be submitted to the Congress for consideration.

Proposals may be submitted to the Organizing Committee up to the thirty-fifth day prior to the date of the inaugural session of the Congress.

Copies of the reports of the Permanent Executive Committee and of the Permanent Secretariat and the Technical Committees shall be transmitted to the governments at least one month prior to the date set for the Congress.

PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 10. The Permanent Executive Committee of the Pan American Highway Congresses, attached to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council of the Organization of American States, shall have, with the assistance of the Technical Committees of Experts and the Permanent Secretariat, the specific function of promoting the implementation of the resolutions of each Congress. It shall also transmit an annual report on its activities to the competent organ of the OAS and to the governments of the member countries. The Committee shall act within the objectives and resolutions of the Congresses.

The Committee shall be composed of representatives of the governments of eleven countries, nine of which shall be designated by each Congress by a simple majority of votes, observing insofar as possible the principle of rotation and of equitable geographic representation, and with the prior
The representation of each one of the eleven countries shall be composed of a principal delegate and an alternate, who shall be designated by the respective countries, which may remove or replace them, giving appropriate notification to the General Secretariat of the OAS.

Once the Congress has designated the eleven countries that are to constitute the Permanent Executive Committee, the Chairmen of the respective official delegations shall meet to elect the country that shall preside over the Committee and to set the date and place for the next meeting of the Committee. The Congress shall be informed of this election before its closing session.

The seat of the Permanent Executive Committee shall be in the country elected to preside over it during the period between one regular Congress and the next. It cannot be elected for more than two consecutive periods.

Membership on the Committee shall be for the period between one regular Congress and the next.

The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall be six designated principal representatives, or their respective alternates in the absence of the principal representatives.

The authority and functions of the Committee shall be as follows:

a. To adopt the measures it considers advisable for compliance with the resolutions of the Pan American Highway Congresses and for the best attainment of the purposes indicated therein.

b. To prepare the agenda for each Congress and to submit it for consideration to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council of the OAS, and to collaborate with the host country in the organization of the Congress.

c. To suggest to the competent organ of the OAS and to the Congress such amendments to the rules of procedure of the Congresses as it may deem necessary.

d. To consult with the Secretary General of the OAS as to the form, system, and scope of the secretariat services to be provided by that organization.
e. To propose to the Congresses the establishment of technical committees and to promote meetings of them and study and select their reports and studies sufficiently in advance, so that they will be in accordance with the overall program and to decide whether they should be submitted to the Congress for consideration.

f. To establish subcommittees charged with studies, projects and the handling and promotion of specific topics, and to report to the next Congress on their establishment and the work they have accomplished.

g. To represent the Pan American Highway Congresses at other national or international meetings relating to highway matters or related activities.

h. To promote intergovernmental discussions on coordination of inter-American transportation and to submit the agreements reached to the Congress for consideration.

i. To promote adherence to and ratification of the agreements mentioned in Article 2.f of this organization plan, by the member countries.

j. To promote collaboration of institutions interested in road systems and transportation, to facilitate the development of the activities of the Congress.

The Permanent Executive Committee shall meet at least once each year at the General Secretariat of the OAS or in the country of the Chairman, if he so decides. Should the Chairman suggest meeting in another country, the matter shall be decided by a majority vote of the Committee. The Chairman of the Permanent Executive Committee shall preside over the inaugural session of each Congress, until the election of officers is accomplished.

Decisions of the Committee shall be taken by a majority of a minimum of six votes. Each member shall have one vote.

The meetings of the Permanent Executive Committee may be attended by member countries that are not members thereof, in which case their representatives shall have the right to voice, but not to vote, in the meetings.

The country elected to preside over the Permanent Executive Committee shall provide at its own expense the officers and personnel necessary to carry out its obligations and functions.
Article 11. The Congresses shall appoint at their own initiative or at the proposal of the Permanent Executive Committee, such technical committees as they may deem necessary to achieve the objectives defined in Article 2. The mandates of such committees shall be stipulated in each case. These committees, which shall be responsible to the Permanent Executive Committee, shall serve as consultative agencies to render technical assistance to the member states of the Organization of American States.

Each of the member countries shall have the right to be represented on each Technical Committee.

Each Congress shall designate the countries that will serve as the respective seats of the Technical Committees. One representative, appointed by the corresponding host country, shall automatically be Chairman of the Committee. The seat of the Executive Committee and of the Technical Committees shall be established in different countries.

The country selected as the host country and that accepts that responsibility shall provide at its own expense the premises, personnel and whatever else may be necessary for the best performance of the duties and functions of the Committee.

The members shall be appointed by the governments concerned, which may change their representatives at will, duly notifying the Permanent Executive Committee and the Permanent Secretariat.

The technical committees shall meet at least once a year in the assigned host country. If special circumstances make it necessary, they may meet elsewhere, upon notice of convocation issued by their chairmen, through the Permanent Secretariat, sending a copy to the Permanent Executive Committee. The Committees may meet and transact business with no less than three principal representatives of member countries. Each country shall have one vote and resolutions and decisions shall be adopted by the vote of a simple majority.

The technical committees, at their meetings, shall consider all papers that may be submitted by the member countries.

The member countries shall, at least thirty days in advance of the date of a meeting of one of the technical committees, indicate the topics they desire to be included on the agenda.

The chairmen of the technical committees shall direct the studies, prepare the agenda and the material of the meetings, and shall sign the studies, opinions, and draft resolutions prepared by their committees, which shall be sent immediately to all the member countries of the Organization, and also to the Permanent Executive Committee and the Permanent Secretariat.
The chairmen, shall, if possible in the name of their committee serve as rapporteurs to the plenary Congress to report on matters within the competence of the respective committees.

PERMANENT SECRETARIAT

Article 12. The General Secretariat of the OAS shall provide permanent secretariat services for the Pan American Highway Congresses in accordance with the decisions of the pertinent organ of the Organization of American States.

The Permanent Secretariat shall consist of the Permanent Secretary of the Pan American Highway Congresses and such personnel as the Secretary General of the OAS may assign to it.

The officers and other personnel of the Permanent Secretariat shall be appointed by the Secretary General of the OAS, which shall pay their salaries and travel expenses, and corresponding office expenses.

The duties of the Permanent Secretariat shall be:

a. To transmit, through the representatives of the respective governments of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States, the notices of convocation of meetings of the Permanent Executive Committee and the Technical Committees, which are issued in accordance with the present instrument.

b. To act as Secretariat to the Permanent Executive Committee while it is in session, issue necessary documents while the Committee is in recess, and coordinate work with the Secretariat of the Chairman.

c. To see that the opinions, papers, and draft resolutions of all the organs of the Pan American Highway Congresses and the plenary sessions thereof are in accord with the provisions of the Charter of the Organization of American States and this Organization Plan.

d. To provide information concerning resolutions adopted by the Congress, and to cooperate with the Permanent Executive Committee in obtaining their adoption and execution by the American governments.

e. To publish, at least once every three months, information bulletins and, when appropriate, circulars regarding the work accomplished by the Pan American Highway Congresses and their organs.

f. To establish a regular information service on the progress and development of highway networks in the various American countries. These reports on the highways of the hemisphere shall be issued and
disseminated at least once each year, and they shall indicate the developments that have taken place in each country.

g. To perform, in general, all the administrative operations necessary to the functioning of the various organs of the Pan American Highway Congresses.

h. To centralize, and be the depository of, the documents and archives of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Pan American Highway Congresses and its agencies at the headquarters of the OAS General Secretariat.

COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS

Article 13. The official highway departments or agencies of the member states of the Organization of American States shall be the normal point of liaison between the Permanent Executive Committee and the Permanent Secretariat and the governments. The governments shall notify the Permanent Secretariat of the name of the agency that is to serve as such point of liaison. Each government shall cooperate with the Pan American Highway Congresses to provide, upon request, information required to carry out the duties assigned by the Congresses.

FINANCES

Article 14. Each country represented in the Congresses, on the Permanent Executive Committee, and on the technical committees and subcommittees that are established shall meet the expenses of its own delegates.

The expenses of the organizing and holding the Congresses shall be borne by the host country, with the cooperation of the General Secretariat of the OAS.

The operating expenses of the Permanent Executive Committee shall be borne by the host country. The expenses of organizing and holding the meetings of the Permanent Executive Committee shall be met by the General Secretariat of the OAS, by the country of the Chairman, or by the country where the meeting is held, as the case may be.

The expenses incurred in organizing and holding the meetings of the technical committees and subcommittees shall be borne by the country of the chairman of the body concerned; if a meeting is held elsewhere then in the country where the committee or subcommittee has its seat, the expenses shall be met by the host country.
AMENDMENTS

Article 15. This Organization Plan may be amended only by the vote of two thirds of the official delegations accredited to a Pan American Highway Congress, on the proposal of any of the governments of member states of the Organization of American States, and provided that the proposed amendments are made known to the other governments and to the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States, through the Permanent Secretariat, at least four months prior to the date set for the Congress. Amendments to the Organization Plan shall become effective upon approval by the Congress and by the pertinent organ of the Organization of American States.
AG/RES. 109 (III-0/73)

ORGANIZATION OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TRAVEL CONGRESSES

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session
held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The draft Organization Plan for Inter-American Travel Congresses approved
by the XI Congress in the series, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, November
5-12, 1971 (Doc. CIES/1782), and

The resolution adopted by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council
at its Eighth Annual Meeting (Bogotá, Colombia, January 30 to February 9,
1973) (CIES/RES. 61 (VIII-73), and

CONSIDERING:

That in accordance with Article 52 of the Charter the General Assembly
is empowered to determine the structure and operation of the organs of the
Organization;

That the Inter-American Specialized Conferences are organs of the Organiza­
tion and that the Inter-American Travel Congresses fall within that category
in accordance with Articles 51.g, 128, and 129 of the Charter; and

That the draft submitted to the General Assembly for consideration meets
the requirements of the Standards for Inter-American Specialized Conferences
(AG/RES. 85 (II-0/72),

RESOLVES:

To approve the following
ORGANIZATION PLAN OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TRAVEL CONGRESSES

Chapter I

NATURE

Article 1. The Inter-American Travel Congresses are Specialized Conferences in accordance with Articles 51.g, 128 and 129 of the Charter of the Organization of American States.

Article 2. The Congresses are a permanent series, are attached to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) and fulfill their purposes through regular and special meetings of their Permanent Executive Committee and their technical committees, with the collaboration of the General Secretariat of the Organization.

AUTHORITY

Article 3. The Congresses are intergovernmental meetings to deal with special technical matters or to develop specific aspects of inter-American cooperation. They shall adjust their operations to the terms of the Charter of the Organization, the Statutes of CIES and this Organization Plan.

Article 4. The purposes and functions of the Congresses shall be:

a. To aid and promote, by all means at their disposal, the development and progress of tourist travel in the Americas.

b. To organize and encourage regular meetings of technicians and experts for the study of special problems related to tourist travel.

c. To encourage the preparation of studies to make possible the development of tourist travel, which studies shall take into consideration overall organic plans on a municipal, state, provincial or departmental, regional, national and inter-American scale.

d. To maintain close contacts with the various intergovernmental and private organizations having to do with tourist travel, and strive to coordinate their activities.

e. To foster the harmonization of laws and regulations concerning tourist travel.

f. To take advantage of the cooperation offered by private enterprise through world and regional organizations concerned with tourist
travel which hold consultative status with the United Nations or maintain relations of cooperation with the Organization of American States.

g. To consider projects for technical assistance and cooperation.

h. To disseminate among all American countries information regarding the achievement of their aims.

i. To study, suggest and sponsor, through the Organization of American States, the adoption of official agreements among the American governments relating to tourist travel.

j. To work toward improvement and uniformity of administrative and financial procedures relating to tourist travel services in the various American countries.

k. To promote cooperative relations with similar world or regional organizations, either governmental or private, and to invite them to participate as observers at the meetings of the Congresses.

l. To serve as advisory body of the Organization and its organs in all matters related to tourism in the hemisphere.

m. To carry out other activities in the field of tourism entrusted to them by the General Assembly of the Organization, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, CIES or any of the other Councils or organs of the Organization.

MEETINGS

Article 5. The Congresses shall meet regularly every three years and shall be consecutively numbered, continuing the sequence already established. The holding of regular meetings shall be decided in accordance with the provisions of Article 128 of the Charter.

Article 6. Special Congresses shall be held when the General Assembly or the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs so decides, at its own initiative or at the recommendation of CIES.

Special Congresses also shall be held in urgent cases when CIES decides to convocate them in accordance with the provisions of Article 72 of the Charter, at its own initiative or at the recommendation of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Congresses.
Article 7. The General Secretariat shall transmit ex officio the notices of convocation of the Congresses to the member states.

Article 8. The Congresses shall be held, in accordance with the principle of rotation, in the country decided upon by the previous Congress and on the date set by the General Assembly or the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, taking into account the recommendation of the previous Congress; or, in urgent cases, by CIIES.

Article 9. If for any reason the regular meeting of the Congress cannot be held at the place selected, the Permanent Secretariat shall consult the governments of the member states to obtain a timely offer of another place. This offer shall be referred to CIIES for consideration, using the system of voting by correspondence.

Article 10. The draft agenda of each Congress shall be drawn up by the Permanent Executive Committee and presented to CIIES. The text prepared by CIIES shall be submitted to the governments of the member states for consideration through the General Secretariat, two months prior to the opening of the Congress. Also two months in advance of the Congress, the General Secretariat shall send the draft agenda to the Organizing Committee of the Congress.

The rules of procedure of the Congresses shall be prepared by CIIES in accordance with this instrument, and shall remain in force for succeeding meetings of the Congresses unless amended by CIIES.

