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CONVENTION ON THE PROTECTION OF THE ARCHEOLOGICAL, HISTORICAL, AND ARTISTIC HERITAGE OF THE AMERICAN NATIONS

(Convention of San Salvador)

(Resolution adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 16, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the continuous looting and plundering of the native cultural heritage suffered by the countries of the hemisphere, particularly the Latin American countries; and

CONSIDERING:

That such acts of pillage have damaged and reduced the archeological, historical, and artistic wealth, through which the national character of their peoples is expressed;

That there is a basic obligation to transmit to coming generations the legacy of their cultural heritage;

That this heritage can only be protected and preserved through mutual appreciation and respect for such properties, within a framework of the soundest inter-American cooperation; and

That the member states have repeatedly demonstrated their willingness to establish standards for the protection and surveillance of the archeological, historical, and artistic heritage,

DECLARAS:

That it is essential to take steps, at both the national and international levels, for the most effective protection and retrieval of cultural treasures, and

RESOLVES:

1. To approve the following Convention on the Protection of the Archeological, Historical, and Artistic Heritage of the American Countries:

   Article 1

   The purpose of this Convention is to identify, register, protect, and safeguard the property making up the cultural heritage of the American
nations in order: (a) to prevent illegal exportation or importation of cultural property; and (b) to promote cooperation among the American states for mutual awareness and appreciation of their cultural property.

Article 2

The cultural property referred to in the preceding article is that included in the following categories:

a. Monuments, objects, fragments of ruined buildings, and archeological materials belonging to American cultures existing prior to contact with European culture, as well as remains of human beings, fauna, and flora related to such cultures;

b. Monuments, buildings, objects of an artistic, utilitarian, and ethnological nature, whole or in fragments, from the colonial era and the Nineteenth Century;

c. Libraries and archives; incunabula and manuscripts; books and other publications, iconographies, maps and documents published before 1850;

d. All objects originating after 1850 that the States Parties have recorded as cultural property, provided that they have given notice of such registration to the other parties to the treaty;

e. All cultural property that any of the States Parties specifically declares to be included within the scope of this convention.

Article 3

The cultural property included in the above article shall receive maximum protection at the international level, and its exportation and importation shall be considered unlawful, except when the state owning it authorizes its exportation for purposes of promoting knowledge of national cultures.

Article 4

Any disagreement between the parties to this Convention, regarding application of the definitions and categories of Article 2 to specific property shall be resolved definitively by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC), following an opinion by the Inter-American Committee on Culture.

Article 5

The cultural heritage of each state consists of property mentioned in Article 2, found or created in its territory and legally acquired items of foreign origin.
Article 6

The control exercised by each state over its cultural heritage and any actions that may be taken to reclaim items belonging to it are imprescriptible.

Article 7

Regulations on ownership of cultural property and its transfer within the territory of each state shall be governed by domestic legislation. With a view to preventing unlawful trade in such goods, the following measures shall be encouraged:

a. Registration of collections and of transfer of cultural property subject to protection;

b. Registration of transactions carried out by establishments engaged in the sale and purchase of such property;

c. Prohibition of imports of cultural property from other states without appropriate certificate and authorization.

Article 8

Each state is responsible for identifying, registering, protecting, preserving, and safeguarding its cultural heritage; in fulfillment of these functions each state undertakes to encourage:

a. Preparation, in accordance with its respective constitutional standards, of rules and legislative provisions required for effective protection of this heritage from destruction resulting from neglect or inadequate preservation work;

b. Establishment of technical organs entrusted specifically with the protection and safeguarding of cultural property;

c. Establishment and maintenance of an inventory and record of cultural property, to make it possible to identify and locate it;

d. The delimitation and protection of archeological sites and places of historical and artistic interest;

e. Exploration, excavation, investigation, and preservation of archeological sites and objects by scientific institutions, in collaboration with the national agency in charge of the archeological heritage.
Article 9

Each State Party shall prevent by all available means any unlawful excavation in its territory or any removal of cultural property therefrom.

Article 10

Each State Party to this Convention undertakes to take whatever measures it may consider effective to prevent and curb the unlawful exportation, importation, and removal of cultural property, as well as those necessary for the return of such property to the state to which it belongs in the event of its removal.

Article 11

When the government of a State Party becomes aware of the unlawful exportation of an item of cultural property, it may address the government of the state to which the property has been removed, requesting that it take measures for its recovery and return. This shall be done through diplomatic channels. The request shall be accompanied by evidence of the unlawful removal of the property in question, in accordance with the laws of the requesting state. This evidence shall be considered by the state petitioned.

The state petitioned shall employ all available lawful means in order to locate, recover, and return the cultural property claimed and that may have been removed after this Convention has gone into effect.

If the laws of the state petitioned require judicial action for recovery of foreign cultural property unlawfully imported or removed, such judicial action shall be instituted in the appropriate courts by the competent authority of that state.

The petitioning state also has the right to institute appropriate judicial action in the state petitioned in order to bring about recovery of the property that has been removed and application of the pertinent penalties against those responsible.

Article 12

As soon as the state petitioned is in a position to do so, it shall return to the petitioning state the cultural property that has been removed. The cost of returning such property shall be covered by the state petitioned without prejudice to the measures or action it should take in order to be reimbursed for such expenses.

Article 13

No tax or government fee shall be charged for cultural property returned in accordance with the provisions of Article 12.
Article 14

Those responsible for crimes against the integrity of cultural property or for crimes resulting from the illegal exportation or importation thereof are subject to extradition treaties, when appropriate.

Article 15

The States Parties bind themselves to cooperate in the mutual knowledge and appreciation of their cultural values by taking the following measures:

a. Facilitating the circulation, exchange, and exhibition, for educational, scientific, and cultural purposes, of cultural property from other nations and of their own cultural property abroad, when authorized by the pertinent governmental agencies;

b. Promoting the exchange of information on cultural property and on archeological excavations and discoveries.

Article 16

Articles on loan to museums, exhibitions, or scientific institutions that are outside the state to whose cultural heritage they belong shall not be subject to seizure as a result of public or private lawsuits.

Article 17

For purposes of compliance with the objectives of this Convention, the General Secretariat of the OAS is charged with:

a. Ensuring the enforcement and effectiveness of this Convention;

b. Promoting the adoption of collective measures directed toward the protection and preservation of cultural property belonging to the American states;

c. Establishing an Inter-American Registry of cultural property, both movable and immovable, that is of special value;

d. Promoting coordination of national legislation on this subject;

e. Granting and arranging any technical cooperation the States Parties may request;

f. Disseminating information on the cultural property of the States Parties and the objectives of this Convention;

g. Promoting the circulation, exchange, and exhibition of cultural property among the States Parties.
Article 18

None of the provisions of this Convention shall impede the States Parties from entering into bilateral or multilateral agreements relative to their cultural heritage, nor shall they limit the application of any agreements to the same end as may be in force.

Article 19

The present Convention is open to signature by the member states of the OAS and to adherence by any state.

Article 20

The present Convention shall be ratified by the signatory states in accordance with their respective constitutional procedures.

Article 21

The original instruments, whose Spanish, French, English, and Portuguese texts are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the OAS, which shall send certified copies to the signatory states for purpose of ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the OAS, which shall notify the signatory governments of the deposit.

Article 22

This Convention shall enter into force among the states ratifying it in the order of deposit of their instruments of ratification.

Article 23

The present Convention shall be in force indefinitely; however, any of the States Parties may denounce it. The denunciation shall be communicated to the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, which shall inform the other States Parties thereof. One year from the date of denunciation, the Convention shall cease to be in force for the state that denounced it and remain in force for the other States Parties.

2. This Convention shall be known as the Convention of San Salvador.
DISTRIBUTION OF FEMCIECC FUNDS

(Resolution adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 16, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Declaration of the Presidents of America issued in Punta del Este, Uruguay, on April 14, 1967, regarding educational, scientific, and technological matters;

Chapter Five of the aforementioned Declaration, under the title "Educational, Scientific, and Technological Development and Intensification of Health Programs," in which it is stated: "Education is a sector of high priority in the overall development policy of Latin American nations" and "Science and technology offer genuine instruments for Latin American progress and must be given an unprecedented impetus at this time;"

Operative paragraphs 20 and 21 of the Resolution of Maracay (CIC/1/68); and

Articles 45, 46, and 100 of the Charter of the Organization of American States; and

CONSIDERING:

That it is necessary to meet equitably the priorities established by each of the member states for both the educational area and the scientific and technological area;

That it is inadvisable and, furthermore, contrary to the provisions of the Charter of the Organization of American States and the Resolution of Maracay (CIC/1/68) to establish rigid percentages to govern the use of development assistance funds of the member states; and

That Article 16 of the Charter of the Organization establishes that each state has the right to develop its cultural, political, and economic life freely and voluntarily and thus to establish the priorities for its development,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the independent nature of the accounts that make up the Multilateral Special Fund of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture.
2. To distribute the funds for the areas of education and science and technology in proportion to the amounts allocated for the projects presented under each program, and in keeping with the priorities established by each member state and with the terms of Resolution CIECC-190/74.
AG/RES. 212 (VI-O/76)

SYSTEM OF OPERATION OF THE MAR DEL PLATA ACCOUNT

(Resolution adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 16, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN Resolution CIECC-266/76, whereby the General Assembly is requested to amend Article 8.a, b, and f of the Resolution of Mar del Plata; and

CONSIDERING:

That the requested amendment establishes more clearly the mechanism for distributing the resources of the Mar del Plata Account;

That the indicative figures for the voluntary pledges of the member states presented by the General Secretariat prior to the regular meetings of CIECC may vary in the light of the pledge made by the largest contributor; and

That it is advisable to make a proper determination of what figure shall be indicated and taken into account in applying the standard established in Resolution CIECC-266/76,

RESOLVES:

1. To amend paragraphs a, b, and f of Article 8 of the Resolution of Mar del Plata to read as follows:

8. That, without prejudice to the above, these funds, which shall be called "Mar del Plata Account," shall be subject to the following special rules:

a. With respect to FEMCIECC pledges:

   i. Any member state that has made a pledge equal to or greater than that resulting from application of the quotas to the Regular Fund at the FEMCIECC level of operation may participate fully in the Mar del Plata Account.

   ii. If a member state has pledged to FEMCIECC an amount less than that indicated, it may participate in the Mar del Plata Account, without receiving matching funds.
b. To form the resources of the Mar del Plata Account:

i. Any member state may participate in the indicated amount resulting from application of the percentages of the quotas for the Regular Fund at whatever operational level may have been approved for the account.

ii. When one or more member states pledges an amount larger than that indicated in the preceding paragraph, matching funds shall be applied only on the amount corresponding to the indicated percentage, except for the provisions of subparagraph iv. of this section. Pledges over the indicated limits, after deduction of the 15 per cent for administrative costs and technical supervision, may be used at the discretion of the pledging country for specific projects of the Mar del Plata Account.

iii. If a member state makes a pledge less than the indicated amount, matching funds shall be applied only to the amount of its pledge.

iv. If one or more member states do not contribute, or if their contribution is less than the indicated amount, the remaining member states may increase their pledges and receive matching funds proportionate to the amounts that might have been contributed by the former member states that made no contribution at all, or that contributed less than their due.

f. Net resources for programming, obtained from the total fund, after making the deduction called for in subparagraph (e) of this article, shall be distributed for use in the special projects of the countries, in accordance with the following multiplier factors applied to the member states' contributions to the Mar del Plata Account, provided that they have complied with the conditions set forth in subparagraph 8.a:

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* In applying the factors to the indicated amounts, an amount equal to the net programming resources is obtained.
To determine that the indicative figures for the contributions of the member states shall be those resulting from the corresponding matching funds, once the offer by the largest contributor has been made.