COMPOSITION OF THE CONGRESSES

Participants

Article 11. All member states of the Organization of American States have the right to be represented at the Congresses. Each state has the right to one vote.

The official languages of the Congresses are Spanish, French, English, and Portuguese.

Officers of the Congresses

Article 12. Each Congress shall have an Organizing Committee designated by the host country, which shall likewise appoint the General Coordinator of the Congress.

The chairman of the Permanent Executive Committee shall preside over the opening session of each Congress while, at the same meeting, officers of the Congress are being elected.
Each Congress, in inaugurating its sessions, shall elect from among the
delegates, a chairman and a vice chairman, who shall hold office until ad-
journment of the Congress. These officers and the chairmen of the other
delегations shall be the members of the Steering Committee, which shall have
the power to appoint the chairmen, vice chairmen and rapporteurs of the
working committees of the Congress.

**Article 13.** The Plenary Assembly is the supreme authority of the Congresses
and is composed of one delegate for each member state, appointed by its gov-
ernment, which may also appoint alternate delegates and advisers, if it
considers them necessary.

**Observers and Special Guests**

**Article 14.** Permanent observers at the Organization of American States, or
their alternates, upon previous written communication to the Secretary General,
may attend the Congresses.

Observers from American states that are not members of the Organization
and from the member states of the United Nations or its specialized agencies
that have expressed interest also may attend the meetings of the Congresses.
The Secretary General of the OAS shall extend these invitations upon previous
authorization of CIES and in consultation with the host country of the meet-
ing, and shall so inform the Organizing Committee of the Congress and the
Chairman of the Permanent Executive Committee.

**Article 15.** Observers appointed by the inter-American specialized organiza-
tions, other inter-American organizations, the United Nations and its special-
ized agencies, and other international organizations also may attend, in ac-
cordance with the terms of agreements signed between them and the Organiza-
tion of American States.

The Secretary General, after prior consultation with the host country,
may invite international organizations, either governmental or non-government-
al, of recognized international authority, that have some specific interest
in the matters to be dealt with in the meetings, to send observers. In these
cases, the invitations shall be limited to organizations that can make an
effective contribution to the deliberations.

**Article 16.** Observers may participate with voice in the Congress or its com-
mittees when so invited by the respective chairman.

**Article 17.** Likewise, the Secretary General of the OAS may, with the consent
of the governments of the host country, extend special invitations to national
organizations that represent important sectors and have an interest in the
meeting. Special guests may attend the plenary sessions and the meetings of
the committees only for the purpose of following the course of the discussions.
Ex Officio Participants

Article 18. The Secretary General of the Organization of American States or his representative shall participate with voice, but without vote, in all the meetings of the Congress and its committees.

Quorum and Voting

Article 19. The quorum of the Congresses shall be constituted by the majority of the member states.

Decisions of the Congresses shall be approved at the plenary sessions by the affirmative vote of a majority of the member states, except for cases requiring the vote of two-thirds of the member states.

A quorum for the committees, subcommittees and working groups shall consist of a majority of members present at the meeting and their decisions and recommendations shall be adopted by the majority of the members present.

Order of Business

Article 20. Each Congress, besides dealing with the basic points of the agenda, shall decide on the following matters of internal organization which will be set forth in a special section of the agenda:

a. Designation of the seven countries to form the Permanent Executive Committee.

b. Consideration of the report of the outgoing Permanent Executive Committee.

c. Consideration of the reports of the technical committees, to be submitted by the Permanent Executive Committee.

d. Consideration of the report of the Permanent Secretary.

e. Decision on the place of the next Congress.

f. Recommendation concerning the date of the next Congress.

g. Other organizational matters relating to the aims of the Congress as defined in Article 4, which the Permanent Executive Committee may decide to include.
Miscellaneous Provisions

Article 21. Reports and proposals shall be submitted at least two months prior to the date of the Congress, one copy to be sent to the Permanent Secretariat and another to the Organizing Committee of the Congress. The reports of the Permanent Executive Committee and of the Permanent Secretariat shall be forwarded to the governments at least one month prior to the date set for the Congress.

Chapter II

PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Article 22. The Permanent Executive Committee shall be composed of specialists representing the governments of seven countries, five of which shall be designated by the Congress by a simple majority vote. The other two shall be: one, the representative of the country that is acting as host for the Congress, and the other, the representative of the host country for the next regular Congress.

The delegation of each of the seven countries shall be composed of a principal delegate and an alternate to be appointed by the respective governments, which may remove or replace them, notifying the Permanent Secretariat of such action.

The members of the Committee shall hold office until the next regular Congress appoints their replacements.

The convocation of a special Congress gives the government of the host country the right to appoint a representative on the Permanent Executive Committee, provided that that government is not already represented thereon. The term of that representative shall end at the conclusion of the special Congress.

Functions and duties of the Permanent Executive Committee

Article 23. The Permanent Executive Committee, assisted by the technical committees and the Permanent Secretariat, shall have the specific function of promoting implementation of the resolutions of each Congress. The Committee shall act within the resolutions of the Congresses, its specific authority and functions being as follows:
a. To adopt such measures as it deems advisable to promote compliance with the resolutions of the Congresses and for the best attainment of the purposes indicated herein.

b. To prepare the preliminary draft agenda of each Congress, which shall be submitted to CIES for consideration, pursuant to Article 129 of the Charter; and to collaborate with the host member state in organizing the Congress.

c. To suggest to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council the modifications in the regulations of the Congresses that it may deem necessary.

d. To consult with the Secretary General of the OAS as to the form and scope of the Secretariat services.

e. To promote meetings of the Technical Committees, and to study and comment on their reports and studies sufficiently in advance so that, when they are submitted to the Congresses, they will be in accordance with overall programs.

f. To represent the Inter-American Travel Congresses at other national or international meetings related to tourist or related activities.

g. To promote, subject to the approval of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, inter-governmental discussions on the coordination of measures related to tourism.

Meetings, Quorum and Votes of the Permanent Executive Committee

Article 24. Once the Congress has designated the seven countries which are to constitute the Permanent Executive Committee, the chairmen of the respective official delegations shall hold a preliminary meeting of the Committee in order to select the country that is to assume the chairmanship; to determine the priority of assignments, and to set the date for the first meeting of the Committee. The preliminary meeting shall be held before the adjournment of the Congress.

The Permanent Executive Committee shall meet at least once each year at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, or in the country of the chairman, if he so decides. Should the chairman suggest another country, a majority vote of the Committee members shall decide.
The quorum for meetings of the Committee shall consist of four of the designated principal representatives, or their respective alternates in the absence of the principals. Committee resolutions shall be adopted by majority vote. Each member shall have one vote.

The chairman of the Permanent Executive Committee is authorized to invite specialized agencies or experts in matters under consideration to participate in the work and meetings of the Committee. The representatives of such agencies, or the experts, shall act as consultants to the Committee.

Chapter III

TECHNICAL COMMITTEES

Article 25. The congresses shall appoint such technical committees as may be found necessary for carrying out the aims of the Congresses as defined in Article 4 of this Plan, with responsibilities to be fixed in each case, and each of which shall remain in existence until the Congress itself or the Permanent Executive Committee shall deem it terminated.

The technical committees shall meet at least once between Congresses at their respective headquarters, at the convocation of the Chairman of the Permanent Executive Committee, in consultation with the chairman of the technical committees through the Permanent Secretariat. The chairman of each technical committee shall send the Permanent Executive Committee, through the Permanent Secretariat, a brief report of the committee's activities during the year.

Each country shall have one vote in the technical committees, and their decisions shall be taken by a simple majority vote.

Article 26. Each Congress shall designate the countries that will serve as headquarters of the technical committees. The delegate appointed by the country chosen as the headquarters of a committee shall automatically become its chairman.

The chairmen of the technical committees shall direct the work thereof, prepare materials for meetings, and approve the studies, opinions, and draft resolutions, sending duplicate copies to the Permanent Executive Committee and the Permanent Secretariat for action. The Permanent Secretariat shall make known to the governments the studies and recommendations of the technical committees as promptly as possible.
The papers, studies, opinions, and draft resolutions shall be submitted to the Permanent Executive Committee and the Permanent Secretariat at least six months prior to the meeting of the next Congress. The chairmen of the technical committees shall preferably serve as rapporteurs at the plenary sessions of the Congresses to give information on matters within the purview of their respective committees.

Article 27. The members of the technical committees shall be appointed by their respective governments, which may remove or replace them at will, notifying the Committee or the Permanent Secretariat.

Article 28. In addition to the technical committees that may be designated by the Congresses, the following basic technical committees are established:

a. On research and planning.

b. On facilitation.

c. On tourist travel promotion.

d. On organization and training.

These technical committees shall work within the fields of action established by the Congresses or by the Permanent Executive Committee.

Article 29. The chairman of each technical committee is empowered to organize working groups composed of specialists on the subjects to be studied, whose reports will be presented to him.

Chapter IV
PERMANENT SECRETARIAT

Article 30. The General Secretariat shall provide permanent secretariat services to the Congresses in accordance with the standards governing the operation of the General Secretariat, the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, and this Organization Plan.

The Permanent Secretariat shall consist of the Permanent Secretary of the Congresses and such personnel as the Secretary General of the Organization may determine.

The officers and other personnel of the Permanent Secretariat shall be appointed by the Secretary General of the Organization, and their salaries and travel expenses, if necessary, shall be paid by the General Secretariat.
Article 31. The duties of the Permanent Secretariat shall be:

a. To issue notices of convocation for the holding of meetings of the Permanent Executive Committee and of the technical committees, in accordance with this Organization Plan, and to transmit these notices through the representatives accredited to the Organization of American States.

b. To act as secretariat to the Permanent Executive Committee while it is in session, and issue necessary documents while the Committee is in recess.

c. To see that the opinions, papers, and draft resolutions of all the organs of the Inter-American Travel Congresses and the plenary sessions thereof are in accord with the provisions of the Charter of the Organization of American States, the standards for the Specialized Conferences, the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, the pertinent provisions issued by CIES, and this Organization Plan.

d. To provide information concerning resolutions adopted by the Congresses, and to cooperate with the Permanent Executive Committee in obtaining their adoption and implementation by the governments of the American countries.

e. To publish periodic information bulletins and circulars regarding the work accomplished by the Congresses and their organs.

f. To establish a regular information service on tourism and its problems in the American countries, as well as on the developments that have taken place in the various countries. These reports on tourist travel in the hemisphere with statements as to the situation in each country, shall be issued and disseminated at least once each year.

g. To centralize, at the headquarters of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, documents and archives of the Congresses and their organs.

h. To perform, in general, all administrative functions necessary to the operation of the organs of the Inter-American Travel Congresses.
Chapter V

EXPENDITURES

Article 32. Expenditures for the organization and holding of the Congresses shall be paid by the organizing member state.

Each country represented on the Permanent Executive Committee and on the technical committees shall defray the transportation and travel expenses of its own delegates or representatives.

As regards the expenses of organizing and holding the meetings of the Permanent Executive Committee, and of the technical committees, they shall be borne by the country in which the meeting is held.

Article 33. Whenever the Congress, the Permanent Executive Committee, or any meeting sponsored by the Congress is studying a proposal that would necessitate the expenditure of funds by the General Secretariat, consideration shall be given to its financial implications. For this purpose, the General Secretariat, or the delegation making the proposal, with the cooperation of the Secretariat, shall provide an estimate of the additional funds needed.

Chapter VI

COOPERATION WITH NATIONAL TRAVEL ORGANIZATIONS

Article 34. The General Secretariat shall maintain close working relations with regional, national and international tourism development institutions. Its negotiations and activities at the national level shall be channeled through the liaison agency determined by each government.

For such activities, each government shall cooperate to provide, at the request of the Permanent Executive Committee or the Permanent Secretariat, the information required for carrying out the work assigned by the Congresses.
Chapter VII
REGIONAL TRAVEL CONGRESSES

Article 35. Regional Travel Congresses, organized by members of the Organization of American States, shall come under the provisions of this Organization Plan, provided that the rules regulating them are approved by the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Travel Congresses.

Chapter VIII
AMENDMENTS

Article 36. The provisions of this Organization Plan may be amended by the General Assembly on its own initiative, or upon the request of CIES or the Congresses.

Preliminary draft amendments shall be submitted to the Congress through the Permanent Executive Committee, and made known to the governments of the member states through the Permanent Secretariat, at least four months prior to the date set for the Congress that will deal with the topic.

In order that amendments to the Organization Plan may be submitted to CIES for consideration and to the General Assembly for approval they shall require previous agreement by a two-thirds majority of the official delegations accredited to the Congress. Such amendments shall become effective on the date of approval by the General Assembly.
WHEREAS:

The American Convention on Human Rights, the result of many years of continuous work by the Organization of American States, was subscribed in San José, Costa Rica, on November 22, 1969;

The Convention fulfills the dream of many idealists who believe that an effective juridical system can be established in the hemisphere to protect human rights;

In spite of the time elapsed, only one country has ratified the Pact of San José, Costa Rica; and

The General Assembly, during its first regular session, proposed that the governments of the member states put their respective constitutional procedures in motion for the prompt ratification of the Convention (AG/RES. 53 (I-0/71),

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To urge the member states to ratify or adhere to the American Convention on Human Right, the "Pact of San José, Costa Rica," so that this important instrument may enter into force and fulfill the human aspirations for freedom, protected from fear and misery--aspirations that can be achieved if the conditions are created to enable each person to enjoy his civil and political rights.
AG/RES. III (III-O/73)

ACTIVITIES IN THE FISHERIES SECTOR WITHIN THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

The report of the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Government Experts on Fisheries, held September 4-8, 1972, in Lima, Peru (Appendix 1 to AG/doc.298/73).