* In applying the factors to the indicated amounts, an amount equal to the net programming resources is obtained.
AG/RES. 213 (VI-0/76)

PRESERVATION OF MONUMENTS

(Resolution adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 16, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

The importance to the American nations of monuments and sites of artistic value and historical interest, pertaining to the pre-Columbian, Spanish, and post-independence periods, which, even when located in a specific region, make up the cultural heritage of the Americas;

The various resolutions previously adopted by inter-American meetings of the OAS and other international organizations, and the agreements adopted by the Pan American Institute of Geography and History regarding preservation of this heritage;

That Latin American monuments of significant historical and artistic value, such as, for example, the Jesuit Missions in Paraguay, the cities of Sucre and Potosí in Bolivia, the city of Antigua in Guatemala, the archeological complex of Copán in Honduras, the group of fortifications on the coast of Venezuela, and Citadelle Laferrière and the Palais Sans Souci in Haiti, are showing a rapid deterioration from natural causes, pollution, and acts of man, and that it is urgent to halt this deterioration and to remedy it through preservation and restoration work; and

That, notwithstanding the praiseworthy efforts of the governments of the member states to preserve and enhance the monuments that are their heritage, as evident in the projects undertaken by the Dominican Republic, Mexico, Brazil, and Peru, among others, the vastness and far-reaching significance of the preservation and restoration work demand a decisive joint effort on the part of all the American states,

RESOLVES:

1. To call on the member states to develop a policy of mutual economic and technical cooperation in their joint effort to preserve the monumental heritage of the Americas, so that future generations may inherit a legacy of culture that reflects their own particular identity.

2. To instruct the General Secretariat to strengthen its technical assistance activities by means of the Regional Cultural Development Program of the OAS, so as to reinforce any projects undertaken or planned by the governments of the member states to preserve, restore, and revitalize monuments and historical centers.
AG/RES. 214 (VI-O/76)

ANNUAL SCHEDULE OF CONFERENCES AND MEETINGS
OF THE AREA OF EDUCATION, SCIENCE, AND CULTURE

(Resolution adopted at the second plenary session,
held on June 16, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the annual schedule of conferences and meetings for the
area of education, science, and culture, document AG/doc.637/76 add. 4,
prepared by CEPCIECC at its Third Special Meeting pursuant to the instruc-
tions of the Seventh Meeting of CIECC (Res. CIECC-265/76),

RESOLVES:

To take note of the annual schedule of conferences and meetings for
the area of education, science, and culture and to approve it as set forth
in document AG/doc.637/76 add. 4.
WHEREAS:

The Central American region is subject to frequent seismic phenomena whose disastrous consequences for human life and the economy of the countries have been evident in recent years in the cases of the Managua earthquake and the recent one in Guatemala;

Seismological studies based on the experimental analysis of seismic movements are very important as a basis for earthquake-resistant engineering, a science that makes it possible to construct or adapt civil engineering works (buildings, bridges, roads, dams, industrial installations, etc.), so that they have the greatest capability of resisting the effects of high-intensity seismic accelerations without appreciable damage;

It is equally important to educate and alert the population to follow an individual and collective pattern of behavior that facilitates the action of the authorities in restoring life to normal following an earthquake; and

The OAS, within its technical assistance activities in science and technology, has rendered services in these matters to the Central American countries and Panama,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat of the OAS to coordinate, in consultation with the governments of Central America and of Panama, the preparation of a plan or program designed to:
   a. Strengthen existing seismic installations in that area and coordinate them, so that they may come to form a Central American Seismological Network;
   b. Promote studies and research program for training professional teams of seismologists, geologists, volcanologists, and engineers specializing in earthquake-resistant construction;
   c. Render any technical assistance requested by the governments for preparing or updating codes or standards for earthquake-resistant construction;
d. Assist the governments in formulating and disseminating among their people information on the action that they should take, individually or as a group, in the event of an earthquake; and assist the governments, also, in organizing within the sphere of the public authorities, centers or teams that can act in cases of national emergency.

2. To provide that the plan thus prepared shall be presented for consideration to the next regular meeting of CIECC, which shall be responsible for adopting measures to finance it.
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AG/RES. 216 (VI-0/76)

SYSTEM FOR PROCESSING AND APPROVAL OF CIECC PROJECTS

(Resolution adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 16, 1976)

WHEREAS:

To make best use of the resources available for the activities being carried out in the areas of education, science, and culture, it is essential to systematize the working methodology followed for the presentation, analysis, and approval of the projects presented by the countries; and

To prevent inconsistencies in the programming, it is advisable that the methodology be uniform for all projects in the area,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To provide as follows:

1. To be eligible for approval, every project financed from the voluntary funds of the CIECC area must be presented to the General Secretariat by the liaison organs of the respective countries, for the appropriate handling.

2. The same procedure as that set forth in the preceding paragraph shall be followed for the plans of operations of projects approved.

3. Regional actions are exempt from the foregoing provisions.
AG/RES. 217 (VI-0/76)

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

(Resolution adopted at the second plenary session, held on June 16, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

HAVING SEEN:

The annual report of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC), document AG/doc.637/76, presented to the Twelfth Meeting of the Permanent Executive Committee of CIECC (CEPCIECC), for final revision in compliance with the provisions of Resolutions CIECC-264/76; and

The final report of the Seventh Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture, document AG/doc.637/76 add. 1,

RESOLVES:

To take note of the annual report of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture and of the final report of the Seventh Meeting of CIECC and express its satisfaction with the way in which CIECC has fulfilled the mandates from the General Assembly regarding the presentation of these reports.
WHEREAS:

The nations of the Western Hemisphere enjoy a rich and diverse natural heritage, which includes areas of unusual beauty, interest, and magnificence; a great variety of species of flora and fauna; and ecosystems of unique character and productivity;

This heritage represents a wealth of renewable natural resources which are of great value in economic terms as well as those less tangible terms that apply to the quality of human life;

Over the past three decades the nations of the hemisphere have undergone unprecedented expansion in population, industrialization, and the exploitation of natural resources;

The over-all results of this expansion have been beneficial, there have been negative effects which, should they continue to accumulate, could result in the degradation of the natural heritage with consequent serious effects on the environment and the quality of life. Among these negative effects are:

Overexploitation of Wildlife Populations

The inadequately controlled exploitation of wildlife for skins and other commercial products, for sport, for export in the pet trade, and for medical uses has reduced wildlife populations in some cases beyond recovery.

Damage to Ecosystems and Destruction of Habitat

1. The inadequately controlled cutting and burning over of forests and the draining of wetlands are resulting in the loss of valuable natural resources, damage to ecosystems, and the destruction of habitat for wild flora and fauna.

2. The expansion of human settlement and industrial construction into lands heretofore in a relatively natural state is reducing at a rapid rate the space available for wild flora and fauna.
Environmental Pollution from Chemicals and Waste

1. The increasing disposal of industrial wastes—smoke and ash as well as liquid and solid chemicals and materials—much of which is toxic, into water bodies and streams, into the atmosphere and onto the ground, is resulting in high mortality among wild species of flora and fauna, including aquatic as well as terrestrial forms, and is harmful to human health.

2. The expanding use of chemical toxicants in agriculture, public health, and for other purposes is having similar effects on wild species of flora and fauna as well as on health.

Exhaustion of Valuable Natural Resources

The overexploitation and destruction of renewable natural resources such as forest, soils, and water resources, as well as flora and fauna, threaten their survival and incur long-term harm which could adversely affect living standards in the future;

Since these developments and their environmental consequences affect all the nations of the hemisphere, it is clear that their prevention and treatment must be addressed through united and coordinated international effort;

A variety of means is called for to deal with these problems, including the creation and management of systems of parks and reserves to preserve ecosystems, habitat, and natural monuments, the expansion of scientific research on species, ecosystems and related subjects, improved control over the taking of flora and fauna, particularly endangered species, improved management of land use, waste disposal, and chemical pollutants, and many other means;

It is desirable and necessary for the nations of the hemisphere to cooperate in conserving their common natural heritage and managing the renewable natural resources which this heritage includes, so as to realize the considerable immediate as well as long-term benefits these resources afford;

The Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere, which most of the member states have signed and/or ratified, commits these states to take measures in cooperation with each other to conserve nature by establishing parks, reserves, and protected areas and taking steps to manage and conserve wild flora and fauna and protect endangered species; and
The terms and provisions of this Convention continue to be relevant, and the Convention continues to provide a legal framework for inter-American cooperation in the field of nature conservation.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To urge the implementation of the Convention by the member states through mutual cooperation in activities such as scientific research and technical cooperation and assistance relating to wild flora and fauna, the creation, planning, and training in the management of parks and reserves, the adoption of measures to conserve wild flora and fauna and to protect species which are in danger of extinction.

2. To adopt measures to facilitate the discharge of specific responsibilities of the member states and of the OAS Secretariat under the terms of the Convention in furnishing and processing lists of endangered and threatened species and in disseminating information relating to nature protection and the conservation of wild flora and fauna.

3. To instruct the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture to prepare a report and submit it to the next regular meeting of CIECC, examining the advisability of convoking a conference to discuss, plan, and agree upon cooperative bilateral and multilateral activities such as those called for above.

4. To accept the offer of the United States to host this conference.

5. To urge all sovereign states of the Western Hemisphere to adhere to the Convention if they have not already done so.
AG/RES. 219 (VI-O/76)

STATUS OF THE NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENTS OF PANAMA AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE QUESTION OF THE PANAMA CANAL

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

WHEREAS:

For good relations in the hemisphere, it is important to have a just solution of the Panama Canal question, consistent with the ideas of freedom of the founding fathers who gave birth to the Latin American republics, and of those who founded the United States of America;

The meetings of foreign ministers, held in Bogotá, Tlatelolco, and Washington proclaimed the Panama Canal question to be one of common concern to Latin America; and

The fundamental principles for the conclusion of a just and equitable treaty between the interested parties are contained in the Joint Declaration signed by the United States of America and Panama in the Council of the Organization of American States on April 3, 1964, and in the eight-point agreement signed by the two countries on February 7, 1974, known as the Tack-Kissinger Statement,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate with renewed emphasis the ideas expressed in Resolution AG/RES. 174 (VI-O/75) of May 15, 1975.

2. To note as a positive contribution the report presented by the delegations of the United States and Panama, which records the progress made.

3. To express the hope that, although the parties have reported that significant differences still remain between them, this year of the celebration of the Bicentennial of the independence of the United States and of the Sesquicentennial of the Amphictyonic Congress of Panama will see the culmination of the negotiations that the governments of the United States of America and Panama have been conducting for twelve years, for the purpose of concluding a new, just, and equitable treaty concerning the Canal, one that will eliminate for all time the causes of conflict between the two countries and be effective in strengthening international cooperation and peace in the Americas.
AG/RES. 220 (VI-0/76)

THE DECADE OF WOMEN 1976-1985: EQUALITY, DEVELOPMENT, AND PEACE

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That at its fourth regular session, held in 1974, the General Assembly of the Organization of American States adopted Resolution AG/RES. 161 (IV-0/74) "International Women's Year," whereby it endorsed Resolution 3010 (XXVII), approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 18, 1972;

That the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, at its fifth regular session, adopted Resolution AG/RES. 182 (V-0/75), "Recognition of Women's Role in the Integral Development of the American Nations," which recognized the desirability of greater participation by the women of the hemisphere in the task of national and hemispheric development and reiterated the mandate contained in Resolution AG/RES. 161 (IV-0/74) for the organs of the inter-American system to "adopt programs designed to improve the condition of women and establish mechanisms and procedures for the continued study and evaluation of such programs" in the future;

That the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted Resolution 3520 (XXX) "World Conference on International Women's Year," which proclaims the 1976/1985 period as the "United Nations Decade for Women: Equality, Development, and Peace," to be dedicated to "...effective and sustained national, regional, and international action to implement the World Plan of Action and related resolutions..." approved by the World Conference of the International Women's Year;

That the Inter-American Commission of Women has prepared a Regional Plan of Action for Latin America based on this world Plan of Action;

That, in accordance with Article 51.h of the Charter of the Organization of American States, the Inter-American Commission of Women is one of the Inter-American Specialized Organizations; and

HAVING SEEN the progress report submitted on the fulfillment of the aforementioned resolutions of the General Assembly,
RESOLVES:


2. To request that the Secretary General, with regard to the Decade of Women, strictly comply with the mandates contained in resolutions AG/RES. 161 (IV-0/74) and AG/RES. 182 (V-0/75).

3. To reiterate to the organs of the inter-American system that, within their programming procedures, they should adapt existing programs to the needs of the women of the hemisphere, adopt new programs designed to improve the condition of women, and establish mechanisms and procedures appropriate for the continuous study and evaluation of such programs in coordination with the Inter-American Commission of Women.

4. To request the Secretary General to report to each successive session of the General Assembly on the steps taken and progress achieved throughout the OAS system to implement this resolution, including an indication of projects undertaken to achieve the goals of the Decade.
AG/RES. 221 (VI-0/76)

PLACE AND DATE OF THE SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

WHEREAS:

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

The rules of procedure establish in Article 44 that the General Assembly shall hold a regular session during the second quarter of each year and that at each of these sessions, following a report by its General Committee, the General Assembly shall determine the opening date of the next session;

Article 45 of the same rules of procedure provides that at each regular session, following a report by the General Committee and taking into account the offers made by the member states, the Assembly shall determine the place of the next regular session, in accordance with the principle of rotation; and

At the sixth regular session, the Delegation of Grenada has conveyed its government's offer to be host to the seventh regular session in that country,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Government of Grenada and to accept its generous offer to be host.

2. To authorize the Permanent Council to set a definite date for holding the seventh regular session.
AG/RES. 222 (VI-0/76)

RETIREMENT ANNUITIES FOR THE SECRETARY GENERAL AND THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE OAS

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on retirement annuities for the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General of the OAS, in compliance with the provisions of operative paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 207 (V-0/75) (AG/doc.669/76); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Permanent Council, in the aforementioned report, requests authorization to present the study entrusted to it to the seventh regular session of the General Assembly, in order to give the Council sufficient time to make a careful study of the system,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Permanent Council to present the study referred to in operative paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 207 (V-0/75) to the seventh regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 223 (VI-0/76)

SUPPORT FOR THE DELEGATES
TO THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

WHEREAS:

Article 7 of the Organic Statute of the Inter-American Commission of Women, approved by the Fifth Special Assembly of the CIM, held in Washington, D.C., from May 27 to June 7, 1968, provides as follows:

The honoraria, traveling expenses, and other expenses required for the participation of the delegates in the Assemblies and in the other activities of the Commission shall be provided by the respective governments;

The year 1975 was declared "International Women's Year" by the General Assembly of the United Nations in Resolution 3010 (XXVII), approved on December 18, 1972, which was endorsed by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States at its fourth regular session in resolution AG/RES. 161 (IV-0/74) of May 1, 1974; and

The fifth regular session of the General Assembly, on May 19, 1975, approved resolution AG/RES. 182 (V-0/75) "Recognition of Women's Role in the Integral Development of the American Nations" and recognized the absolute need for "increased support for and promotion of the integration of women into all spheres of life in their countries,"

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To stress once again to the governments of the member countries of the Organization of American States the importance of the work being carried out by the Inter-American Commission of Women and the desirability of continuing to contribute to its effectiveness by giving their delegates to the Inter-American Commission of Women full support and the facilities they deem most appropriate, in order that the high purposes of the Commission may be fully accomplished in accordance with the mandates of their Assemblies and of the General Assembly of the Organization.
WHEREAS:

June 29, 1977 will mark the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Inter-American Children's Institute, a specialized organization of the Organization of American States;

The Inter-American Children's Institute has performed useful work in behalf of children, adolescents, youths, and families in the Americas and, therefore, an event that is so important in the life of the Institute as its fiftieth anniversary should be appropriately observed;

The Fifteenth Pan American Child Congress will be held in Montevideo, Uruguay, in 1977, and its provisional agenda contains many topics of great importance in the field of youth work, grouped into what will be the basic theme of the Congress, "Comprehensive protection of minors"; and

The nature of the topics to be covered in the Congress makes it appropriate for the Congress to be declared a Specialized Conference under Article 128 of the Charter,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the governments of the member states that they take any suitable measures for the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Inter-American Children's Institute.

2. To instruct the various organs of the Organization, particularly the General Secretariat, to cooperate to the extent of their authority and capabilities in the celebration of the aforementioned anniversary.

3. To declare the Fifteenth Pan American Child Congress a Specialized Inter-American Conference.

4. To charge the Permanent Council with reviewing the agenda and rules of procedure of this specialized conference, which have been drafted by the Directing Council of the Inter-American Children's Institute, and to submit them to the governments for consideration, pursuant to the provisions of Article 129 of the Charter.
AG/RES. 225 (VI-O/76)

RESTRUCTURING OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the work performed to amend the Charter of the Organization of American States and the preparation of the instruments on collective economic security and cooperation for over-all development; and

CONSIDERING:

That, pursuant to Article 147 of the Charter, a special Assembly must be held to sign the Protocol of Amendment to the Charter;

That the Permanent Council must complete the studies entrusted to it by resolution AG/RES. 178 (V-O/75) of the General Assembly, so that the instruments prepared by that organ may be considered at the special Assembly required for that purpose;

That some member states have expressed views different from those included in the texts so far approved by the Permanent Council, and some have suggested additional ideas for reform of the Organization, which merit consideration; and

That several member states have expressed the opinion that a review of the various texts, proposals, and ideas for reform might be useful in producing general support for a protocol of amendment, prior to convocation of a special General Assembly to amend the Charter,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report presented by the Permanent Council and to thank it for the important work it has performed.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue the work assigned to it in resolution AG/RES. 178 (V-O/75) of the General Assembly, so that the instruments drafted and any other proposal or document presented for its consideration may be sent to the governments, before being submitted to the special Assembly, which shall be convoked in accordance with Article 147 of the Charter and which, pursuant to the decision of the Permanent Council in resolution CP/RES. 168 (247/76) of May 12, 1976, is to be held in Lima on a date to be set by the Permanent Council.
3. To authorize the Permanent Council, should the member states deem it necessary, to convene a meeting of specially designated high-level representatives to review and seek to reconcile different points of view and to submit recommendations to the special General Assembly.
AG/RES. 226 (VI-0/76)

EVALUATION OF THE ACTIONS AND MEASURES ADOPTED TO IMPLEMENT RESOLUTION AG/RES. 200 (V-0/75) "COOPERATION FOR THE DEVELOPING MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE ORGANIZATION MOST SERIOUSLY AFFECTED BY THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION"

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution AG/RES. 200 (V-0/75) of the General Assembly entitled "Cooperation for the developing member countries of the Organization most seriously affected by the present international situation";

Resolution CIES/RES. 104 of the Eleventh Annual Meeting of CIES on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 200 (V-0/75); and

The studies prepared by the Secretariat, following the instructions of the competent agencies, on the situation of the most seriously affected countries (AG/doc.551/75) and on the disposal of surplus basic export products (AG/INF.77/76); and

CONSIDERING:

That some member states are still in a situation that seriously affects their economies as a result of the present international crisis, which is beyond the control of the aforementioned states;

That some of the affected countries have had to meet the critical international economic situation by adopting stabilization policies that have resulted in substantial drops in the levels of domestic activity and employment at great social cost, which the international community should help mitigate;

That, despite the efforts of the organs of the inter-American system and the spirit of cooperation of all the member states in their search for a solution to these problems, the complexity of these has prevented the states from identifying them and adopting specific actions to alleviate them; and

That the international mechanisms available today for dealing with those problems are not entirely adequate,
RESOLVES:

1. To instruct CEPCIES to continue its study of these problems, with a view to the full implementation of resolution AG/RES. 200 of the General Assembly of the OAS, to which end it shall:

   a. Identify and propose specific action that might be undertaken by the member states of the Organization to assist the most seriously affected member countries;

   b. Maintain close and continuing contact with other international organizations that are dealing with similar problems at the world level;

   c. Seek formulas for increasing trade among the member states, particularly in relation to the disposal of surpluses of export products; and

   d. Identify factors that restrict international financing, so as to provide effective assistance to the most seriously affected countries.

2. To urge the member states to cooperate in the effort to establish efficient, flexible, and preferential mechanisms in the regional and international financial organizations in which they are represented, so that they may meet the needs of the most seriously affected countries.

3. To urge the member states to continue to watch for the possible application of protectionist policies by the developed countries and, should the case arise, to express active solidarity with the countries affected by such policies.

4. To entrust CIES, through CEPCIES, with making an in-depth study on the adoption of measures of cooperation among the member states in the field of energy development.
WHEREAS:

Latin America is one of the regions with the largest reserves of natural resources in the world, and their exploitation requires suitable financial mechanisms to expand their production and export;

It is necessary to study means for ensuring adequate investment so that the production and export of these resources may make a suitable contribution to development;

Cooperation for development is a topic of great importance, for the examination of which a special session of the General Assembly has been proposed;

At the sixth regular session of the General Assembly, the Secretary of State of the United States expressed interest in examining proposals for the creation of an effective financial mechanism to develop basic resources in the region; and

It is advisable to study the possibility of creating an inter-American mechanism to promote the financing of natural resource development projects,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct CEPICIES to prepare a study for presentation to CIES on the feasibility and desirability of setting up a financial mechanism to stimulate the production and export of basic resources.