The recommendations of the Fourth Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, held December 14-20, 1972, in Mar del Plata, Argentina (Appendix 4 to AG/doc.298/73); and

The recommendations of the Eighth Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, held January 30-February 9, 1973, in Bogotá, Colombia (AG/doc.309/73),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Final Report of the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Government Experts on Fisheries, held in Lima, Peru, September 4-8, 1972 (Appendix 1 to AG/doc.298/73).

2. To approve the recommendations made by CIES and CIIECC, for which both Councils have agreed on the corresponding financing, that a high-level technical working group be set up to prepare and propose specific projects after determining the training needs of the region and identifying the institutions that are capable of providing such training and those that could take part in the information network, for which both Councils have agreed on the corresponding financing.

3. To express appreciation for and accept the offer of the Government of Peru that its capital city be utilized as the base of operation for the work of this group.
4. To instruct the General Secretariat to convokе the high-level technical working group and, in accordance with the guidelines formulated by the aforementioned group and the recommendations contained in the report of the First Meeting of the Ad Hoc Group of Government Experts on Fisheries, to submit to the forthcoming meetings of CIES and CIECC, with the proposed program-budget for the next biennium, the bases for a Fisheries Development Program.

5. To recommend to the General Secretariat that it take into consideration, when preparing the Program, the high priority that the member countries accord to the creation of new employment opportunities and the use of appropriate technology as a means to promote development.

6. To instruct the General Secretariat to establish contact with the regional and international organizations that are concerned with development of the region's fisheries sector, among others the IDB and FAO, to determine the measures for coordination and cooperation that could be taken in the area of training and information activities.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

Resolution CIECC-151/72, adopted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture at its Fourth Meeting, and the reasons therein mentioned of economy, arrangement of its work, and coordination with other entities; and

The provisions of Articles 102 and 147 of the Charter,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of Resolution CIECC 151/72, in which the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture requests that the General Assembly "to replace the present calendar of annual meetings of this Council with a biennial system which should coincide with the study and approval of the Program-budget."

2. To express its agreement with the bases of that resolution as concerns the desirability of reducing the number of meetings of the Organization to the absolute minimum, and coordinating them with those of other organizations.

3. To point out, however that it is impossible to approve this request during this third regular session of the General Assembly, inasmuch as that implies amending Article 102 of the Charter of the Organization and therefore requires a special convocation in accordance with Article 147 of the Charter.

4. To note that, nevertheless, that Council has the authority to arrange its work in accordance with the standards established by the Charter, to avoid the inconveniences pointed out in the preamble to Resolution CIECC-151/72.

5. To bear in mind particularly the aforementioned resolution in the event and at the time that amendments to the juridical instruments that at present govern the work of the Organization may be considered.
WHEREAS:

The General Assembly of the Organization, at its first regular session, upon reaffirming the goals set forth at Maracay, resolved "to seek other procedures for obtaining voluntary contributions, in order to achieve progressively the aforementioned goals, joining the increasing efforts of the Latin American countries to contribute to the Special Multilateral Fund, taking into account the contributions that the United States may make for this purpose;"

In the FEMCIECC policy guidelines approved at the Second Meeting of CIECC in Lima in 1971, it was suggested that preferential attention be given "to activities intended to benefit the relatively less developed countries";

The recommendations and resolutions adopted by the representatives of the countries in CACTAL, in the meeting of the Group of Experts called for by CACTAL, in the meetings of the Inter-American Committees held last November, and, finally, at the Sixth Meeting of CEPCIECC, held from the 13th through the 17th of that same month, constitute an effort to deepen the goals set forth at Punta del Este and Maracay and make them more explicit and more in accord with the new aspirations of the countries of the region; and

At its Fourth Meeting CIECC adopted the Resolution of Mar del Plata, which expresses the aspirations of the member states to expand and strengthen the programs that fall within its sphere of competence.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the Resolution of Mar del Plata "System of Special Contribution to Strengthen FEMCIECC" (CIECC-137/72).
2. To adopt the recommendation of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly that CIECC, through its Permanent Executive Committee, be entrusted with drafting and approving supplementary standards to govern that resolution and put it into full effect.

3. To recommend that, in the drafting of the supplementary standards, the comments and recommendations formulated by the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly and by the member states in the Third Committee during the third regular session of the Assembly, as contained in the report of the rapporteur of that Committee, be taken into account.

4. That, for purposes of this resolution, countries presenting special projects shall estimate, together with the General Secretariat, on the basis of the budgetary standards in force, the expenditures referred to in paragraph 8.e of the Resolution of Mar del Plata.
AG/RES. 114 (III-0/73)

TRIBUTE TO PABLO PICASSO (1881 - 1973)

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session
held April 14, 1973)

WHEREAS:

Pablo Picasso, who symbolized what is now considered contemporary art, died on April 8;

The Organization of American States, in its duty to cooperate in the development of culture, seeks to extol art as an instrument of peace, liberty, and brotherhood among peoples;

Picasso's work of genius, full of Hispanic content, exerted enormous influence on the contemporary art of the Americas and of the entire world; and

His work places him in the category of the great masters of painting, as one of the most illustrious figures in the world of art,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To express the deep sorrow of the Americas at the death of this exceptional artist.

2. To provide that tribute be paid to the memory of Pablo Picasso, on October 25, 1973, the anniversary of his birth, through the organization of an exhibit of paintings of the Americas, to be held at the headquarters of the Organization, with the participation of painters from each of the member states.
AG/RES. 115 (III-0/73)

REVIEW OF THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Preparatory Committee on the Report of the External Auditors, Price Waterhouse & Co., on the accounts of the Organization as of June 30, 1972 (Doc.AG/CP/doc.70/73 rev. 1); and

CONSIDERING:

That at its second regular session, held in April 1972, the General Assembly approved the recommendation of the Fourth Committee, on Administrative and Budgetary Matters, to the effect that in the future the report of the external auditors be submitted to the Preparatory Committee for consideration, in order that it might be transmitted to the General Assembly with the appropriate comments and considerations;

That, in accordance with Article 91.b of the Charter of the Organization, the Permanent Council shall watch over the observance of the standards governing the operation of the General Secretariat and, when the General Assembly is not in session, adopt provisions of a regulatory nature that enable the General Secretariat to carry out its administrative functions,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Preparatory Committee with the observations contained therein.

2. To adopt the recommendation made therein concerning the holding of periodic meetings of the Preparatory Committee with representatives of the external auditors, Price Waterhouse & Co.

3. To take special note of the observations contained in that report regarding the accounts of the Inter-American Export Promotion Center (CIPE).

4. To request the Permanent Council of the Organization, once it has received the new reports on the CIPE accounts from the external auditors, Price Waterhouse & Co., to study these reports as soon as possible and to
adopt the measures that it deems necessary, in accordance with Article 91.b of the Charter. The Permanent Council shall submit a report on the results of this action and on the measures taken in this respect to the fourth regular session of the General Assembly and immediately send a copy of this report to CIES, through its Permanent Executive Committee.
AG/RES. 116 (III-0/73)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
ON THE PERFORMANCE OF ITS ADDITIONAL PERMANENT
FUNCTIONS IN ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY AFFAIRS

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session,
held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The annual report of the preparatory Committee of the General Assembly on the performance of its additional permanent functions in administrative and budgetary affairs, prepared by the Advisory Group on Administration and Budget (GAAP) under the title "Programming and Management II," document AG/doc.330/73; and

CONSIDERING:

That the said report presents the studies carried out during 1972/73 on: (a) annual review of the budgetary execution and administrative activities of the General Secretariat; (b) personnel administration; rationalization of travel, documents, and publications; and improvement of the schedule of conferences; (c) the present status of the information function of the General Secretariat, (d) present situation of the offices in the member states; and (e) analysis of the programming process;

That representatives from the Permanent Executive Committees of CIES and CIECC were invited to participate in the work and studies, and collaboration and technical advice were provided by the General Secretariat; and

That improvement of the process of preparation and approval of the Program-Budget of the Organization should be pursued, especially in relation to the establishing of mechanisms for assuring a disciplined budgetary process;

RESOLVES:

1. To take cognizance of the annual report of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly on the performance of its additional permanent functions in administrative and budgetary affairs (Document "Programming and Management II," AG/doc.330/73), and to approve the recommendations and observations contained therein, as summarized in Appendix I to this resolution.
2. To approve the following revised classification of activities of the Program-Budget of the Organization:

   a. Direct Services of Cooperation for Development

   b. Regular Secretariat Services

   c. General Support Services

   In this regard, it recommends that the General Secretariat, after consultation with the technical councils or their Permanent Executive Committees, be guided by the revision presented in document AG/doc.330/73 (pages 67 to 76) with respect to subcategories of technical cooperation activities and instruments.

3. To request that the General Secretariat, after consultation with the technical councils or their Permanent Executive Committees, continue its efforts toward improving the programming of its substantive and service activities, and that it try to put into practice, in the preparation of the proposed Program-Budget of the Organization 1974/76, the general ideas contained in the study on the optimal dimension of a program in checking human and financial resources (AG/doc.330/73, page 76). Likewise, that it consider the necessity of continuing efforts toward optimizing the use of resources in each fiscal period.

4. To request that the General Secretariat seek the comments of the Permanent Executive Committees of CIES and CIECC and the Permanent Council and consult with them on the study made on the improvement of the process of preparation and approval of the Program-Budget of the Organization, and present it to the Preparatory Committee with the observations made by them.

5. To request that during the 1973/74 fiscal period the Preparatory Committee, aside from its additional permanent functions, dedicate itself principally to maintaining consultations with the General Secretariat on the Program-Budget of the Organization 1974/76, in order to expedite its preparation and orderly processing.
RECOMMENDATIONS AND OBSERVATIONS APPROVED IN POINT 1
OF RESOLUTION AG/RES. 116 (III-0/73)

1. Recommendation on personnel administration

The General Assembly recommends that the General Secretariat continue improving its personnel administration within the framework of resolutions AG/RES. 63 and 64 (II-0/72) and the suggestions contained in the annual report of the Preparatory Committee to the third regular session of the General Assembly.

2. Recommendation on travel rationalization

The General Assembly recommends that the General Secretariat continue forcefully in its efforts to rationalize travel and reduce its costs; for this purpose it shall coordinate and centralize, whenever possible, the responsibilities for authorizing and controlling travel. Likewise, it requests that the General Secretariat inform the Preparatory Committee of the progress being made in this area.

3. Recommendation on documents and Publications

The General Assembly recommends that the General Secretariat continue the cost studies already begun in this first year of the biennium 1972/74; that it take into consideration the fact that it appears more feasible to prepare only one general publications plan; and that it relate and refer all matters concerned with the combined plan for conferences and documents to the plans of operation that are prepared after the approval of the Program-Budget of the Organization by the General Assembly.

4. Recommendation on a growing utilization of the Offices of the General Secretariat in the member states

The General Assembly recommends that the General Secretariat, in order to avoid duplication of action and to decrease the cost of travel of headquarters staff to the field, use the services
of the Offices of the General Secretariat in the member states to the greatest extent possible and in addition to their regular functions, in matters related to the rendering of direct services and the organization of conferences and meetings.

5. **Recommendation on Direct Services to the member states**

The General Assembly recognizes the efforts on the part of the General Secretariat to provide more and better direct services to the member states, and recommends that it continue and intensify these efforts, giving special consideration to the requests from the relatively less developed member states.

6. **Recommendation on the "follow-up" of fellowship recipients**

The General Assembly recommends that the Secretariat keep an up-to-date record of OAS fellowship recipients, which would permit an inventory of human resources trained by the Organization. It was thought that this would aid the member states in locating these former students in the event that the services of trained professionals and technicians were desired.

7. **Recommendations on the widest possible geographical distribution of personnel**

The General Assembly recommends that the General Secretariat give special attention to the widest possible geographical distribution in the selection of personnel, and that the situation of recently incorporated member states be borne in mind.

8. **Observations on the information function**

The GAAP was informed by the Secretariat on various subjects concerning the strengthening of the information function entrusted to the Department of Information and Public Affairs. The Secretariat presentation showed that a process of operational changes and administrative reorganization is already in progress which in due course will make possible a functional restructurization of that Department.

As may be recalled, in previous years the Preparatory Committee has expressed concern over the functioning of the Department of Information and Public Affairs. This year, GAAP devoted special
attention to studying the documentation prepared by the General Secretariat on the steps it is taking toward improving the information function for which it is responsible.

The GAAP decided that it was too soon to form a judgment on the procedures already carried out, because most of the measures that have been put into effect are of recent date and for that reason difficult to evaluate at this stage. However, an evaluation will be made in the next period of GAAP meetings.

In regard to Americas magazine, which was transferred to the Department of Information and Public Affairs, GAAP hopes that that reorientation of its articles, as has been suggested by the evaluation study made, and improvement in its distribution, will take place as soon as possible. Since the magazine was transferred only recently, GAAP was of the opinion that criteria similar to those applied previously should be used and that the Department should be given time to progress with these changes and improvements before an evaluation should be attempted. Therefore, an evaluation of this type was postponed until the next period of GAAP meetings.

9. Observations on the study prepared by the General Secretariat on improvement in the process of preparation and approval of the Program-Budget of the Organization

GAAP took note of this study as a result of (a) the presentation of the document "Perfecting the Substantive Programming Process" (AG/CP/SUB.PP-100/73 rev. 2), and (b) oral presentations on this topic by officials of the General Secretariat. GAAP agreed that improvement of the process of preparation and approval of the Program-Budget of the Organization should be pursued, especially with respect to the establishment of mechanisms for assuring a disciplined budgetary process.