2. To urge CEPICIES, in drawing up the aforementioned study, to consult with, and request the participation of, the Inter-American Development Bank, and take into consideration any suggestion forthcoming from within the Organization or from negotiations on cooperation for development now being conducted in several international forums, including the Conference on International Economic Cooperation in Paris and the Integrated Basic Commodity Program adopted at UNCTAD IV.

3. To request CIES to present a report based on the CEPICIES study for inclusion in the documents to be considered at the special session of the General Assembly that will be convoked on the topic of cooperation for development.
AG/RES. 228 (VI-O/76)

THE SITUATION OF MEDIUM- AND HIGH-INCOME DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL COOPERATION

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the additional capital needs of developing member states, the amounts and characteristics of which are beyond the domestic capacities of each country; and

CONSIDERING:

That, notwithstanding domestic efforts to obtain financial resources from the capital market and the necessary increase of earnings from exports, it is essential to supplement the needs of capital with additional financing, especially through multilateral mechanisms and instruments;

That the granting of multilateral financing to the poorest countries in the world, which is still insufficient, must not prevent the granting of financing to the medium- and high-income developing countries for the carrying out of economic and social programs tending to achieve real integral development; and

That there has been a real decline in official financing to developing member states from the developed states,

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend actions to strengthen the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in both the amount of its resources and the coverage of its operations. In this regard, it is recommended that the IDB should consider the following activities, among others:

   a. Financing of emergency situations arising from certain crises of external origin;

   b. Financing of social and infrastructure works in medium-income countries;

   c. The financing of exports, reserves, and storage installations in the agricultural and food fields; and

   d. The promotion of joint financing schemes for the development and diversification of the industrial sector.
2. To instruct the Secretariat to carry out a study and over-all evaluation of development financing in the medium- and high-income developing member countries, which should include specific recommendations and suggestions.

3. To recommend to the member countries coordinated action in all international forums with the objective of:
   a. Achieving recognition of the special interests of the medium-income developing countries, as regards trade and financial and technical assistance; and
   b. Adopting measures that will contribute to the achievement of an increase in the export of Latin American products, with stable, fair, and remunerative prices, eliminating those actions that impede and restrict access of the products to the developed markets or that are contrary to the necessary liberalization of the international market.

4. To support action programs to enable developing countries to obtain resources in the private capital markets.
WHEREAS:

The evident problems faced by relatively less-developed countries justify the adoption of measures by the inter-American system to compensate for their disadvantageous situation;

Some relatively less-developed countries must also contend with the added handicap of the lack of an outlet to the sea, which makes it necessary for the inter-American system to take appropriate steps to supplement their efforts;

This could be achieved more readily through greater cooperation in an effective program of financial and technical assistance to improve the infrastructure, services, and transit facilities that they require for international trade; and

Some transit facilities already exist, but such measures must be broadened and supplemented through the cooperation of the inter-American system as a whole, of each of its members, and of the appropriate lending and technical assistance agencies;

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To entrust CIES, through CEPCIES, with requesting the international lending agencies to accord priority and preferential treatment to landlocked developing countries of the system, extending credit to them under more flexible terms, and giving them easier access to financing for their infrastructure projects (highways, railroads, ports, and air traffic) and their projects in communications, services, and transit procedures.

2. To entrust CEPCIES with studying the feasibility and desirability of establishing a special fund for landlocked member countries of the Organization.
AG/RES. 230 (VI-0/76)
	
ANNUAL REPORTS OF CIES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

WHEREAS:

The information contained in the annual report of CIES for 1975 is satisfactory, because of its value to the technical offices of the governments;

It is considered, however, that the length, diversity, and detail of the information contained in the CIES reports detract from their usefulness for the purposes of the General Assembly;

The provisions of resolution AG/RES. 171 imply that these reports, year after year, must include abundant information and chapters with background information that can be found in other documents issued by CIES or the General Secretariat, thus involving an unnecessary duplication of effort and expenditure; and

Without prejudice to the type of report that CIES may require of CEPCIES for consideration at its meetings and for use by the governments, it is advisable to provide guidelines concerning the information contained in the report that CIES must present every year to the General Assembly,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To take note, with interest, of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES), which includes the progress report of CIES to the sixth regular session of the General Assembly on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 146 and Appendices B and C, the memorandum from the General Secretariat to CIES on the implementation of resolution CIES/Res. 90 (X-75), "International Women's Year," and the schedule of meetings of CIES and its subsidiary organs for 1976/77.

2. To request CIES to attempt to reduce the size of its annual reports to the General Assembly in the future, so that it transmits to the Assembly only specific, summarized information dealing strictly with the action it considers relevant in the light of the requirements and nature of the work carried out by the General Assembly.
3. To this end, future reports of CIES to the General Assembly should cover only the following subjects:

a. Implementation of mandates from the General Assembly and CIES;

b. Summary of the situation of and prospects for the economic and social development of the member countries and the status of inter-American and international cooperation in relation to those countries - conclusions and recommendations;

c. The various cooperative activities in the economic and social area conducted by other agencies of the OAS and other forms of multi-lateral and bilateral cooperation;

d. List of meetings in the economic and social area, indicating the acronym of the document containing the final report of each of those meetings; and

e. Resolutions and other matters that CIES decides to submit to the General Assembly for consideration, including a budgetary statement whenever necessary.

4. To recommend to CIES that, in preparing the chapters of its report as mentioned above, it seek to make them as brief and concise as possible.

5. To reiterate that it is important that CIES present its annual reports within the deadlines indicated in the pertinent regulations.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolutions AG/RES. 199 (V-0/75) and 201 (V-0/75) of the General Assembly, resolution CP/RES. 131 (150/75) of the Permanent Council, resolutions CIES/Res. 102 (XI-76) and 103 (XI-76) of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, and the report presented by the Permanent Council (AG/doc.676/76) concerning the progress toward amending the Trade Act of 1974 of the United States of America; and

CONSIDERING:

That various organs of the Inter-American system have come to share the concern of the Latin American countries regarding the provisions contained in the Trade Act of 1974, such as those set forth in its clauses 502 (a) (3), 502 (b) (2), 502 (b) (4), 502 (c) (4), 503 (b) (2), 503 (c), and 504 (c), whose application may, in the judgment of those countries, violate fundamental principles and obligations set forth in the Charter of the Organization of American States, especially in articles 19, 34, 37, 40 and 41;

That one of those provisions of the aforementioned act expressly excludes the member countries of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries from the benefits of the Generalized System of Preferences;

That, in application of the clause mentioned in the previous paragraph, and despite the many and unanimous appeals made by different organs of the Organization prior to entry into force of the Trade Act and of the Generalized System of Preferences instituted therein, Ecuador and Venezuela have been excluded from the preferential system;

That, in view of the united stand of the Latin American countries with Ecuador and Venezuela and their steadfast rejection of all forms of pressure and threat, this exclusion continues to be a cause of irritation and friction in the inter-American system, prejudicing the spirit of mutual cooperation foreseen in the Charter of the Organization;

That the member states of the Organization are engaged in restructuring international trade in basic products and raw materials and in stimulating their industrial development through, among other means, the creation of domestic and foreign conditions favorable to exports;
That the resolutions adopted at the Fourth United Nations Conference on Trade and Development open strong prospects for improving the structures of the markets for materials and basic products, whose export is of interest to the developing countries and establishes a promising foundation for international cooperation;

That the Latin American countries have repeatedly expressed their concern that the discretionary powers conferred upon the President of the United States by the Trade Act may be used in a discriminatory and coercive manner; and also their concern over the uncertain stability of the conditions regulating access of their products to the market of the United States of America;

That the Secretary of State of the United States of America, on behalf of the President, reaffirmed before this General Assembly, just as he did before its fifth regular session, his promise to obtain inclusion of Ecuador and Venezuela in the Generalized System of Preferences of the United States of America; and

That the Secretary of State of the United States of America has also declared that it is the policy of his government to give special attention to the concerns of Latin America in all areas in which the Trade Act grants the power of decision to the President,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate its deep concern that the clause excluding Ecuador and Venezuela from the Generalized System of Preferences remains in the Trade Act of 1974 of the United States of America.

2. To express its disappointment that, despite the many earnest appeals made and the pledges received, discrimination against Ecuador and Venezuela persists, and this continues to disturb inter-American relations.

3. To put on record its emphatic request that the legal provision giving rise to this discrimination be amended as promptly as possible, to avoid greater damage to the affected countries.

4. To reaffirm the importance, in observance of the commitments undertaken within the inter-American system and in a spirit of mutual cooperation and regional solidarity, of applying the Trade Act of the United States of America in a manner consistent with the interests and development needs of the Latin American countries.

5. In this respect, to note with Interest the statement made by the Secretary of State of the United States of America on the policy that his government will follow in applying the Trade Act and on its willingness to make improvements in it.

6. To renew the mandate conferred upon the Permanent Council through resolution AG/RES. 199 (V-0/75).
AG/RES. 232 (VI-0/76)

CONVOCATION OF A SPECIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO REVIEW
ALL MATTERS CONCERNING THE TOPIC OF INTER-
AMERICAN COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session,
held on June 17, 1976)

WHEREAS:

Inter-American cooperation for development is a necessary complement
to the domestic efforts of the member states in the field of economic,
social, and cultural progress;

Inter-American cooperation has not yet been fully effective in promoting
the welfare of the people of Latin America to the greatest extent possible;

The Organization of American States must have a united, clear, and
consistent operational policy for guiding the cooperation within the terms
of existing legal instruments;

A review of the inter-American cooperation cannot be delayed, in order
for its maximum potential within the framework of the OAS to be realized
in more effective use of resources, free from discrimination and restric-
tions, so as to achieve more effective and vigorous common action;

Such a review should be made in the light of recent changes in interna-
tional economic relations, especially in the field of cooperation; and

Although there is a relationship between the process of amending the
Charter of the Organization, the Special General Assembly on Inter-American
Cooperation for Development that is being convoked, and the various activ-
ities of cooperation being carried out by the organs of the system, it is
evident that they can be carried out independently,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To convocate a special General Assembly for the specific purpose of
reviewing all matters concerning inter-American cooperation for development
in order to adopt cooperation programs and mechanisms leading to practical,
effective solutions in the light of the provisions of the Charter of the Orga-
nization of American States and other inter-American instruments currently
in force.
2. To instruct the Permanent Council to set the date and place for the special General Assembly and approve its agenda on the basis of the work done by CEPCIES and CEPCIECC. If it deems it desirable, the Permanent Council is authorized to convocate a group of high-level governmental experts, before the aforementioned Assembly, to analyze and evaluate the preparatory work that will make it possible to achieve the objectives set forth in the preceding paragraph.