Therefore, the Preparatory Committee recommends to the General Assembly that it entrust the General Secretariat with the task of consulting with the Permanent Executive Committees of CIES and CIECC, as well as with the Permanent Council, on the study that it has carried out on improvement of the process of preparation and approval of the Program-Budget of the Organization; and that it present the study with their observations to the Preparatory Committee.
AG/RES. 117 (III-0/73)

POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF FINANCING DIRECT COOPERATION SERVICES FOR DEVELOPMENT

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Report of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly on the study made by the General Secretariat on possible additional or alternative sources of financing the technical cooperation activities (AG/doc.333/73), and

CONSIDERING:

That Recommendation 6 of resolution AG/RES. 64 (II-0/72) of the General Assembly reads as follows: "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," and

That the governments of nonmember states and other institutions, public and private, have contributed significant services and support to meet the development requirements of the member states,

RESOLVES:

1. To repeat its expression of appreciation to the nonmember states and institutions that have provided inputs into the programs of the Organization of American States.

2. To reiterate to the General Secretariat that it should intensify its efforts to improve the effectiveness of the systems for providing direct services to the member states.
3. To instruct the General Secretariat to continue to foster cooperation among the member states in order to achieve a multiplier effect for the technical cooperation received by each and to take full advantage of the technical know-how available in the region.

4. To instruct the General Secretariat, through the present system, to take all possible measures available to it in order to identify external resources of assistance that can serve to increase the capability of the Organization to meet the assistance requirements of the member states.

5. To instruct the General Secretariat to take into account in the preparation of the proposed Program-Budget of the Organization the possible utilization of external resources as an important factor in providing direct services, in order to increase the capability of the General Secretariat to extend them to the member states, within the budgetary level agreed upon.

6. To request the General Secretariat to keep up this effort and submit to the General Assembly recommendations concerning institutional requirements and additional resources related to this activity.
AG/RES. 118 (III-0/73)

REVISION OF THE STAFF RETIREMENT AND PENSION PLAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

WHEREAS:

The General Assembly in resolution AG/RES. 5 (I-E/70) confirmed the decision of the Permanent Council of the Organization, of July 22, 1969, regarding the acceptance in principle of parity with the United Nations in remunerations and working conditions for the staff of the General Secretariat of the Organization;

That parity included, as a first step in its third stage, the adoption of a formula for computing the minimum retirement pension for the staff in accordance with the formula employed by the United Nations;

The Retirement and Pension Committee adopted, on the basis of resolution CP/RES. 51 (60/71), a new formula for computing the minimum pension, which is now under study by the Permanent Council;

The entry into force of the Protocol of Buenos Aires and of the General Standards to govern the operation of the General Secretariat also necessitates a revision of the present text of the Plan;

The Permanent Council of the Organization has already initiated this revision; and

Up-to-date regulations for the Plan are needed as soon as possible to make possible its effective management,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Permanent Council of the Organization to continue revising the staff Retirement and Pension Plan of the Organization of American States approved in 1928.
2. To authorize the Permanent Council to put the revised statutes into effect and request it to inform the General Assembly thereof at its fourth regular session.

3. That, until the revised statutes enter into effect, retirement and pension payments shall be made in accordance with the credits accumulated by the staff members concerned.
AG/RES. 119 (III-0/73)

BASES OF FINANCING OF THE PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session, held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the resolution of the Permanent Council of the Organization (CP/RES. 92 (98/73)) on this topic; and

CONSIDERING:

That, at its first regular session, by resolution AG/RES. 39 (I-0/71), "Bases of Financing of the Program-Budget of the Organization," the General Assembly entrusted the Permanent Council with studying the formula for determining the assessed quotas of the member countries to finance the Organization; and

That, through resolution AG/RES. 65 (II-0/72), the Assembly decided to extend for one year the mandate entrusted to the Permanent Council in resolution AG/RES. 39 (I-0/71) concerning this matter,

RESOLVES:

1. To maintain the formula for determining the assessed quotas to finance the Organization as approved by the Council of the Organization on December 21, 1949 (doc.C-sa-43 rev. 1).

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue studying the bases of financing of the program-budget of the Organization and to present its report in the matter to the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 120 (III-0/73)

FINANCING OF THE SECOND YEAR OF THE PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION 1972/74

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution AG/RES. 63 (II-0/72) approving the Program-Budget of the Organization 1972/74 and determining the financing corresponding to the first year of the biennium; and

CONSIDERING:

That at the Fourth Regular Meeting of CIECC, held in Mar del Plata, (a) pledges of contributions for FEMCIECC were made in the amount of $9,093,002 and pledges for the Special Account for Culture in the amount of $222,356, as well as a unilateral special contribution of $56,000 for a specific project, and (b) resolutions CIECC-138/72 and CIECC-139/72 were approved, which govern the distribution of FEMCIECC funds between the Regional Educational Development Program and the Regional Scientific and Technological Development Program;

That CIECC was informed that with the projection of additional pledges and with the utilization of other available resources, it is possible to finance the initial operating level of $10,000,000 of FEMCIECC for 1973/74, as well as $300,000 for the Special Account for Culture;

That at the Eighth Regular Meeting of CIES held in Bogotá, pledges of contributions to the SDAF were made in the amount of $7,661,329 and pledges for CIPE in the amount of $163,321.

That CIES has been informed that both the projection of additional pledges and the utilization of resources of the SDAF reserve will allow to the execution of the second year of the Program-Budget 1972/74 within the amounts and programs approved by the above-mentioned resolution AG/RES. 63 (II-0/72);

That the final financing of CIPE is subject to the decision on the result of the reports ordered by CIES on the financial position and operation of the Center, prepared by a Group of Experts in Foreign Trade or in Export Promotion, as well as by the Subcommittee on Program and Budget of CIAP;
That with regard to the financing of the Export Promotion Program (CIPE), at the said meeting of CIES, pledges of contributions were made in the amount of $163,321; and

That with the pledges of contributions received, the projections prepared, the utilization of reserve funds and other resources, as well as the budgetary adjustments, it is possible to finance the second year of the Program-Budget of the Organization 1972/74,

RESOLVES:

1. To establish the quota contributions through which the member states will finance the second year of the Program-Budget of the Organization 1972/74, in that part which pertains to programs and services financed by the Regular Fund, and in accordance with the resolution of the Council of the OAS relative to the bases for financing the Organization, dated December 21, 1949, in the following amounts:

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a. Amount paid to this country by the OAS for taxes on incomes earned in 1971/72.
b. Estimated amounts for reimbursement of income tax.
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   Estimated amount for reimbursement of income tax, 1972/73 ..................... $3,173,000
   $3,210,168

d. This quota contribution is shown only for the purpose of establishing the correlative percentages.
2. To authorize the financing of the Program-Budget of the Organization 1972/74, for the year 1973/74, in the following manner: (Appendix 1)

(i) Quotas of the member states established in accordance with the provisions of Article 1 of this resolution

US$ 29 834 887

(ii) Voluntary contributions pledged at the Eighth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and at earlier meetings for:

- SDAF
  US$ 7 661 329
- CIPE
  163 321
- Studies of Capital Markets in Latin America
  990 300
- Strengthening of CIAP
  653 000

and those that may be received for those funds, as well as other available resources up to a total of

US$ 11 699 100

(iii) Voluntary contributions pledged at the Fourth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture for:

- FEMCIECC
  US$ 9 093 002
- CEC
  222 356
- Specific project on Development of Information and Scientific and Technological Documentation Systems
  56 000
  US$ 9 371 358

and those that may be received for those funds and accounts, as well as other available resources up to a total of

US$ 10 356 000

TOTAL

US$ 51 889 987

a. Includes reimbursement of income tax.
b. The annual amount of $1 201 900 included for CIPE is subject to updating.
c. The initial operating level of $10 000 000 of FEMCIECC could be increased up to a total of $13 519 350 according to the availability of funds in accordance with resolution CIECC-138/72. With regard to CEC, the initial operating level of $300 000 could be increased up to the total of $417 350 according to the availability of funds in accordance with the said resolution of CIECC.
3. To instruct the Secretary General that in the execution of the second year of the Program-Budget 1972/74, in that part financed by FEMCIECC, he should observe the provisions contained in resolution CIECO-138/72 and CIECC-139/72, regarding the distribution of resources between the Regional Educational Development Program and the Regional Scientific and Technological Development Programs.
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a. Maximum amount which should be adjusted by the General Assembly in accordance with the resources available at that time.

b. Special contribution for the project on the Development of Information and Scientific and Technological Documentation Systems.

c. This amount will be financed in part with the 15% of a unilateral contribution of the host government for the Pilot Project on the Development of Information and Scientific and Technological Documentation Systems.
AG/RES. 121 (III-0/73)

SCIENTIFIC MONOGRAPHS

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-173/72, adopted at the fourth regular meeting of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture on Scientific Monographs, and the report of the Preparatory Committee on the resolutions adopted by that meeting that have budgetary implications (AG/doc.348/73); and

CONSIDERING:

That the publication of monographs was given impetus by a grant from the U.S. National Science Foundation, subject to the condition that the proceeds from their sale be used for printing additional monographs or reprinting ones the supply of which is exhausted;

That the General Standards to Govern the Operation of the General Secretariat provide that miscellaneous income shall be credited to the General Subfund of the Regular Fund, unless the General Assembly provides otherwise; and

That resolution CIECC-173/72 on Scientific Monographs establishes the need for additional funds to meet the continuous demand for monographs, whose importance is demonstrated by the fact that some of them have been adopted as textbooks by Latin American Universities,

RESOLVES:

1. To authorize the General Secretariat to use the proceeds from the sale of scientific monographs for the further publication and reprinting of such works, making an annual report on the matter to the member states.

2. To recommend that the distribution of the monographs be intensified and that commercial distribution channels be used as far as possible.
AG/RES. 122 (III-0/73)

FINANCING OF UNPROGRAMMED FELLOWSHIPS 1/

(Resolution approved at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-153/73 adopted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture at its fourth regular meeting, entitled "Financing of Unprogrammed Fellowships," in which it requests the Preparatory Committee "to study the possibility of substantially increasing the resources of the Regular Fund allocated to unprogrammed fellowships in the biennium 1974/76," and

CONSIDERING:

That in recent years there has been a reduction in funds allocated to finance unprogrammed fellowships, which has limited the possibilities of the member states for obtaining fellowships for study in fields of special interest;

That training through fellowships for study in unprogrammed fields should meet the needs of the national development programs of the member states, within their own priorities; and

That it is advisable to ensure flexibility and balance between programmed and unprogrammed fellowships;

RESOLVES:

To instruct the General Secretariat to take into account, in preparing the Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for 1974/76, the need to satisfy insofar as possible requests for unprogrammed fellowships, in order to meet the requirements of the member states.

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1. The Fourth Committee resolved to attach an explanatory note from the General Secretariat on this matter as an Appendix to this resolution.
FINANCING OF UNPROGRAMMED FELLOWSHIPS

Explanatory Note from the General Secretariat

(Prepared by the General Secretariat at the request of the Fourth Committee)

The General Secretariat has the following resources in the Regular Fund for fellowships for the 1972/74 biennium.

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Funds for unprogrammed fellowships are used to meet requests contained in the National Technical Cooperation Programs which cannot be met with funds for programmed fellowships, as they do not specifically coincide with a project within an area of concentration. Urgent and priority requests from countries in unprogrammed areas, and extensions in programmed areas (for which funds were not allocated) and unprogrammed areas, are also met with these funds.

During the 1972/73 fiscal year, funds for unprogrammed fellowships were almost completely exhausted during the first quarter of that year, owing to the demand from the governments. Some 97 extensions were granted for fellowships granted during the previous fiscal period and 97 new fellowships were granted to meet specific requests from the governments in unprogrammed areas or to strengthen training activities in areas of concentration, in addition to fellowships granted against programmed funds.
Funds utilized during those first six months of the fiscal year 1972/73 amounted to $919,679, out of a total of $1,014,100 available for unprogrammed fellowships.

At the beginning of the third quarter of the fiscal year 1972/73, funds for unprogrammed fellowships were exhausted. A total of 211 new fellowships and extensions were granted, covering practically all the countries.

It was not possible to answer a total of 260 applications for full fellowships, all of which were included in the respective National Technical Cooperation Programs of member states and were submitted by duly qualified candidates.
AG/RES. 123 (III-0/73)

GENERAL STANDARDS TO GOVERN THE OPERATIONS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

(Resolution adopted at the twelfth plenary session held on April 14, 1973)

HAVING SEEN:

The draft General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat, approved by the Permanent Council of the Organization (CP/RES. 88 (95/73) and presented to this General Assembly for its consideration, and

WHEREAS:

At its first special session, through resolution AG/RES. 16 (I-0/70), the General Assembly requested that the Permanent Council prepare a complete draft of the General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat;

Through resolutions AG/RES. 38 (I-0/71) from the first regular session and AG/RES. 66 (II-0/72) from the second regular session, the General Assembly repeated its mandate to the Permanent Council that it prepare the draft of the General Standards referred to in resolution AG/RES. 16; and

The Administrative Tribunal in its annual report to this Assembly concluded it would be desirable if the competent organs of the OAS continue studying the creation of an "organic system of precise rules to ensure control of the legal relations between the General Secretariat and the officials or employees of the Organization";

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the draft General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat, which are included here and form part of this resolution, which shall enter into force July 1, 1973.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council that, in the light of the experience gained in the implementation of the General Standards and in keeping with Article 91.b of the Charter, it report to the General Assembly on the implementation of these standards and that it propose any amendment that it deems necessary.