3. To instruct CEPCIES and CEPCIECC to take the necessary steps, including the convocation of meetings of groups of experts, to develop the topics suitably and prepare the agenda of the Assembly and the pertinent documents therefor.

4. That in drawing up the agenda, special attention should be given to the proposals made during this session of the General Assembly by the delegations of Colombia, Costa Rica, and the United States, as follows: (Documents AG/Com.II/doc.6/76, AG/Com.II/doc.4/76, and AG/Com.II/doc.5/76, respectively), and the following resolutions approved at this session: "Mechanism for financing basic resource development in Latin America" (AG/RES. 227 (VI-0/76); "The situation of medium- and high-income developing countries within the framework of international economic and financial cooperation" (AG/RES. 228 (VI-0/76); "Financial support for landlocked countries of the inter-American system and study on the establishment of a special fund for those countries" (AG/RES. 229 (VI-0/76); and "Technological development" (AG/RES. 233 (VI-0/76).
AG/RES. 233 (VI-0/76)

TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

WHEREAS:

The standard of living and quality of life of the inhabitants of the countries of the region will depend to a growing extent on the manner in which decisions on matters of technology are reached;

The countries of the region, despite efforts to improve their scientific and technical infrastructures, lack the means for strengthening their specialized institutions and for making adequate use of scientific advances for the benefit of their peoples;

In making use of these scientific advances, the region faces many obstacles in the over-all process of technological innovation and adaptation, ranging from the generation of new concepts to their successful application to production, among which marketing and technological transfer are particularly important; and

There is a clear understanding in the region of the role of technology in over-all development and unanimous political will to achieve greater use of knowledge as a tool for progress,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To establish a working group composed of governmental experts for the purpose of studying a program of cooperation in the hemisphere in the creation, adaptation, and transfer of technology.

2. To provide that the aforementioned working group shall take into account the specific proposals made during the course of the present session of the General Assembly, the conclusions of the Specialized Conference on the Application of Science and Technology for the Development of Latin America (CACTAL), the progress achieved in the working group established within the framework of the conferences of Tlatelolco and Washington, the tasks carried out in subregional integration organizations, the programs existing at the world level, and the experience gained in the OAS itself.

3. To further instruct the working group to study, among others, the following points in the preparation of its proposals:
a. The extension and consolidation of the networks of applied research institutes already existing, in order to intensify effective utilization of the knowledge being generated;

b. The creation of new ways of using technology to improve the living conditions of the very poor;

c. The improvement of the scope and quality of the services providing technical information and assistance to production activities in the developing countries, and the undertaking of a significant effort to train technologists and specialists in all phases of technology;

d. The promotion of agreements for the establishment of a network of technological research and development institutions for the purpose of developing and adapting technologies to the countries' needs;

e. The adoption of legislative and administrative measures that will make it possible to regulate the transfer of technology, in accordance with the development objectives and the social and economic policies of the member states;

f. The creation of conditions that will facilitate the use of existing technological capabilities, both public and private, in the economic and social development of the countries, with special emphasis on the horizontal transfer of technology.

4. To instruct the Permanent Council to convoke the aforementioned working group as soon as possible, and to instruct the General Secretariat to provide it with such services as may be necessary. The report of the working group shall be submitted to the governments for their consideration, and subsequently to the Permanent Executive Committees of CIES and of CIRCC, so that these organs can submit their recommendations to the special General Assembly on Cooperation for Development sufficiently in advance.
AC/RES. 234 (VI-O/76)

REVISION AND UPDATING OF INTER-AMERICAN
CONVENTIONS ON INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session,
held on June 17, 1976)

WHEREAS:

In its annual report to the General Assembly the Inter-American
Juridical Committee suggests that another meeting of governmental experts
in industrial property and in technology applied to development (AG/RES.
51 (I-O/71) be convoked;

The governments of eight member states of the Organization have replied
to the questionnaire on industrial property prepared by the intergovernmen­
tal working group that was established by the aforementioned meeting of
governmental Experts; and

The Chairman of the Inter-American Juridical Committee, in a report
presented at the start of the regular meeting of the Committee in January­
February 1976, made the following points, among others: "It would perhaps
be relatively more productive if comments and observations were solicited
from the governments on concrete texts... The principal objective of Res­
olution 51 is that ... 'It is necessary to review and update the inter­
American conventions on industrial property in order to adapt them to legal,
scientific, and technological advances, thus contributing to the develop­
ment of the American countries'... The revision and updating of the inter­
American conventions on industrial property must be carried out by a jurid­
ical organ, such as the Inter-American Juridical Committee" (CP/INF.834/76),

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that it
prepare a draft convention (or conventions) for the revision and updating
of the inter-American conventions on industrial property, for the purpose
of sending them to the governments of the member states for any observa­
tions, comments or suggestions that they consider advisable.

2. To recommend also to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that,
based on these observations, comments, and suggestions, it prepare a new
text of its draft convention or conventions and present it to the General
Assembly, so that the latter may decide on the most suitable procedure for
final approval of the text of a convention (or conventions) on industrial
property.
3. To request the General Secretariat of the Organization to give all necessary assistance to the Inter-American Juridical Committee to enable it to comply as quickly as possible with the mandate conferred upon it in this resolution.
AG/RES. 235 (VI-0/76)

COURSE ON INTERNATIONAL LAW

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session,
held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the annual report of the Inter-American Juridical Com­mittee to the sixth regular session of the General Assembly (AG/doc.629/76),

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate the Committee for organizing and holding the Course on International Law, an activity that has been very useful and important to the member states.

2. To recommend that the General Secretariat study, in keeping with the spirit of operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of resolution AG/RES. 185 (V-0/75), the possibility of providing the necessary funds in the program-budget of the Organization in order to increase the number of fellowship students from the member states in that course, thus enabling each state to send an equal number of fellowship students; and funds, also, for the administra­tion of the course and the publication of the texts of lectures given.
RATIFICATION OF THE CONVENTIONS APPROVED BY THE
FIRST INTER-AMERICAN SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE ON
PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW (CIDIP-I)

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session,
held on June 17, 1976)

WHEREAS:

In its annual report to the General Assembly (AG/doc.629/76), the Inter-American Juridical Committee proposed that the General Assembly recommend to the governments that had not already done so that, as appropriate, they sign and ratify the six conventions approved by the First Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law (CIDIP-I); and

The General Assembly, in the preamble to its resolution AG/RES. 187 (V-O/75), adopted during its fifth regular session, in May 1975, stated that approval of these conventions represents a great success for the inter-American system, which has thereby begun to update the rules of private international law in the Americas,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To urge the governments of the member states of the Organization of American States, if they have not already done so and, as appropriate, to sign and ratify the following six conventions approved by the First Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law (CIDIP-I), held in the City of Panama, Panama, in January, 1975:

a. Inter-American Convention on Conflict of Laws Concerning Bills of Exchange, Promissory Notes, and Invoices;

b. Inter-American Convention on Conflict of Laws Concerning Checks;

c. Inter-American Convention on International Commercial Arbitration;

d. Inter-American Convention on Letters Rogatory;

e. Inter-American Convention on the Taking of Evidence Abroad;

f. Inter-American Convention on the Legal Regime of Powers of Attorney to be Used Abroad.
AG/RES. 237 (VI-0/76)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the annual report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee to the sixth regular session of the General Assembly (AG/doc.629/75 and add. 1), which pertains to the regular meetings of July-August 1975 and January-February 1976,

RESOLVES:

To take note with great interest of the annual report presented by the Inter-American Juridical Committee to the sixth regular session and to thank it for its highly valuable and important work.
AG/RES. 238 (VI-0/76)

STUDY OF A DRAFT INSTRUMENT TO DEFINE VIOLATIONS OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERVENTION (AG/RES. 184 (V-0/75))

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs of the Permanent Council, approved by that Council and presented to the sixth regular session of the General Assembly (AG/doc. 656/76), on resolutions AG/RES. 184 (V-0/75) and AG/RES. 183 (V-0/75), dealing with topics 17 and 18, respectively; and

CONSIDERING:

That the report, in the part pertaining to topic 17, refers to resolution AG/RES. 184 (V-0/75), "Study of a draft instrument to define violations of the principle of nonintervention"; and

That it would be advisable to reiterate the request to the governments of the member states that they present observations on the documents of the Inter-American Juridical Committee on violations of the principle of non-intervention,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Permanent Council on Topic 17, dealing with resolution AG/RES. 184 (V-0/75), presented to the sixth regular session of the General Assembly, and to thank that Council for the information provided.

2. To renew the request to the governments of the member states, set forth in paragraph 3 of Resolution AG/RES. 184 (V-0/75), to the effect that they forward to the General Secretariat, before November 30, 1976, their observations on the documents of the Inter-American Juridical Committee concerning violations of the principle of nonintervention, mentioned in paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 184 (V-0/75).
AG/RES. 239 (VI-0/76)

DRAFT CONVENTION ON EXTRADITION
(AG/RES. 183 (V-0/75)

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Chairman of the Committee on Juridical and Political Affairs of the Permanent Council, approved by that Council and presented to the sixth regular session of the General Assembly (AG/doc.656/76), on resolution AG/RES. 184 (V-0/75) and AG/RES. 183 (V-0/75) dealing with topics 17 and 18, respectively; and

CONSIDERING:

That the aforementioned report, in the part pertaining to Topic 18, refers to resolution AG/RES. 183 (V-0/75) "Draft Convention on Extradition;"

That in that same report it is indicated that several governments of the member states have presented observations on the draft Inter-American Convention on Extradition prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee in 1973;

That it is also indicated that the Inter-American Juridical Committee did not have time to comply with the provisions of operative paragraphs 4 and 5 of the aforementioned resolution AG/RES. 183 (V-0/75); and

That, at its regular meeting in January-February 1976, the Inter-American Juridical Committee decided that, at its next regular meeting, which will begin on July 12, 1976, it would carry out, on a priority basis, the work called for in that resolution,

RESOLVES:

To take note of the report of the Permanent Council on Topic 18, concerning resolution AG/RES. 183 (V-0/75), presented to the sixth regular session of the General Assembly and to thank that Council for the information provided.
AG/RES. 240 (VI-0/76)

INFORMATION ON THE CONSTITUTIONAL EVOLUTION OF THE NONAUTONOMOUS TERRITORIES IN THE AMERICAN HEMISPHERE AND OTHER TERRITORIES IN THE AMERICAS HAVING TIES WITH COUNTRIES OUTSIDE THE HEMISPHERE

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the information document on the constitutional evolution of the nonautonomous territories in the American hemisphere and other territories in the Americas having ties with countries outside the hemisphere, prepared by the General Secretariat in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 191 (V-0/75),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of this information document.

2. To request the General Secretariat to continue to keep the General Assembly informed of any changes that may occur in the constitutional status of the territories mentioned in the information document.

3. To instruct the Preparatory Committee to include this topic on the agenda of the seventh regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 241 (VI-0/76)

TRANSNATIONAL ENTERPRISES

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council (AG/doc.651/76) of May 12, 1976, on resolution CP/RES. 154 (167/75) corr. 1, adopted by that Council on November 7, 1975; and

CONSIDERING:

That, at its fourth regular session, the General Assembly adopted resolution AG/RES. 167 (IV-O/74), whereby it requested the Permanent Council to make an orderly compilation of the studies that the OAS and other international organizations and institutions were making on the nature and legal structure of transnational enterprises, their economic and operational characteristics, and the impact of their activities on the development of the developing countries of the region; and that the Assembly likewise instructed the Council to coordinate the work, receive the relevant documents and studies, and bring them to the attention of the governments with the observations and comments that they deemed pertinent;

That, pursuant to this recommendation, on September 4, 1974, the Permanent Council approved a report (CP/doc.348/74 rev. 1), whereby it recommended a work plan for implementing the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 167 (IV-O/74) and requested the General Secretariat to prepare a series of studies on the subject, some of which have already been presented at this regular session as appendices 1 through 6 to document AG/doc.651/76;

That, subsequently, the Permanent Council adopted resolution CP/RES. 154 (167/75) corr. 1, whereby it agreed to carry out a study on the principles that should govern the activities of transnational enterprises operating in the region, for the purpose of preparing a draft code of conduct to be observed by such enterprises; that, accordingly, it requested the General Committee to study this matter, and that, on May 5, 1976, it approved the report of the General Committee (AG/doc.651/76), wherein it is stressed that it is important that this matter should continue to be considered by the regional Organization, with a view to preparing a code of conduct that will meet the requirements of Latin American countries in this respect and, at the same time, offer firmer bases for good inter-American relations; and
That, furthermore, the Inter-American Juridical Committee, in the exercise of the authority conferred on it by article 106 of the Charter, on February 13, 1976 approved "An Opinion on Transnational Enterprises" (AG/doc.651, add. 5),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the aforementioned report of the Permanent Council and to express its appreciation of the work it has carried out on the matters referred to in resolutions AG/RES. 167 (IV-0/74) and CP/RES. 154 (167/75 corr. 1).

2. To thank also the Inter-American Juridical Committee, for its valuable contribution to the study of this matter.

3. To request the Permanent Council to continue its study on the matters referred to in both the aforementioned resolutions and, in particular, on the principles that will serve as a basis for the preparation of a draft code of conduct.

4. To request the General Secretariat to continue its comparative study of Latin American legislation on the regulation and control of foreign private investment, with special reference to the principles contained therein that may be of use in the preparation of the proposed code of conduct.

5. To request the member states to cooperate in the exchange of information, bilaterally and multilaterally, in order to acquire a better knowledge of the economic, social, and political effects of the operations and practices of transnational enterprises.
AG/RES. 242 (VI-O/76)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the annual report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for 1975, presented to it by the aforementioned Commission AG/doc.652/76); and

CONSIDERING:

That according to that report, on the one hand, progress has been made in some countries in the hemisphere in the area of economic, social, and cultural rights, and on the other, the situation regarding effective observance and protection of civil and political rights, taken as a whole, is not worse than in previous years; and that violence continues to be a tool used by groups or organizations engaged in imposing their own political choices, or by government officials and agents and, consequently, the fundamental rights of life, liberty, and personal security are in constant jeopardy and are frequently violated;

That the protection and safeguarding of human rights is one of the high purposes of the Organization of American States, and the observance of these rights is a source of friendship and solidarity among the member states, guaranteeing respect for human life and the dignity of man,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report and to thank the Commission for the work it has been carrying out.

2. To recommend that the member states, taking into account Part II of the aforementioned report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, continue to adopt and apply the appropriate measures and legislative provisions to protect and fully maintain human rights, in accordance with the "American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man."
AG/RES. 243 (VI-0/76)

SECOND REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS
"THE STATUS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CHILE"

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session,
held on June 17, 1976)

WHEREAS:

This Assembly, at its fifth regular session adopted resolution AG/RES. 190 (V-0/75) operative paragraph 4 of which requested "the Inter-American Commission to secure, by all appropriate means, additional information, to consider that information, and to submit a report on the status of human rights in Chile" to this session of the General Assembly, "ensuring that the Government of Chile has reasonable time to submit its own observations";

The Inter-American Commission on Human Rights submitted its "Second Report on the Status of Human Rights in Chile" (AG/doc.666/76) to this session;

The Government of Chile presented its observations on the aforementioned report, with a note dated May 13, 1976 (AG/doc.667/76);

The conclusions reached in the Commission's report demonstrate that although there has been a "quantitative drop in affronts to certain fundamental human rights," some of the legal provisions aimed at preventing violation of those rights did not have appreciable beneficial effects;

Although both the general and specific observations furnished by the Government of Chile concerning the facts charged in some cases nullify the charges, in others they fail to clarify information received by the Commission on affronts to human rights;

Various delegations have made statements on the subject during the sixth regular session of the General Assembly of the Organization;

The protection and safeguarding of human rights is one of the high purposes of the Organization of American States, and the observance of these rights is a source of friendship and solidarity among the member states, guaranteeing respect for human life and the dignity of man; and

It is the mission of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to promote the observance and protection of human rights in every country of the Americas,
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To make a special appeal to the Government of Chile to continue adopting and implementing the necessary procedures and measures for effectively preserving and ensuring full respect for human rights in Chile.

2. To request the Government of Chile to continue giving the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights all cooperation necessary to carry out its work and, at the same time, provide appropriate guarantees to persons or institutions that may provide information, testimony, or other types of evidence.

3. To express its appreciation to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for its "Second Report on the Status of Human Rights in Chile" and request it to continue considering the status of human rights in that country and to report on this subject to the seventh regular session of the General Assembly in the manner it deems advisable.
MEANS TO PROMOTE RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND TO FACILITATE COOPERATION BY THE MEMBER STATES FOR THAT PURPOSE

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the document containing the note from the Ambassador, Representative of Chile, which proposes the inclusion of the topic "Means to Promote Respect for Human Rights and to Facilitate Cooperation by the Member States for that Purpose" (AG/doc.620/76) and the document presented by the same delegation to the sixth regular session of the General Assembly, entitled "Points to be considered in drawing up a draft resolution regarding the 'Means to Promote Respect for Human Rights and to Facilitate Cooperation by the Member States for that Purpose'" (AG/Com.I/doc.2/76); and

CONSIDERING:

That during the course of this Assembly other delegations proposed actions relating to the same topic,

RESOLVES:

1. To refer the aforementioned documents and background material to the Permanent Council of the Organization for study, and to request the Council to inform the General Assembly, at its seventh regular session, of the results of this study,

2. To request the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to submit to the Permanent Council, for this purpose, its observations on the documents mentioned in this resolution.
AG/RES. 245 (VI-O/76)

AMENDMENT OF THE STATUTES OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(Resolution adopted at the fourth plenary session, held on June 17, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the document entitled "Report of the Committee on Regulations and Procedure regarding Amendment of the Statutes of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States" (AG/doc.664/76) and the text drawn up by the working group of the First Committee, which contains amendments to articles 3 and 4 of the Statutes of the Permanent Council of the Organization,

RESOLVES:

To amend the texts of articles 3 and 4 of the Statutes of the Permanent Council of the Organization to read as follows:

Article 3 - The government of each member state shall inform the Permanent Council of the appointment of its representative; it shall also inform it, either directly or through the latter, of the appointment of alternate representatives and advisers, and when appropriate, of the interim representative.

Article 4 - The order of precedence of the representatives and of the interim representatives shall be determined according to the dates on which they present their credentials to the Chairman of the Council. The General Secretariat of the Organization shall maintain a roster of the missions, in which the aforementioned order of precedence shall be set forth.

The order of precedence of alternate representatives shall be determined according to the order of receipt in the General Secretariat of the communication of their appointment.
AG/RES. 246 (VI-0/76)

EXAMINATION OF THE REPORTS OF THE ORGANS, AGENCIES, AND ENTITIES

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council (AG/doc.663/76) on compliance with operative paragraph 3 of resolution AG/RES. 168 (IV-0/74), regarding examination of the reports of the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization, in the light of the standards established in AG/RES. 171 (IV-0/74); and,

CONSIDERING:

That, in resolution AG/RES. 146 (IV-0/74), it was indicated to all organs of the OAS that they should present "a progress report on the measures adopted for fulfillment of the policies and recommendations contained in this resolution and on the results achieved";

That, in resolution AG/RES. 171 (IV-0/74), it was recommended that the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization include "in their annual reports to the General Assembly, in general terms and in summarized form" the points listed therein;

That, in resolution AG/RES. 208 (V-0/75), the Assembly reiterated its instruction to the organs of the OAS to present the progress reports mentioned in operative paragraph 5 of resolution AG/RES. 146 to each regular session; and

That, in compliance with the mandate contained in resolution AG/RES. 168 (IV-0/74), the Permanent Council examined the reports of the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization and made general and specific recommendations thereon,

RESOLVES:

1. To request those organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization that have not complied with the aforementioned resolutions regarding the preparation of their reports to do so beginning next year.

2. To instruct the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization to provide full information on the budgetary implications of any new programs recommended in their reports.
3. To instruct the General Secretariat to send to the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization copies of this resolution and of document AG/doc.663/76, so that they may follow the recommendations and final conclusions pertaining particularly to their respective reports.
AG/RES. 247 (VI-0/76)

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMERGENCY FUND FOR RETIRED STAFF MEMBERS WITH FIXED-TERM PENSIONS

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Operative paragraph 3 of resolution CP/RES. 173 (196/76) of the Permanent Council, concerning the situation of retired staff members with fixed-term pensions; and

The report of the Permanent Council on this subject (AG/doc.665/76); and

CONSIDERING:

That fixed-term pensions have not provided the assistance originally contemplated in the Staff Retirement and Pension Plan of the OAS; and

That, in the United Nations, an emergency fund of a special nature was established for the purpose of providing financial aid to retired staff members in cases of great hardship;

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Permanent Council on this subject (AG/doc.665/76).

2. To charge the Permanent Council with studying the establishment of an emergency fund, adoption of its rules of procedure, and determination of its sources of financing and, as soon as the necessary studies are concluded, with putting this fund into operation.

3. In the event of any special assistance given by the Permanent Council prior to this, to allow the Council to continue such assistance until it adopts the pertinent rules for the emergency fund.