3. To request the Secretary General, in the revision of the Staff Rules (Reglamento de Personal), to take fully into account the observations of the Administrative Tribunal with reference to such rules, with which this Assembly concurs, and to present the revision to the Permanent Council for its information.
Article 1. The General Secretariat is the central and permanent organ of the Organization of American States. It shall perform the functions assigned to it in the Charter, in other inter-American treaties and agreements, and by the General Assembly, and those established in these general standards; it shall carry out the duties entrusted to it by the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, or the Councils, and shall abide by the provisions of a regulatory nature adopted by the Permanent Council in accordance with the provisions of Article 91.b of the Charter.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 113, (with additions); Provisional General Standards, Art. 1.
Article 2. The General Secretariat shall promote economic, social, juridical, educational, scientific, and cultural relations among the member states of the Organization, in keeping with the actions and policies decided upon by the General Assembly and with the pertinent decisions of the Councils.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 117; Provisional General Standards, Art. 2

Article 3. The General Secretariat shall also perform the following functions:

a. Transmit {ex officio} to the member states notice of the convocation of the General Assembly; the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs; the Inter-American Economic and Social Council; the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture; and the Specialized Conferences;

b. Advise the other organs, when appropriate, in the preparation of agenda and rules of procedure;

c. Prepare the proposed program-budget of the Organization on the basis of programs adopted by the Councils, agencies, and entities whose expenses should be included in the program-budget and, after consultation with the Councils or their permanent committees, submit it to the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly and then to the Assembly;
d. Provide, on a permanent basis, adequate secretariat services for the General Assembly and the other organs, and carry out their directives and assignments. To the extent of its ability, provide services for the other meetings of the Organization;

e. Serve as custodian of the documents and archives of the Inter-American Conferences, the General Assembly, the Meetings of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Councils, and the Specialized Conferences;

f. Serve as depository of inter-American treaties and agreements, as well as of the instruments of ratification thereof;

g. Submit to the General Assembly at each regular session an annual report on the activities of the Organization and its financial condition;

h. Establish relations of cooperation, in accordance with decisions reached by the General Assembly or the Councils, with the Specialized Organizations as well as other national and international organizations;

i. Maintain communications with the member states through the channels and in the form indicated by the countries; and

j. When appropriate, provide certified copies of official documents, provided they are not of a restricted nature.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 118, (with additions); Provisional General Standards, Art. 3.
Structure

**Article 4.** The General Secretariat shall be composed of the executive secretariats, secretariats at the assistant secretary level, departments, offices, and other technical or administrative units already existing, or that the Secretary General may establish in accordance with the provisions of Article 119 of the Charter. The Secretary General must obtain the express approval of the General Assembly to establish new secretariats or other offices of similar functions and importance, or to abolish already existing ones.

*Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 4.*

Secretariat of the organs of the Organization

**Article 5.** The General Secretariat is the secretariat of the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, the Councils, and the other organs of the Organization, except those that have secretariats of their own. In this connection, it shall provide, on a permanent basis, adequate secretariat services for the General Assembly and the other organs, with the exception indicated, and carry out their directives and assignments. To the extent of its ability it shall provide services for the other meetings of the Organization.

*Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 118.d; Provisional General Standards, Art. 5.*
Article 6. When so determined by the General Assembly, by the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, or by agreements entered into with inter-American organizations, the General Secretariat shall provide to the latter suitable personnel and the secretariat services required. The corresponding personnel shall be integral parts of the General Secretariat, and shall be subject to the administrative authority of the Secretary General.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 6.

Article 7. The seat of the General Secretariat is the city of Washington, D.C.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 127.

CHAPTER II

THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL

The Secretary General

Article 8. The Secretary General shall direct the General Secretariat, be the legal representative thereof, and, notwithstanding the provisions of Article 91.b of the Charter,
Responsible to the General Assembly

be responsible to the General Assembly for the proper fulfillment of the obligations and functions of the General Secretariat. The Secretary General shall be the ranking officer of the Organization.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 115; Provisional General Standards, Art. 9.

Participation in meetings

Article 9. The Secretary General or his representative participates with voice but without vote in all meetings of the Organization. His participation in these meetings shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of the Charter and of the respective statutes, rules of procedure, and agreements.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 116; Provisional General Standards, Art. 10.

Reports

Article 10. The Secretary General shall furnish the reports that are requested of him by the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, and the Councils.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 11.
Article 11. It is the responsibility of the Secretary General:

a. To establish such offices of the General Secretariat as are necessary to accomplish its purposes;

b. To determine the number of members of the staff of the General Secretariat, appoint them, regulate their powers and duties, and set their remuneration;

c. To abolish any offices of the General Secretariat that become unnecessary;

d. To redistribute the functions of existing offices, incorporating some into others or dividing or subdividing them, whenever necessary for the greater efficiency of the services and better execution of the programs, provided no increase in the expenditures budgeted for those services or programs is involved;

e. When strictly necessary, to contract for special or technical services of natural or juridical persons; and

f. To issue and apply the administrative provisions necessary for the proper functioning of the General Secretariat.

The Secretary General shall exercise this authority in accordance with such general standards and budgetary provisions as may be established by the General Assembly.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 119; Provisional General Standards, Art. 12.
Carrying out provisions adopted by the Permanent Council

Article 12. It is also the responsibility of the Secretary General:

a. To carry out the provisions of a regulatory nature adopted by the Permanent Council in accordance with Article 91.b of the Charter;

b. To appoint, with the approval of the corresponding Council, the Executive Secretary for Economic and Social Affairs and the Executive Secretary for Education, Science, and Culture;

c. With the authorization of the General Assembly, as established in Article 7 of the Charter, to accept signature of the Charter and deposit of the corresponding instrument of ratification by the representative of a state wishing to become a member of the Organization; and

d. With the authorization of the General Assembly, to conclude the agreements that will define the relations that should exist between the Organization and each Inter-American Specialized Organization.

Article 13. The Secretary General shall be responsible for seeing that these general standards are faithfully complied with.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 15.

The Assistant Secretary General

Article 14. The Assistant Secretary General shall be the Secretary of the Permanent Council. He shall serve as advisory officer to the Secretary General and shall act as his delegate in all matters that the Secretary General may entrust to him. During the temporary absence or disability of the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General shall perform his duties.

In the event that the office of Secretary General becomes vacant, the Assistant Secretary General shall assume the duties of that office until the General Assembly elects a new Secretary General for a full term, and until the newly-elected Secretary General takes office.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 121 (first paragraph) and 114; Provisional General Standards, Art. 16.
Article 15. In the performance of their duties, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any authority outside the Organization and shall refrain from any action that may be incompatible with their position as international officers responsible only to the Organization.

In accordance with Article 140 of the Charter, the pertinent bilateral agreements between the member states and the General Secretariat, and the multilateral agreements in force, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General shall enjoy the privileges and immunities corresponding to their positions and necessary for the independent performance of their duties.

In all protocolary acts that they attend in performance of their official duties, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General shall have rank equivalent to that of Ambassador.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Arts. 124 and 140; Provisional General Standards, Art. 17; Resolution of the Permanent Council of the Organization of June 22, 1968 (doc. C-sa-674).
CHAPTER III

PERSONNEL

Duties, Obligations, and Privileges

Article 16. As regards personnel, the General Secretariat shall be made up of:

a. An international career service for the performance of the permanent functions of the General Secretariat;

b. Personnel employed on contract to perform functions related to special activities, and, in exceptional cases, to the regular activities of the General Secretariat when this is strictly necessary, for a limited time and with the remuneration determined in each case;

c. Personnel employed on contract to carry out specific programs for certain purposes or for fixed terms, with the remuneration determined in each case;

d. The Executive Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and Advisers to the Secretary General and to the Assistant Secretary General, who shall serve at the pleasure of the Secretary General. Their duties as such shall end when the term of the Secretary General or the Assistant Secretary General, respectively, ends, or they may be removed at any time by the Secretary General. The new Secretary General may confirm their appointments.

Other provisions:

Appointment on a competitive basis

Vacancies

Participation in the Retirement and Pension Plan

Article 17. The international career service is permanent in nature and shall be governed by the following principles, among others:

a. Appointment and promotion of staff members on a competitive basis, with the advice of one or more selection committees;

b. Preferential consideration to members of the international career service and, other conditions being equal, to those of greatest seniority, to fill vacancies and to continue in service when reductions are made in the staff of the General Secretariat;

c. Encouragement and aid to the members of the international career service to improve their qualifications; and

d. Participation in the Retirement and Pension Plan and enjoyment of its benefits, and also, among others, the social security benefits that may be established.

Article 18. The staff members of the General Secretariat are international civil servants and, in the performance of their duties, are responsible only to the General Secretariat. In accepting appointment to a position in the General Secretariat, they shall undertake to perform their duties and to regulate their conduct in conformity with the character, purposes, and interests of the Organization.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 18.

Article 19. Upon receiving an appointment or contract, each staff member shall be given a document signed by the Secretary General, or by an officer acting in his behalf, stating the nature and conditions of the appointment or contract.

Sources: UN Staff Rules, clause 4.1.

Article 20. With respect to the performance of their duties, staff members are subject to the authority of the Secretary General.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 19.

Article 21. In the performance of their duties, the personnel of the Secretariat shall not seek or receive instructions from any government or from any authority outside the Organization.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 124; Provisional General Standards, Art. 20.
Manners of acting

Article 22. Staff members shall refrain from any action that may be incompatible with their position as international officers of the Organization. In this regard, they may not conduct any activity that the Secretary General considers undesirable from the standpoint of the efficient performance of their duties or of the prestige of the Organization.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 124; Provisional General Standards; Art. 21.

Action to the detriment of a member state

Article 23. Staff members shall not act or express themselves publicly in any way that might damage or adversely affect the member states.

Discretion

Article 24. Staff members shall exercise the utmost discretion with respect to all matters of official business. They shall not communicate to any person any restricted information except in the course of their duties or in accordance with the procedure for so doing established by the Secretary General. Nor shall they at any time use such information to private advantage. These obligations undertaken by staff members do not cease upon separation from service.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 23.
Article 25. No staff member shall render services to any government or agency under conditions other than those specifically approved by the Secretary General. No staff member may accept a decoration from any government. Neither may he accept honors, awards, remuneration, favors, or gifts when, in the opinion of the Secretary General, this is incompatible with his status as an international civil servant or with the interests of the Organization.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 24.

Article 26. The acceptance by a staff member of nomination to an elective public office of a political character shall imply his resignation from his post in the General Secretariat.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 25.

Article 27. The acceptance by a staff member of appointment to a governmental post shall imply his resignation from his post in the General Secretariat.

Sources: (New provision.)
Article 28. Before beginning work every staff member shall sign a statement in which he undertakes to perform his duties in accordance with the provisions of the Charter and of these standards, and other pertinent provisions.


Article 29. No staff member may seek the influence or support of a representative on an organ or other entity of the Organization, or of any government, in matters affecting the administration or discipline in the General Secretariat. All questions regarding these matters shall be settled in accordance with the pertinent provisions of the regulations in force.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 27.

Article 30. The privileges and immunities that should be granted to the staff members of the General Secretariat, necessary for the performance of their duties, shall be determined by multilateral agreements among the member
states or bilateral agreements between the General Secretariat and the member states.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 29

Classification of Posts

Article 31. The Secretary General shall issue the administrative provisions for the classification of posts in the professional and general services categories in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and the nature of the pertinent duties and responsibilities. The classification should be revised periodically.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 30

Article 32. The General Secretariat shall make a periodic review and evaluation of the work performed by the staff members.

Sources: Staff Rules, Rule 104.10.a.
Salaries

Article 33. The salaries of the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General, and the chairmen of the Permanent Executive Committees of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture shall be determined by the General Assembly.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 31.

Staff members

Article 34. The salaries of the other staff members shall be set by the Secretary General in accordance with the pertinent resolutions of the General Assembly.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 32.

Appointments and Promotions

Article 35. In selecting the staff members of the General Secretariat, first consideration shall be given to efficiency, competence, and integrity; but consideration shall also be given, in recruiting the personnel of all ranks, to the need for obtaining, as wide a geographical representation as possible.
The staff members shall be chosen from among nationals of the member states, except in special cases where the needs of the service require the appointment of nationals of other states.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 126; Provisional General Standards, Art. 33.

Article 36. The General Secretariat shall periodically distribute to the member states an up-to-date register of the staff members, by office, indicating name, category and class, nationality, duty station, absolute seniority, and seniority in last class attained.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 33.

Article 37. Persons shall be selected for appointment as staff members without regard to race, creed, or sex.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 143; Provisional General Standards, Art. 34
Conditions for filling vacancies

Order of preference

Probationary period

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 35.

Article 39. Members of the international career service shall be required to serve a probationary period of one year, counting from the date they enter on duty in the position; this period may, in exceptional cases, be extended by the Secretary General. In no instance shall the extension of the probationary period be for more than six months.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 37.

Article 40. The Secretary General may terminate the appointment of a member of the international career service who has
not completed his probationary period, when he considers this advisable in the interest of the General Secretariat.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 51; UN Staff Rules, Clause 9.1.

Article 41. In order to be appointed to the staff of the General Secretariat, the candidate must prove by means of a physical examination that he meets the physical and health requirements for his duties.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 38.

Annual and Special Leave

Article 42. Staff members shall earn annual leave at the rate of thirty working days per year and may accumulate unused annual leave up to a maximum of sixty working days.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 39.

Article 43. The Secretary General may authorize special leave in exceptional cases.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 40.
Social Security

Article 44. The General Secretariat shall maintain a system of social security for the staff, which shall include provisions for health protection, sick leave and maternity leave, and reasonable compensation in the event of illness, accident, or death resulting from the performance of official duties in the service of the General Secretariat.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 44.

Travel, Installation, and Repatriation Expenses and Other Services and Benefits

Article 45. The General Secretariat shall pay, in conformity with the pertinent administrative regulations, travel, installation, and repatriation expenses of staff members and their dependents.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 45.