4. To suspend application of the provisions contained in paragraph 5.D.2 of Section VI of the present Retirement and Pension Plan for the Members of the Staff of the Pan American Union.
AG/RES. 243 (VI-0/76)

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 64 OF THE GENERAL STANDARDS TO GOVERN THE OPERATIONS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The note dated November 6, 1975, sent by the Secretary General of the Organization to the Chairman of the Permanent Council, requesting amendment of Article 64 of the General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat; and

Resolution CP/RES. 179 (241/76), adopted by the Permanent Council, concerning the "request that the General Assembly consider the amendment to Article 64 of the General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat"; and

CONSIDERING:

That in operative paragraph 2 of its resolution AG/RES. 123 (III-0/73), the General Assembly instructed the Permanent Council to report on the implementation of the General Standards and to propose any amendment that it deemed necessary; and

That the Permanent Council, through the aforementioned resolution CP/RES. 179 (241/76), recommended amendment of Article 64 of the General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat, in order to bring the fiscal period of the Organization in line with that of most of the member states, which corresponds to the calendar year,

RESOLVES:

1. To amend Article 64 of the General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat, to read:

"The program-budget of the Organization is biennial, and the fiscal period runs from January 1 through December 31 of the subsequent year. The quotas for the Regular Fund and the voluntary contributions to the multilateral special 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 fiscal period and shall be audited by external auditors."

2. To instruct the General Secretariat to make the necessary arrangements for putting into effect the change in the fiscal period as of January 1, 1978, and to submit the corresponding work schedule to the Permanent Council for approval within ninety days after the beginning of the fiscal period 1976/78.
AG/RES. 249 (VI-0/76)

SUSPENSION OF ARTICLE 17.b OF THE GENERAL STANDARDS

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Article 17.b of the General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat (AG/RES. 123 (III-0/73); and

Rule 110.6 (i) of the Staff Rules of the General Secretariat; and

CONSIDERING:

That the aforementioned provisions of the General Standards and the Staff Rules grant bumping rights and other preferential treatment, by virtue of their seniority, to staff members affected by reductions in personnel;

That some organs of the Organization have expressed great concern that these provisions are detrimental to the efficient management of the personnel resources of the General Secretariat,

RESOLVES:

1. To suspend application of Article 17.b of the General Standards.

2. To instruct the Secretary General to suspend, also, any staff rules that run counter to the provision contained in the preceding paragraph.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the "Revision of the Staff Retirement and Pension Plan of the Organization of American States" (AG/doc.661/76); and

CONSIDERING:

Resolution AG/RES. 118 (III-0/73), whereby the General Assembly instructed the Permanent Council to continue revising the Staff Retirement and Pension Plan of the Organization, authorized the Permanent Council to put the revised statutes into effect, and requested it to inform the General Assembly thereon at its fourth regular session;

Resolution CP/RES. 112 (122/74), whereby the Permanent Council reported to the General Assembly at its fourth regular session that the complexity of the matter and the little time available had prevented the Council from finishing its revision of the statutes in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 118 (III-0/73);

Resolution AG/RES. 153 (IV-0/74), whereby the General Assembly instructed the Permanent Council to continue revising the Staff Retirement and Pension Plan of the Organization and to report on the matter at the fifth regular session; and

Resolution CP/RES. 139 (156/75), whereby the Permanent Council informed the General Assembly at its fifth regular session of the reasons why it was unable to finish the work entrusted to it,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Permanent Council (AG/doc.661/76) and to express its appreciation to the Council for the work it is doing on the matter referred to in resolution AG/RES. 118 (III-0/73).

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue revising the Staff Retirement and Pension Plan under the terms of resolution AG/RES. 118 (III-0/73).

3. To indicate that the philosophy, direction, and purpose behind the revision of the Staff Retirement and Pension Plan should be aimed at its conversion into a social security system;
4. To instruct the Permanent Council to keep the actuarial balance of the Staff Retirement and Pension Fund constantly in mind in revising the Plan.

5. To note its particular satisfaction with the orientation taken in the preliminary draft statutes of the Staff Retirement and Pension Fund of the OAS with respect to benefits for personnel on fixed-term and temporary contracts.

6. To request the Permanent Council to present a report on the matter to the General Assembly at its seventh regular session.
AG/RES. 251 (VI-0/76)

BASES OF FINANCING OF THE PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution CP/RES. 187 (247/76), adopted by the Permanent Council, concerning the "Bases of Financing of the Program-Budget of the Organization"; and

The report of the General Committee on the same subject (CP/doc.553/76); and

CONSIDERING:

That the General Assembly, through operative paragraph 4 of its resolution AG/RES. 209 (V-0/75), requested the Permanent Council to present to the sixth regular session the results of the studies entrusted to it by operative paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 119 (III-0/73), taking into account, among other things, the points of view of the member states; and

That the Permanent Council, in its resolution CP/RES. 187 (247/76), explains that its heavy work load in connection with the amendments to the Charter and the reports approved by CEESI has prevented it from studying this matter with the attention it deserves,

RESOLVES:

To suggest to the Permanent Council that it would be advisable for it to complete its study on the bases of financing of the program-budget of the Organization, and to present a report on the matter to the General Assembly at its seventh regular session.
AG/RES. 252 (VI-0/76)

PURCHASE OPTION ON A BUILDING TO HOUSE THE OFFICES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT AT HEADQUARTERS

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN document AG/doc.625/75 "Purchase option on a building to house the offices of the General Secretariat at headquarters" - CP/RES. 177 (233/76); and

CONSIDERING:

That the General Secretariat, in having to rent space to house its offices, is not benefiting from its tax exempt status, which results in considerably higher quotas for the member states of the Organization; and

That the General Secretariat, exercising the authorization given to it in the resolution of the Permanent Council (CP/RES. 177), dated March 17, 1976, decided to accept the offer made by Merrill, Lynch and Associates to provide total financing, construction, and management of the building,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse the decision of the Permanent Council that the Secretary General should conclude a contract to lease, with option to buy, the property referred to in Permanent Council resolution CP/RES. 177 (233/76), consisting of a 200,000 sq. ft. building, and to authorize the Secretary General to exercise this option to buy before September 30, 1976. The purchase would be for an amount not to exceed $17,000,000, of which a maximum of $4,000,000 would be requested from the member states, to be paid when the building is occupied in January 1979. This amount may be increased, if the Permanent Council decides it is economical and appropriate to increase the size of the building to be constructed to 300,000 sq. ft.

2. To authorize the Secretary General to accept the inclusion in the contract to lease with option to buy, mentioned in the preceding paragraph, of a binding clause agreeing to submit to compulsory arbitration any disputes that might arise on the interpretation or implementation of the contract.

3. To request the Secretary General to inform the Permanent Council in advance should application of the previous paragraph prove necessary.
AG/RES. 253 (VI-0/76)

FINANCIAL REPORTS OF THE ORGANIZATION

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The report of the Secretary General on the financial condition of the Organization (AG/doc.648/76); and

The financial statements and report of Price Waterhouse & Co., External Auditors, as of June 30, 1975 (AG/doc.627/76),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Secretary General on the financial condition of the Organization (AG/doc.648/76) and of the financial statements and report of Price Waterhouse & Co. (AG/doc.627/76).

2. To instruct the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters to study the report of the Secretary General and present any observations and recommendations it deems pertinent to the Permanent Council.

3. To instruct the Board of External Auditors of the Organization to examine the financial statements and report of Price Waterhouse & Co. (AG/doc.627/76) and present its observations and recommendations to the Permanent Council.
AG/RES. 254 (VI-0/76)

APPLICATION OF THE 15% CONTRIBUTION FROM VOLUNTARY FUNDS

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-273/76, which requests that the 15% deducted from the CIECC voluntary funds, in application of Article 87 of the General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat, be applied fully to the programming part of the area; and

CONSIDERING:

That the funds for the programs are already budgeted for the year 1976/77;

That the application of resolution CIECC-273/76 has budgetary implications in the Regular Fund affecting the amount of the quotas of the member states for this fund; and

That, due to lack of time, the Subcommittee on Program and Budget of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly could not make an in-depth study of the matter,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Permanent Council to carry out an in-depth study of resolution CIECC-273/76 and on the effects of its application on the amount of the quotas of the member states for the Regular Fund, and to present the study to the General Assembly for consideration at its seventh regular session.
AG/RES. 255 (VI-0/76)

HOLDING OF A SPECIAL SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO CONSIDER THE TOPIC OF
"INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT"

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session,
held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution AG/RES. 232 (VI-0/76), adopted at this session
of the General Assembly, with regard to the holding of a special session
of the Assembly to consider the topic of "Inter-American Cooperation for
Development"; and

CONSIDERING:

That no decision has yet been made as to the date, place, and duration
of this special session of the General Assembly;

That, consequently, the General Secretariat will not be in a position
to submit a proposed budget that will reflect the real costs of holding
this session of the General Assembly until the points mentioned in the
preceding paragraph are decided; and

That, prior to the special session of the Assembly, there will prob­
ably be a meeting of experts, the costs of which it has not been possible
to determine, for the same reasons,

RESOLVES:

1. To entrust the Permanent Council with deciding on the method of
financing the special session of the General Assembly on the topic of
"Inter-American Cooperation for Development," as soon as a detailed bud­
get for the session is presented and its date, place, and duration are
decided upon.

2. To entrust the Permanent Council, also, with deciding on the
method of financing the meeting of experts mentioned in the last para­
graph of the preamble of this resolution, once the date, place, and dura­
tion of that meeting are known.
AG/RES. 256 (VI-0/76)

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES 65 AND 68 OF
THE GENERAL STANDARDS

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session,
held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN articles 65.d and 68.d of the General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat (AG/RES. 123 (III-0/73); and

CONSIDERING:

That the aforementioned articles of the General Standards provide that, when submitting the program-budget of the Organization, the General Secretariat should include estimates of costs for the following two biennia; and

That the various organs of the Organization, after consideration of the proposed program-budget for 1976/78, have indicated that the above-mentioned cost estimates are of little value for purposes of analysis,

RESOLVES:

1. To amend Article 65.d of the General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat to read as follows:

"d. Indicate the comparative relation with the cost of the programs, projects, and services of the preceding fiscal period."

2. To amend Article 68.d of the General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat to read as follows:

"d. A comparison, by class, of personnel posts approved in the program-budget of the preceding fiscal period."
AG/RES. 257 (VI-0/76)

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES 16 AND 51 OF THE GENERAL STANDARDS

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

WHEREAS:

The nature and purpose of the international career service have undergone considerable change over recent years, with the increase of direct developmental services to the member states, and numerous international organizations are reviewing the structure of the career service and adopting systems based primarily on fixed-term contracts and temporary consultants; and

It is therefore desirable to undertake a thorough study for the purpose of developing a modern and efficient personnel system and, in the meantime, certain changes should be made in the chapter on personnel in the General Standards to govern the operations of the General Secretariat;

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat to prepare a detailed study regarding the nature and functions of the career service in the light of the objectives mentioned, and submit it to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters. The Committee shall refer this study to the Permanent Council, along with its recommendations, so that the latter may submit a report on the subject, with its observations, to the seventh regular session of the General Assembly.

2. To replace the present text of Article 16.d by the wording given below in the right-hand column.

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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.