Other benefits

Article 46. Staff members shall enjoy other services and benefits to which they are entitled by virtue of the provisions or rules issued by the competent organs of the Organization.

Sources: (New provision)
Relations with the Staff

Article 47. In order to maintain continuing contact between the staff and the Secretary General, there shall be a Staff Association, made up of all the members of the staff of the General Secretariat. The Staff Committee shall be the executive organ of the Association, and it shall be empowered to make proposals and discuss them with the Secretary General or with the representative he designates, on all matters that are of common interest to the staff members or that affect their well-being, including their working conditions.

In the membership of the Staff Committee, equitable representation shall be given to the various categories of personnel included in the classification system. The members of the Staff Committee shall be elected in accordance with the Rules of Procedure of the Association adopted by it and approved by the Secretary General.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 44.

Disciplinary Measures

Article 48. The Secretary General may adopt, in accordance with the pertinent regulatory provisions, disciplinary measures for unsatisfactory performance of work or for conduct not in conformity with these Standards.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 45.
### Types of measures

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- a. In case of prolonged illness, in accordance with the pertinent regulatory provisions;
- b. When it becomes necessary to abolish a post, as a result of a reduction in staff, or of the reorganization of an office of the General Secretariat, subject to application of the provisions of Article 17.b and 38 of these standards;
- c. When his services are not satisfactory;
- d. Whenever he fails to fulfill the requirements of service contained in these General Standards; or
e. When he has attained the age of 65.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 49.

Article 52. The Secretary General may summarily dismiss any staff member for serious misconduct.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 49
UN Staff Rules, Art. X, Clause 10.2.

Article 53. In any case governed by Article 51.a, b, or c, the staff member shall be given sixty days' notice.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 50.

Article 54. A staff member may resign from his position in the General Secretariat by presenting his resignation to the Secretary General, with the advance notice stipulated in his appointment.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 52.
Separation Indemnity

Article 55. The General Secretariat shall provide a separation indemnity to every staff member whose services are terminated after he has been employed for at least one year. Such indemnity shall be paid in accordance with the pertinent rules and calculated in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 53.

Article 56. Separation indemnity shall not be paid to a staff member when:

- a. His services are terminated during the probationary period, under the terms of Article 40 of these Standards;
- b. He resigns from or abandons his post;
- c. He has a temporary appointment with no fixed term and his services are terminated during the first year of continuous service;
- d. His temporary or fixed-term appointment has been ended on the date set at the time of his appointment;
- e. He is dismissed for serious misconduct;
- f. He has deliberately made serious false statements at the time of his employment;
g. He is retired in accordance with the provisions of the Retirement and Pension Plan.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 54 (with additions)

Right to Appeals and Reconsideration

Article 57. Every staff member shall be entitled to a hearing with respect to the application of disciplinary or other administrative measures that affect his interest.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 55

Article 58. Every staff member shall be entitled to request the Secretary General to reconsider any disciplinary measure taken against him, or an administrative measure taken because of alleged noncompliance with the conditions set forth in his appointment or with any pertinent provision of these Standards or of the Staff Rules.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 57
Article 59. The Secretary General shall establish an advisory body, with staff participation, to advise him in those cases of reconsideration referred to in the preceding article.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Arts. 57 and 59; UN Staff Rules, Article XI, clause 11.1

Article 60. When the procedures set forth in these Standards and in the other provisions in force in the General Secretariat have been exhausted, an interested party who considers himself injured shall have the right to resort to the Administrative Tribunal of the Organization, in accordance with the Statutes of that Tribunal.

Sources: Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the OAS, Arts. II and VI.

Article 61. For the purposes of this chapter, it shall be understood that the term "staff members" shall include the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General, the Executive Secretaries, and the Assistant Secretaries, in any matters that may be applicable to them.

Sources: (New provision)
Article 62. These General Standards shall apply to all staff members.

Sources: (New provision)

Article 63. In the case of fixed-term contracts, personnel shall be selected on a competitive basis, insofar as possible.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 34.

CHAPTER IV
STANDARDS ON THE PROGRAM-BUDGET AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Structure of the Program-Budget of the Organization

Article 64. The program-budget of the Organization is biennial, and the fiscal period shall run from July 1 through June 30 of the subsequent year. The quotas for the Regular Fund and the voluntary contributions to the special multilateral funds shall be annual and shall be paid each year of the fiscal period. The accounts shall be closed at the end of each year of the biennial fiscal period, and they shall be audited by external auditors.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 61; A/RES. 18 (I-E/70), points 1, 2, and 3.
Article 65. The proposed program-budget shall include all the activities and services that are the responsibility of the General Secretariat for carrying out the programs approved by the Councils, agencies, and entities whose expenses should be included in the program-budget, and also for fulfilling mandates and resolutions in effect. Within the budget, the priorities indicated by the Councils in adopting their programs shall be observed. The proposed program-budget shall be divided into chapters, sections, and items, and shall be presented by programs and projects, according to the classification of activities and object of expenditure, in such form that it will:

- allow effective control of the execution of the budget in accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly;
- enable each Council to review the programs, projects, and activities planned in its sphere of action and to identify the specific sources of their financing, including the contributions of the countries in which projects or direct services are undertaken;
- give explanations and analytical and comparative data on each program, project, or service that clearly indicate the mandate, its objectives, the staff, the methods of work to be employed, the cooperating institutions, if any, and the resources required;
d. Indicate the comparative relation between the cost and nature of the activities of the previous fiscal period, those authorized for the current period, and those proposed for the following two biennia; and
e. clearly establish those responsible for carrying out each program, project, and service.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 63.

Article 66. The proposed program-budget shall be presented in accordance with the following activity categories:

a. Direct Services of Cooperation for Development
b. Regular Secretariat Services
c. General Support Services

Sources: AG/RES. 10 (1-E/70), Art. 8 and AG/RES. 63 (II-0/72), Art. 6 and AG/RES. 64 (II-0/72), recommendation 4.

Article 67. The proposed program-budget shall also be presented in accordance with the following objects of expenditure:

Persons:
-1 Approved posts (for permanent and fixed-term functions)
-2 Temporary posts
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-3 Fellowships (including travel by the fellowship students)
-4 Travel
-5 Documents
-6 Equipment and supplies
-7 Buildings and maintenance
-8 Performance contracts and grants
-9 Other costs

Sources: AG/RES. 10 (I-E/70), Art. 9 and AG/RES. 63 (II-0/72),
Art. 6 and AG/RES. 64 (II-0/72), Art. 7.

Article 68. For each program and project, the proposed program-
budget shall include:

Summary
a. a summarized explanation of changes made in implementing the
current program-budget, and differences between that budget
and the one proposed;

Description
b. a description of each project, by category of activity;

c. a comparative summary by object of expenditure;

Comparison
d. a comparison, by class, of personnel posts approved for the
previous program-budget, those approved for the current
period, and those proposed for the two succeeding biennias;

Background
e. reference to the background and the mandate that gave rise
to the projects and programs; and
f. an indication of whether they are of a permanent nature, are a continuation of those started in previous years or are new programs and projects. In any case, the length of these activities and their relation to the appropriations requested shall be specified and, when appropriate, the total cost of a project or activity from its beginning to its conclusion shall be indicated.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 64.

Article 69. The Secretary General shall present the proposed program-budget, accompanied by the following:

a. a statement indicating the general orientation of the program-budget;

b. a list of the quotas of the member states;

c. an indication of the voluntary contributions needed to finance the programs included in the program-budget that are to be charged to each special multilateral fund;

d. a list of any other resources from public or private funds that have been offered to finance programs or projects of the Organization;

e. an estimate of the miscellaneous income of each fund;

f. a report on the status of quota payments and voluntary contributions of the member states;

Nature

General orientation

Quotas

Voluntary contributions

Other resources

Miscellaneous income

Status of quota payments and voluntary contributions
g. a report on the status of the Working Capital Subfund and of the reserves of the special multilateral funds;

h. available information on evaluation of activities of the Organization for the previous fiscal period, indicating the results obtained; and

i. any other information requested by the General Assembly.

The statement and other points mentioned in this article shall be brought up to date by the Secretary General, if there are any changes, at the time he presents them to the General Assembly.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 65; AG/RES. 42 (I-0/71), point 3.

Article 70. The Secretary General shall report to the General Assembly on the budgets of the specialized organizations whose budgets are not an integral part of the program-budget of the Organization and shall indicate principally the amounts thereof and the quotas corresponding to each member state.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 133; AG/RES. 87 (II-0/72), Art. 27; and Provisional General Standards, Art. 66
Article 71. Approval of the program-budget by the General Assembly shall constitute authorization to the Secretary General to contract obligations and make expenditures in accordance with the appropriations authorized.

The Secretary General shall see that expenditures out of each fund do not exceed the income from quotas and contributions paid by the member states.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 68

Article 72. When the General Assembly is not in session, the Secretary General shall request from the Permanent Council the special appropriations that he deems necessary and propose their sources of financing.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 67

Article 73. Appropriations shall be available to meet the obligations incurred during the fiscal period for which they were approved and for the next period, counting from the closing date of the former, to the extent necessary to liquidate obligations incurred during the former.
For the purposes of this article, obligations shall be understood as those emanating from any agreement, contract, purchase order, or other document that has entered into force prior to the close of the fiscal period and that obligates the General Secretariat to make the corresponding expenditures.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Arts. 70 and 71.

Article 74. Within each fund financing the program-budget, the General Secretariat may make transfers from one chapter to another, in accordance with whatever resolution the General Assembly has adopted on the program-budget; in the case of the special multilateral funds, if there has been no decision by the General Assembly on the matter, the decision of the appropriate Council shall be followed.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 73.

Financing of the Program-Budget of the Organization

Article 75. The appropriations shall be financed with the quotas and voluntary contributions of the member states.
and income from other sources. The General Assembly shall set the annual quotas, in accordance with the scale of contributions that it establishes.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 74.

Article 76. In calculating the amount of annual quotas to be assigned to the member states, the General Secretariat shall take into account the following:

a. total appropriations required for execution of the program-budget;

b. reimbursements that should be made to the Working Capital Subfund;

c. balance of the General Subfund;

d. amount of the Working Capital Subfund;

e. unobligated balance from appropriations of the previous fiscal period; and

f. estimated miscellaneous income, unless the General Assembly decides to use it for other purposes.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 75.
Article 77. Pending receipt of income expected, expenditures shall be met with resources from the Working Capital Subfund or from the reserves of the special multilateral funds, as appropriate.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 76.

Article 78. Income from quotas and voluntary contributions shall be credited against the balance pending for the earliest year for which money is owed to the corresponding fund, unless, in the case of voluntary contributions, and as an exception, the member state specifies that the payments should be applied to another year.

Sources: (New article)

Article 79. When any organ of the OAS considers taking a decision having unforeseen budgetary consequences, the General Secretariat shall present an estimate of expenditures and a report on the availability and sources of the funds needed.

Sources: AG/RES. 63 (II-0/72), Art. 11.
Article 80. When the General Assembly is not in session, the Secretary General must be authorized by the Permanent Council to negotiate and contract loans.

Sources: Established practice in force.

Authorization of loans

Article 81. Within 30 days following approval of the program-budget by the General Assembly, the Secretary General shall transmit the corresponding decision to the governments of the member states, accompanied by a list of annual quotas and by another indicating the voluntary pledges made for the special multilateral funds and requesting that these be paid on schedule. Annual quotas shall be considered due from the first day of each year of the corresponding fiscal period. Voluntary contributions shall be considered as payable according to the terms under which they are pledged.

List of annual quotas and pledges

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Arts. 77 and 78.

Article 82. The General Secretariat shall receive all the funds of the Organization. The annual quotas shall be set and paid in the currency of the state in which the General Secretariat has

Receipt of funds of the Organization
its headquarters. A portion of the voluntary contributions may be paid in the national currency of the donor member state, within such limits as the Secretary General may establish, taking into account the needs of the programs.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Arts. 79 and 80 (first sentence).

Article 83. The Secretary General shall present a quarterly report to the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly and to all the organs of the OAS that have responsibility in administrative and budgetary matters, on:

a. Compliance with the decisions regarding the program-budget taken by the General Assembly and the Permanent Council;

b. The progress made in carrying out programs and providing services in implementing the program-budget, with the corresponding explanations;

c. The situation as regards collection of quotas and contributions, miscellaneous income, and any other resources received from public or private sources; and

d. The financial condition of the Organization, including information on the situation with respect to the appropriations and their utilization.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 58, pars. (b) and (c); AG/RES. 36 (I-0/71) point 1 and AG/RES. 64 (II-0/72) recommendations 10 and 15. Provisional General Standards, Arts. 80 and 81.
Article 84. The Secretary General shall present to the General Assembly at each regular session, as appropriate, together with the corresponding report of the external auditors, (a) a final financial report on the preceding fiscal biennium, or (b) an interim report on the annual closing of accounts provided for in Article 64 of these General Standards. Another report that will clearly show the financial situation during the period from the beginning of the current fiscal period and the end of the last quarter completed before the beginning of the session shall also be presented at each regular session of the General Assembly.

Sources: AG/RES. 14 (I-E/70), point 2; Provisional General Standards, Art. 82

Financial Resources Administered by the General Secretariat

Article 84. The funds administered by the General Secretariat are classified within the following categories, according to their source and purpose:

a. Regular Fund, made up mainly of the quota contributions of the member states and the reimbursements from the special multilateral funds for technical supervision and administrative support provided by the General Secretariat. The purpose of this fund is to finance the regular secretariat.
and general support services provided by the Secretariat as well as technical supervision and administrative support to the programs;

b. Special multilateral funds, made up mainly of voluntary contributions of the member states to finance the programs adopted by the Councils and approved by the General Assembly;

c. Trust funds, established by bequest or grant for specific purposes and maintained in trust in conformity with the pertinent provisions or instruments; and

d. Specific funds, made up of grants or bequests to finance activities specified by the donor or legator.

Each of these funds shall be accounted for separately and in accordance with these general standards.

Funds received for unspecified purposes shall be treated as miscellaneous income.

Sources: AG/RES. 10 (I-E/70); AG/RES. 4 (I-O/71), point 3; AG/RES. 63 (II-O/72), point 3; Provisional General Standards, Art. 83.

Composition of Regular Fund:

General Subfund

Article 86. The Regular Fund includes the following subfunds:

a. The General Subfund, to which shall be credited the quota collections from the member states; the reimbursement from the special multilateral funds for technical supervision
and administrative support; miscellaneous income, unless the resolution of the General Assembly approving the program-budget provides otherwise; and any advances made from the Working Capital Subfund;

b. The Working Capital Subfund, whose purpose is to ensure the continuing normal financial functioning of the General Secretariat. The amount of this subfund shall be 25 percent of the total of the annual quotas of the member states, and this amount shall be reached gradually and shall be composed, in addition to its actual amount, of balances of appropriations not obligated at the close of the fiscal period, of the quota payments made, insofar as they exceed the total of quotas set in the Regular Fund for the current fiscal period, and miscellaneous income, unless the resolution of the General Assembly approving the program-budget provides otherwise. Likewise, appropriations or reimbursements provided for by the General Assembly for withdrawals authorized to the General Secretariat in accordance with Article 87 of these General Standards shall be credited to this subfund.

Sources: AG/RES. 10 (I-E/70) Art. 3.d (i) and (ii); AG/RES. 63 (II-0/72) Art. 2 and Art. 5.e (i) and (ii); Provisional General Standards, Art. 84.
Article 87. Reimbursements to the Regular Fund for costs of technical supervision and administrative support to programs shall be made by all permanent or temporary multilateral or unilateral funds that amount to $100,000 or more, except FONDEM, since it is a fund for humanitarian purposes. The base figure for calculating the 15 percent reimbursement shall be the net amount of the programs adopted by the Councils. As the budget is executed, periodic deductions shall be made of 15 percent of the allocations of such funds.

Sources: AG/RES. 10 (I-E/70) III.3; AG/RES. 63 (II-0/72) III.6.

Article 88. The Working Capital Subfund may be used only on a temporary basis and to meet the following expenses:

a. Expenditures under the program-budget, financed by the Regular Fund, pending full receipt of the anticipated income; and

b. Special expenditures not provided for in the program-budget. Such expenditures must be authorized by the General Assembly or, if it is not in session, by the Permanent Council, which shall first hear a report on the condition of the Working Capital Subfund and the reasons for such expenditures from its Committee on Program and Budget.
The amounts withdrawn for the purposes set forth in this article shall be reimbursed to the Working Capital Subfund in the following manner: in the case covered by paragraph (a) above, as soon as the corresponding income permits; and in the case covered by paragraph (b) above, by means of equivalent appropriations in the program-budget for the next fiscal period, or in such manner as may be determined when the use of the funds is approved.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 85

Article 89. Each special multilateral fund shall include the following subfunds:

a. An Operating Subfund, to meet the expenses authorized in the program-budget, made up of the voluntary contributions of the member states and any other resources it receives, which shall be administered in accordance with the approved program-budget and the statutes, regulations, and resolutions that govern the special multilateral fund concerned; and

b. A Reserve Subfund, which shall be used principally to finance the programs approved in the program-budget pending receipt of the voluntary contributions. The sources of
financing, limitations, and other uses of the fund shall be determined by the corresponding Council, with the approval of the General Assembly.

**Sources:** Provisional General Standards, Art. 86.

**Article 90.** With the approval of the General Assembly, or of the Permanent Council when the Assembly is not in session, the Secretary General may establish trust funds and funds for specific purposes, keeping separate accounts thereof. The purposes and limitations of these funds shall be defined in precise terms in accordance with the corresponding instruments establishing them.

**Sources:** Provisional General Standards, Arts. 87 and 90.

**Article 91.** The Secretary General, in order to be able to determine operating costs, may account for internal operations originating from execution of the program-budget by the mechanism known as a revolving fund, provided the General Assembly gives prior approval of its purpose.

**Sources:** AG/RES. 10 (I-E/70), Art. 10
Article 92. The Secretary General, with prior approval by the General Assembly, or by the Permanent Council if the Assembly is not in session, may accept inheritances, gifts, or bequests on behalf of the Organization. He may also accept small gifts or bequests for purposes in harmony with the objectives of the Organization, and he shall inform the General Assembly thereof.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Arts. 88 and 89.

Article 93. The Secretary General shall designate the banking institutions in which the funds of the Organization shall be deposited. Interest received on such funds, including the Working Capital Subfund, shall be considered as miscellaneous income of the corresponding fund.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 91.

Accounting and Financial Control System

Article 94. The accounts of the General Secretariat and its financial reports shall be kept and presented in the currency of the state in which it has its seat. The accounts of the Secretary General shall be audited by independent auditors.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 92.
Offices away from Headquarters and those of the applicable parts of the multilateral special funds may be kept provisionally in such currency as the Secretary General determines.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 92.

Article 95. The Secretary General shall establish, in accordance with these General Standards, suitable provisions and procedures to ensure effective financial management and the best use of all the resources administered by the General Secretariat, and he shall inform the General Assembly thereof. These procedures shall include an appropriate accounting system, based on generally accepted principles, to ensure precise and timely information on the financial situation of the Organization.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 93.

Article 96. The General Secretariat shall keep such accounting records as are necessary and in its financial reports it shall show the following:

a. The income and expenditures of all the Funds;
b. The situation as to the appropriations, in such a way as to permit comparison with the approved program-budget, by fund, fiscal period, program, project, and instruments of direct technical cooperation services, as well as by object of expenditure, including:

i. the original budget appropriations;

ii. appropriations modified by any kind of transfer;

iii. credits, if any, other than the appropriations authorized by the General Assembly;

iv. the amounts (charged, allocated, obligated, and/or expended) against those appropriations and/or other credits; and

c. The assets and liabilities of the Organization.

The Secretary General shall also provide whatever other information may be necessary to show the financial condition of the Organization.

Sources: Financial Rules of the World Health Organization, Art. XI.

Article 97. The Secretary General may make short-term investments of funds not essential to meet immediate needs, as well as long-term investments of the resources of the Working Capital.
Subfund, of the trust funds, of the specific funds, and of the reserve subfunds.

Sources: AG/doc.12, 28 May 1970, and UN Rules, Rule 9, points 1 and 2.

**Ex gratia payments**

Article 98. The Secretary General may make such ex gratia payments as he deems wise or necessary to the interests of the Organization, and he shall present an account of them to the General Assembly when he reports to it on the financial condition of the Organization.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 95.

**Purchasing equipment and supplies**

Article 99. The purchasing of equipment and supplies of all kinds as well as contractual printing shall be done by means of competitive bidding, except in urgent cases or in those cases in which the Secretary General considers that the use of this procedure would not be in the interest of the Organization.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 96.
Article 100. In matters related to the management of the various objects of expenditure (personnel, contracts, equipment and supplies, travel, and other costs such as fees, per diem allowances, etc.), the General Secretariat shall apply uniform criteria in all organs, agencies, and other entities whose expenses are included in the program-budget.

Sources: AG/RES. 63 (II-O/72), Art. 7.

Internal Auditing

Article 101. The Secretary General shall establish suitable internal auditing procedures to verify compliance with the standards and regulations in force, especially through systematic and selective examination of official transactions and operational procedures related to the resources administered by the General Secretariat.

CHAPTER V
EXTERNAL AUDITING AND FINANCIAL SUPERVISION

External Auditing

Article 102. There shall be external auditing to examine the accounts of the General Secretariat. The external auditors shall be designated by the General Assembly, and the Secretary General shall grant them the access they request to the financial records, cooperating with them as needed so that they may perform their work in a timely and effective way. The Secretary General shall present to the General Assembly such observations and comments as he may deem appropriate in connection with the report of the external auditors.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Arts. 97 and 98.

Examination of accounts

Article 103. The external auditors shall examine the accounts and certify to the following:

a. That the annual accounts presented by the Secretary General agree with the books, records, documents, and vouchers of the General Secretariat;

b. That the transactions reflected in the financial statements are in accord with these General Standards, the financial regulations, and other applicable provisions;
c. That the securities and cash on deposit have been checked by means of certifications from the depositories of the General Secretariat and the cash on hand shall be checked by actually counting it.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 98.

Article 104. The external auditors may check the efficacy of internal accounting control and present to the General Assembly the reports that they consider pertinent with respect to that control.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 99.

Article 105. The external auditors shall have access at all times to the books, records, documents, and vouchers that in their opinion are necessary to the audit.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 100.
**Article 106.** The external auditors, after satisfying themselves that the books, records, documents, and vouchers have been examined and certified as correct by the accountants of the General Secretariat, may, at their discretion and having regard to the character of the examination, accept such certification in whole or in part.

**Sources:** Provisional General Standards, Art. 101.

**Article 107.** The external auditors shall not be empowered to change items in the accounts, but they shall call to the attention of the Secretary General, for appropriate action, any transaction about whose legality or correctness they have any doubt.

**Sources:** Provisional General Standards, Art. 102.

**Article 108.** In addition to certifying the financial statements, the external auditors may make any observations they believe necessary as to the internal fiscal regulations, the accounting system, the efficiency of the internal auditing,
control procedures and, in general, the financial consequences of the administrative action of the General Secretariat.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 103.

Article 109. The auditors may call attention in their report to any deficiency or irregularity that they have noted in performing their work, but first they shall inform the Secretary General thereof in order to give him an opportunity to explain or correct it.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 104.

Article 110. The external auditors shall state in their report the extent and nature of the examination of the financial statements certified, the exactness and correctness thereof, and they shall refer in that report to any other matter of which the General Assembly should be informed, including but not limited to:

a. Wasteful or improper expenditure of funds, notwithstanding the correctness of the accounting;

b. Cases of fraud or presumptive fraud;

c. Expenditures likely to lead to further outlays on a large scale;

Deficiencies or irregularities. Informing the Secretary General Content of report Waste Fraud Expenditures
Unauthorized or excessive expenditures

Other expenditures

d. Expenditures that are not in accord with the provisions authorizing them, or excessive expenditures;

e. Expenditures that exceed the amount of appropriations, taking into account the changes resulting from transfers duly authorized in the General Assembly resolution approving the budget;

Other deficiencies

f. Any deficiency in the general system governing the handling of income and expenditures or of supplies and equipment, or in the corresponding administrative services.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 105.

Report to the General Assembly

Article 111. The external auditors shall submit their report to the General Assembly at least sixty days before the holding of each regular session of the General Assembly.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 106.

Financial Supervision

Observance of the General Standards

Article 112. In watching over the observance of the standards governing the operation of the General Secretariat, the
Permanent Council shall exercise financial supervision over the General Secretariat.

Sources: Charter of the OAS, Art. 91.b, and Provisional General Standards, Art. 107.

Article 113. The Secretary General may submit to the Permanent Council any matter bearing on the general financial condition of the General Secretariat.

Sources: Provisional General Standards, Art. 108.
WHEREAS:

AG/doc.327 corr. 1 states that the reduction in positions has been carried out with only a limited effect on the approved programs and services, but also indicates that the permanent positions for the interpretation service have been eliminated, without there being a clear indication in that document as to the future arrangements for performing this important service, which is of great interest to the governments of the member states;

High-quality interpretation services are essential to make possible effective communication between delegations speaking the different official languages, which requires both experience and continuity in the service of the Organization on the part of those who perform this function;

In accordance with the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat, the personnel of the latter shall be made up of "An international career service for the performance of the permanent functions of the General Secretariat," as well as personnel employed on contract, and interpretation service is without question a permanent function of the General Secretariat;

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To recommend to the Secretary General that he maintain a full-time permanent staff in at least the number stipulated in the Program-Budget of the Organization for 1972/74 (fiscal 1973/74) to continue the basic interpretation and translation services.
AG/RES. 125 (III-0/73)

TRANSFER TO THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE OF THE FUNCTIONS GIVEN TO THE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION AMONG THE THREE COUNCILS AND THE OTHER ORGANS OF THE SYSTEM

(Resolution adopted at the thirteenth plenary session held on April 15, 1973)

WHEREAS:

At its first regular session the General Assembly established the Committee on Coordination Among the Three Councils and the Other Organs of the System and prescribed its functions;

The instrument establishing the Committee does not give it decision-making power, which has prevented it from carrying on effective and truly beneficial work; and

The Preparatory Committee, as a committee of the General Assembly, is empowered to effect this coordination,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To confer upon the Preparatory Committee the function of coordinating the activities of the Councils and the other organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization.

2. To transfer to the Preparatory Committee the functions conferred upon the Committee on Coordination by Resolution AG/RES. 52 (I-0/71) of the General Assembly.

3. That, among the functions conferred on the Preparatory Committee is the decision-making power in matters pertaining to coordination among the Councils and between them and other organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization.

4. To entrust the Preparatory Committee with regulating the performance of this coordinating function.

5. To request the Preparatory Committee to present a report on its coordinating work to the General Assembly at each regular session.
AG/RES. 126 (III-O/73)

ADDITIONAL FUNCTIONS OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Resolution adopted at the thirteenth plenary session held
on April 15, 1973)

WHEREAS:

One of the basic functions of the General Assembly is to decide upon the
general action and policies of the Organization;

The Preparatory Committee has been cooperating effectively in the study
of the proposed Program-Budget of the Organization and in administrative matters that should be brought before the General Assembly for consideration;

It is urgent and essential that the Preparatory Committee render similar cooperation to enable the General Assembly, in the limited time at its disposal, to consider the annual and special reports presented to it by the organs, agencies, and entities of the inter-American system; and

Pursuant to Article 58.c of the Charter, the General Assembly is empowered to assign such functions as it may deem appropriate to the Preparatory Committee;

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To entrust the Preparatory Committee with the task of examining the annual reports of the organs, agencies, and entities of the inter-American system, and of submitting to the General Assembly such recommendations pertaining to them as it may deem advisable to expedite the Assembly's performance of its functions.

2. To instruct those organs, agencies, and entities to present their reports to the General Assembly at least 60 days prior to the opening date of its regular session, so that they may first be examined by the Preparatory Committee.
AG/RES. 127 (III-0/73)

ESTABLISHMENT OF A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO STUDY THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND TO PROPOSE MEASURES FOR RESTRUCTURING IT

(Resolution adopted at the thirteenth plenary session held on April 15, 1973)

WHEREAS:

At its third regular session the General Assembly has studied the topics:

"Consideration of the ultimate purpose and the mission of the Organization of American States and ways of achieving that purpose and carrying out that mission under the international circumstances existing in the world today" and

"Review of the system of inter-American cooperation for development, with a view to improving it and bringing it up to date, and thereby strengthening the action of regional solidarity in that field and avoiding acts or measures that serve unilateral positions or interests, alien to the objectives of cooperation";

The Inter-American Economic and Social Council has presented to the General Assembly the declaration adopted at its Eighth Annual Meeting (CIES/RES. 50-VIII/73), in which it sets forth considerations concerning subsequent formulation of future action within the inter-American system of cooperation for development (AG/doc.311/73);

There is general dissatisfaction with the functioning and results of the inter-American system, and several member states have stated that the restructuring or general reform of the inter-American system is urgent and necessary and have presented proposals, suggestions and observations to properly orient the political, economic, social and cultural relations among the member states of the inter-American system on the basis of respect for the principles of juridical equality of states, self-determination, nonintervention, and recognition of the plurality of political, economic, and social systems;

The inter-American system must be equipped to serve and cooperate with the member states to effect the changes they adopt, of their own sovereign will, in their internal social and economic structures;
The inter-American system also must be organized to facilitate and promote international social justice as a necessary precondition to hemisphere peace and security, taking suitable account of the differing levels of development among nations;

The peoples of America demand respect for and effective application of the fundamental principles of the inter-American system, and condemn and repudiate all actions tending to create or to consolidate situations of dependency and subordination, or to threaten their sovereign rights, and;

The General Assembly has among its principal powers that of considering any matter relating to friendly relations among the American states;

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To create a Special Committee composed of representatives appointed by each member state; this Special Committee, taking into account the principles and purposes of the inter-American system and of the Charter of the Organization, shall conduct a comprehensive critical study, analysis, and evaluation of the philosophy, instruments, structure, and functioning of the inter-American system and propose its restructuring and the reforms and measures necessary to enable it to respond adequately to the new political, economic, social, and cultural situations in all the member states and to hemisphere and world conditions. The Special Committee shall be guided in its work by the need to secure just terms and to provide security for the free and comprehensive development of each of the member states.

2. That, to carry out its work, the Special Committee shall take into account all elements that it considers pertinent and, among others, the following:

i) the statements made by the heads of delegation at the third regular session, the working document presented by Venezuela (AG/doc.363/73), and the pertinent documentation of the General Assembly;

ii) the statements, observations, recommendations, and proposals that the governments of member states have made or may make;

iii) the observations of the Permanent Council, the Secretary General of the Organization, the Chairman of the Inter-American Committee on the Alliance for Progress (CIAP), and the Chairman of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CEPCLEOC), as well as the observations, statements, and proposals that have been or may be made by other organs,
agencies, and entities of the inter-American system, especially
the Declaration of CIES concerning subsequent formulation of
future action within the inter-American system of cooperation
for development (CIES/RES. 50 (VIII-73) and the recommendations
that the Inter-American Economic and Social Council may adopt
at its meeting in September 1973, in accordance with resolution
CIES/51 (VIII-73);

iv) the studies, reports, resolutions, and recommendations of organs
and agencies of the United Nations, CECLA, and the organizations
for Latin American integration, dealing with inter-American
political, economic, social, and cultural relations, especially
as regards systems for financing, foreign investment, trade, and
transfer of technology.

3. That the organs, subsidiary agencies, and other entities of the
Organization shall provide any cooperation requested by the Special Com-
mittee for the better fulfillment of its purposes.

4. The Special Committee shall meet in a city of any of the member
states.

Considering all offers the member states may make, the Preparatory Com-
mittee of the General Assembly shall determine the place and date of the
first session of the Special Committee. If more than one offer is made,
the decision shall be made by lot.

If no offer is made within a reasonable time, or if for any reason
the Special Committee cannot meet in the place selected, the headquarters
of the Permanent Council of the Organization shall be the meeting place.

The Special Committee shall determine the place or places of its
future meetings.

Except as provided in the second paragraph of this section, all deci-
sions regarding the places of the meetings of the Special Committee shall
be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the member states.

5. The Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly shall prepare
draft rules of procedure for the Special Committee and take responsibility
for the available material referred to in paragraph 2, and for gathering
and compiling all suggestions and proposals that the governments of the
member states have presented or may present with regard to topics 9 and 10
of the agenda of the third regular session of the General Assembly, or to
this resolution.

6. The General Secretariat of the Organization shall provide the
Special Committee with any secretariat services it may request and all
necessary help in performing its duties.
7. The Special Committee shall submit to the governments of the member states periodic reports on the progress of its work, and a general report no later than November 30, 1973.

8. The Special Committee shall approve its own rules of procedure, work methods, and schedule of activities.

9. The Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly shall include on the draft agenda for the fourth regular session a topic calling for consideration of this matter.

10. In accordance with the standards in force, the appropriate organs shall provide the funds needed by the Special Committee to carry out its functions.
WHEREAS:

At its third regular session the General Assembly has considered topics 9 and 10 of the agenda, which refer to the purpose and mission of the Organization of American States and to revision of the system of inter-American cooperation for development, with a view to improving it, thereby strengthening the action of regional solidarity in this field, among other ways by preventing acts or measures that serve unilateral positions or interests prejudicial to the objectives of cooperation;

The member states of the Organization are always prepared to respect and to enforce respect for the underlying principles of the regional system, among which are the prohibition of direct or indirect intervention by a state or group of states in the internal or external affairs of any other state, the self-determination of peoples, and juridical equality among states;

At its second regular session the General Assembly adopted Resolution AG/RES. 78 (II-0/72) on "Strengthening of the principles of nonintervention and the self-determination of peoples and measures to guarantee their observance," which solemnly reiterates "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";

As laid down in Article 34 of the Charter, "The Member States should make every effort to avoid policies, actions, or measures that have serious adverse effects on the economic or social development of another Member State";

The Declaration on Principles of International Law Concerning Friendly Relations and Co-operation among States in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations, Resolution 2625 (XXV) of the United Nations General
Assembly, included the principles of nonintervention, self-determination, equality of rights among states, abstention from the use of force, and others intended to foster cooperation among states;

In recent years profound changes have taken place in international relations, in the direction of full cooperation among states for the sake of peace, and these relations should be strengthened within the context of international law;

It is desirable that the Organization of American States manifest the principles upon which relations among the member states should be conducted; and

It is therefore timely to make a declaration to that end, but subject to the standards and obligations of the Charter and the special treaties enumerated therein,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

DECLARAS:

1. That in accordance with the principles of the Charter of the Organization, and especially with those of mutual respect for sovereignty, the self-determination of peoples, and the juridical equality of states, every state has the right to adopt, with complete independence, its own system of government and economic and social organization.

2. That, under the Charter, plurality of ideologies is a presupposition of regional solidarity, which is based on the concept of cooperation freely accepted by sovereign states, to achieve common objectives of maintenance of peace and understanding among them for the sake of their vigorous and dynamic development in the economic and social fields and in those of education, science, and culture.

3. That plurality of ideologies in relations among the member states implies the duty of each state to respect the principles of nonintervention and self-determination of peoples and the right to demand compliance with those principles by the other states.

4. That this declaration is made without prejudice to the standards and obligations of the Charter of the Organization, the special treaties mentioned therein, and Resolution 78 of the second regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 129 (III-0/73)

IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 34 OF THE CHARTER

(Resolution adopted at the thirteenth plenary session held on April 15, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

Seriously concerned over the announcement that the United States of America plans to place part of its strategic mineral reserves on the market,

CONSIDERING:

That measures of this nature generally result in a distortion of the international market, producing a drop in the price of mineral products, particularly tin, wolfram, zinc, molybdenum, copper, and lead, thus harming the economies of mineral-producing Latin American countries,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

Article 34 of the Charter of the Organization, which states that:

"The member states should make every effort to avoid policies, actions, or measures that have serious adverse effects on the economic or social development of another member state."

RESOLVES:

To urge the Government of the United States of America, in conformity with the purposes, principles and standards of the Charter of the Organization, to adopt mechanisms designed to ensure that the economic steps that may be taken will have no adverse effect on the economic or social development of other member states.
WHEREAS:

Article 19 of the Charter of the Organization of the American States provides that 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; and

The Security Council of the United Nations, in its Resolution 350, dated March 21, 1973, called upon the states to take appropriate measures to prevent the action of companies that deliberately seek to coerce the countries of Latin America.

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the member states to adopt whatever measures that may be necessary to prevent transnational enterprises from engaging in acts of intervention in the internal or external affairs of the states.

2. To condemn the interventionist activities of transnational enterprises that attempt to interfere in affairs that are the exclusive competence of the states.
AG/RES. 131 (III-0/73)


(Resolution adopted at the Thirteenth Plenary Session held on April 15, 1973)

WHEREAS:

It is desirable, with a view to improved operation of the Permanent Executive Committees of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, that all the member countries of the Organization be effectively represented;

It is necessary to apply the principle of juridical equality of the member states in forming the Permanent Executive Committees;

Subsequent to the Protocol of Buenos Aires, most of the delegations of the member states have become missions to the OAS; and

It is necessary to apply the principle of international social justice,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. That the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council shall be composed of 12 members selected by rotation in the alphabetical order of all the member states.

2. That the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture shall be composed of 11 members selected by rotation in the alphabetical order of all the member states.

3. The respective Councils shall adopt the provisions necessary for compliance with this resolution.
AG/RES. 132 (III-0/73)

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

(Resolution adopted at the thirteenth plenary session held on April 15, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC), document AG/doc.303/73,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the annual report submitted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture.

2. To call attention to the work done by that Council during the period covered by the report and particularly to the importance of the past and current effect, on the work of that Council, of the Inter-American Specialized Conference on the Application of Science and Technology to Latin American Development (CACTAL), held in Brasilia, Brazil, from May 12 through 19, 1972, and the Specialized Conference on the Integral Education of Women, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from August 21 through 25, 1972.
AG/RES. 133 (III-0/73)

AMENDMENT TO TRANSITORY PROVISIONS 2, 3, AND 4 OF THE STATUTES OF CIECC

(Resolution adopted at the thirteenth plenary session held on April 15, 1973)

WHEREAS:

It is advisable to coordinate the terms of the principal and alternate members of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CEPCIECC) and those of the members of the Inter-American Committees with the period in which the General Assembly and that Council should regularly meet, in accordance with their respective rules of procedure; and

Transitory provisions 2, 3 and 4 of the Statutes of CIECC have fulfilled their purpose,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To replace transitory provisions 2, 3, and 4 of the Statutes of CIECC by the following:

It is understood that the terms of the present principal and alternate members of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CEPCIECC) and those of the present members of the Inter-American Committees shall be extended to the 31st of March following the date on which these terms would expire, according to the periods for which the members were elected.
WHEREAS:

In its Resolution CIECC-144/72, the CIECC indicated that it was necessary for the member states to be informed, sufficiently in advance, of the candidates nominated to fill vacancies arising on the inter-American committees and on CEPCIIECC, and of their curricula vitae.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To add the following final paragraph to Articles 32 and 40 of the Statutes of CIECC:

"Nominations of candidates, as well as the curricula vitae of the candidates nominated, should, to the extent possible arrive at the headquarters of the General Secretariat at least 45 days prior to the date set for the election, so that this information may be transmitted to the member states at least 30 days before the election."
AG/RES. 135 (III-0/73)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Resolution adopted at the thirteenth plenary session held on April 15, 1973)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Annual Report of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES), document AG/doc.335/73 corr. 1,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Annual Report presented by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council.

2. To call attention to the work of that Council during the period covered in the report and especially to the importance of the decisions adopted during its Eighth Annual Meeting, held in Bogota from January 30 to February 9 1973.
AG/RES. 136 (III-0/73)

PLACE AND DATE FOR THE FOURTH REGULAR SESSION

(Resolution adopted at the thirteenth plenary session held on April 15, 1973)

WHEREAS:

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

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

Article 43 of the Rules of Procedure provides that at each regular session, following a report by the General Committee and taking into consideration the offers made by the member states, the Assembly shall determine the place of the next regular session, in accordance with the principle of rotation; and

In the course of the third regular session, the Delegation of the United States of America has offered to be host to the fourth regular session between April 19 and May 5, 1974.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Government of the United States of America for its offer to be host to the fourth regular session.

2. That the fourth regular session of the General Assembly shall be held between April 19 and May 5 in the territory of the United States of America.

3. To authorize the Permanent Council to set the definitive date and place for holding the said fourth 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 third regular session, held in Washington, D.C., from April 4 through 15, 1973.

Galo Plaza
Secretary General of the Organization of American States

Washington, D.C.
19 April 1973