3. To add a new paragraph to Article 51, as follows:

**Present text**

**Article 51**

The Secretary General is empowered to terminate the appointment of a staff member:

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 Articles 17.b and 38 of these standards;

**New subparagraph**

**Article 51**

The Secretary General is empowered to terminate the appointment of a staff member:

f. When, in consultation with the Assistant Secretary General, the Executive Secretaries, Assistant Secretaries, and the staff member's immediate supervisor, it is considered to be in the best interests of the
c. When his services are not fully 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.

Organization. In this case, the staff member concerned shall have the right to be heard by the Secretary General and shall be entitled to all the benefits and indemnities to which he would be entitled had his services been terminated for any of the other reasons specified in this article.
AG/RES. 258 (VI-0/76)

PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION 1976/78 AND QUOTAS 1976/77

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The proposed program-budget of the Organization 1976/78 and quotas for 1976/77, presented by the Secretary General;

Resolution CIES/Resolution/107 (XI-76), by which the program-budget for the Economic and Social Area was adopted; the observations and recommendations of Committee II of the XI Annual Meeting of CIES (doc.CIES/3185 rev. 2), and the observations and recommendations of CEPCIES on the program-budget made during its IX regular meeting (doc.CIES/3138 and CIES/3151);

The resolutions of the VII Regular Meeting of CIECC on adoption of the program-budget for the Area of Education, Science, and Culture, CIECC-271/76, and CIECC-273/76; the observations and recommendations of the III Special Meeting of CEPCIECC (doc.296 rev. 1 and 273 rev. 2); and the note dated May 3, 1976, sent to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee by the Executive Secretary for Education, Science, and Culture; and

The Report of the Preparatory Committee on the Program-Budget of the Organization 1976/78 (AG/doc.662/76 corr. 1); and

CONSIDERING:

That at the XI Annual Meeting of CIES, pledges of contributions were received for the Special Development Assistance Fund (SDAF) in the amount of $7,903,610, and for the Inter-American Export Promotion Center Fund (CIFE) in the amount of $634,004, to finance the pertinent parts of the program-budget of the Organization in the sphere of competence of CIES during the year 1976/77 of the biennium 1976/78;

That, at the VII Regular Meeting of CIECC and at the III Special Meeting of CEPCIECC, pledges of contributions were received for the Multilateral Special Fund of CIECC (FEMCIECC) in the amount of $10,905,078, and for the Mar del Plata Account and the Special Account for Culture in the amounts of $5,839,391 and $544,953, respectively, to finance the pertinent parts of the program-budget of the Organization in the sphere of competence of CIECC during the year 1976/77 of the biennium 1976/78; and
That, in accordance with Article 58.(b) of the Charter of the Organization, the Preparatory Committee examined the proposed program-budget for 1976/78 presented by the Secretary General, in consultation with CIES and CIECC, and made the observations, suggestions for change, and recommendations contained in its report to the General Assembly (AG/doc.662/76 corr. 1),

RESOLVES:

I. FINANCING OF THE PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION

1. To approve—with the changes and observations presented by the Fourth Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters (AG/doc.738/76 rev. 1)—the program-budget of the Organization of American States for the fiscal period between July 1, 1976, and June 30, 1978, financed by the following funds: (a) Regular; (b) Special Development Assistance Fund; (c) Inter-American Export Promotion Center Fund; (d) Special Multilateral Fund of CIECC; (e) Mar del Plata Account, and (f) Special Account for Culture, for a total amount of $156,731,700, in accordance with Table A on total appropriations. For the first year, 1976/77, the total appropriations approved amount to $70,669,700: $42,097,200 in the Regular Fund, $10,588,700 in the SDAF, $799,400 in CIE, $10,800,000 in the FEMCIECC, $5,839,400 in the Mar del Plata Account, and $545,000 in the Special Account for Culture, in accordance with Table B on total appropriations.

2. To establish the quotas whereby the governments of the member states will finance the program-budget of the Organization for 1976/78, as regards the activities covered by the Regular Fund and in accordance with the resolution of the OAS Council dated December 21, 1949, and the decision of January 18, 1955 (doc.C-1-29) on reimbursement of income taxes, in the amounts set forth below: (Table C).
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**TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS**

- Estimated income, revolving fund of Publications and Conferences

**APPROPRIATION FOR PROGRAMS**

- Contribution for Technical Supervision and Administrative Support

**GROSS APPROPRIATION**

- Staff Turn-over Adjustment

**NET APPROPRIATION (Operative B)**

- Reimbursement for Technical Supervision and Administrative Support

- Other reimbursements:
  - Retirement and Pension Fund
  - Leo S. Rowe Pan American Fund

**BUDGET SUBJECT TO QUOTAS AND CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Income Tax Reimbursement**

**TOTAL**
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1. Amounts assessed by this country on personnel of the OAS for Income Tax.
2. This amount will be repaid to this country through the payment of the Income Tax of the personnel subject to that tax.
3. Estimated amount; other member states are credited for lack of adequate information at this time.
4. This quote appears only for purposes of establishing the percentage distribution by member states.
3. To authorize the financing of the Program-Budget of the Organization for the biennium 1976/78 as follows:

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II. BUDGETARY PROVISIONS

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

1. Estimate of quotas and pledges of contributions needed to finance the second year of the biennium in accordance with the appropriations foreseen to date. These appropriations will have to be adjusted on the basis of the quotas that may be set and the pledges received at the meetings of the respective Councils.
a. To transfer funds among the chapters of the program-budget not to exceed 5% of the total allocated to the chapter from which the funds are taken or the chapter that receives them, and provided this does not involve eliminating or substantially changing any approved program. In the event that a transfer would exceed the aforementioned 5 percent, the Secretary General shall obtain prior authorization from the Permanent Council of the Organization.

The Secretary General shall inform the Permanent Council at least every quarter of all transfers made in accordance with this provision, and provide reasons justifying the transfers.

b. To deposit in the Working Capital Subfund, in accordance with the pertinent articles of the Charter and of the General Standards in force, the following amounts:

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

ii. Miscellaneous income.

c. To transfer during the biennium up to $100,000 from the Working Capital Subfund to meet increased printing costs, replacement of stocks of publications, and increases in runs of periodical publications. It is understood that this amount shall be reimbursed to the Subfund through the deposit of income derived from the sale of publications, and that a report in this regard shall be rendered in the corresponding financial statements.

5. To reaffirm the principle that, in matters related to the administration of various objects of expenditure, the Secretary General and the officials having administrative powers in this regard shall apply uniform criteria in all organs, subsidiary organs, agencies, and other entities whose expenses are included in the program-budget of the Organization. This practice shall extend to the fees and per diem allowances paid to members of committees entitled to such compensations.

6. To reiterate to the organs, subsidiary organs, agencies, and other entities of the Organization the request that they stabilize the budgetary levels they recommend through consolidation of programs, elimination of relatively low priority ones, or replacement of those that have fulfilled their objectives; or that they focus their action increasingly toward the provision of direct services to the member states, in order to avoid submission of proposals for adoption of programs and approval of the program-budget of the Organization that involve large increases in expenditures.

7. To remind all organs of the OAS of the provisions of Article 79 of the General Standards to the effect that they must bear in mind the budgetary implications of any such decision that they may be considering.
8. To reiterate to the General Secretariat that it must comply strictly with resolution AG/RES. 41 (I-0/71), to the effect that the program-budget of the Organization presented must not exceed 10 percent of the amount budgeted for the previous year.

9. Not to add to the amounts subject to quotas any sum to be reimbursed to the Working Capital Subfund of the Regular Fund, until the Permanent Council studies the application of Article 86.b of the General Standards and reports on the matter to the General Assembly at its seventh regular session.

10. To maintain the principle of parity with the United Nations in the salaries of the OAS staff members at headquarters and in the field. To that effect, the General Assembly instructs the Secretary General to implement the new salary scales for General Services staff members, effective July 1, 1976. In the case of professional category staff members, to update the post adjustment factors to the levels at present in effect in the United Nations as of October 1, 1976.

11. To authorize the Secretary General to cover the cost of the indemnities to be paid by virtue of the resolution on "Suspension of Article 17.b of the General Standards" (AG/doc.685/76) with the funds provided in the Termination of Services account, and also the salaries that the staff members shall be entitled to until their last day of work.

12. To authorize the Secretary General to use the 1974/76 unobligated appropriations of the Mar del Plata Account during the 1976/78 biennium, beginning July 1, 1976.
AG/RES. 259 (VI-0/76)

ADVANCES OWED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN EMERGENCY AID FUND (FONDEM) TO THE WORKING CAPITAL SUBFUND OF THE REGULAR FUND

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the note dated May 21, 1976, addressed to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly by the Secretary General of the Organization, referring to the availability of funds of FONDEM and of the Working Capital Subfund (AG/doc. 673/76); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Preparatory Committee considered this document at the meeting held on May 27, 1976, and agreed to submit it to the General Assembly at its sixth regular session (AG/doc.673/76);

That the contributions of the member states to FONDEM now total $66,134, whereas the total amount advanced is $1,082,200, which leaves FONDEM with a debit balance of $1,016,066 to the Working Capital Subfund, a debt it is unable to pay; and

That the Working Capital Subfund shows a liquidity larger than is really the case, by a margin of that same sum of $1,016,066, corresponding to the sum owed by FONDEM,

RESOLVES:

1. To write off the FONDEM debt of $1,016,066 to the Working Capital Subfund, and to delete from the books of the latter the corresponding account receivable, before June 30, 1976.

2. To entrust the Permanent Council with carrying out a thorough study of the objectives, operation, and financing of FONDEM, taking into account its operative capacity and present procedures, and also the role that it will play in future efforts to alleviate the consequences of disasters. This study must include a full review of the role of FONDEM in the aforementioned efforts.
PAYMENT OF A COST-OF-LIVING INCREASE TO RETIRED STAFF MEMBERS

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the note dated May 17, 1976, addressed to the Chairman of the Permanent Council by the acting Chairman of the Retirement and Pension Fund Committee of the General Secretariat on the payment of cost-of-living increase to retired staff members (AG/doc.572/76); and

CONSIDERING:

The guidelines adopted in this matter by the fourth regular session of the General Assembly in approving the report of the rapporteur of the Fourth Committee, and the advisability of clarifying the nature of the financing for expenditures under this item,

RESOLVES:

1. To establish that costs resulting from adjustments in the pensions of retired staff members due to rises in the cost-of-living and in health and life insurance should not be considered as administrative expenses.

2. To determine that both types of expenses shall be absorbed by the Retirement and Pension Fund, if the appropriate Committee should decide to continue the practice of granting the aforementioned increases.

3. To suspend the application of Section VI.6.B of the Retirement and Pension Plan for members of the staff of the Pan American Union.
REQUEST TO INCREASE THE LEVEL OF
FEMCIECC APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL PERIOD 1974/76

(Resolution adopted at the fifth plenary session,
 held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN Resolution CIECC-272/76 and the decision taken at the third special meeting of CEPCIECC, in which it is requested that the level of appropriations for FEMCIECC for 1974/76 be increased by $250,000 (AG/doc.637/76 add. 3), and the recommendation made by the Third Committee "Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Matters"; and

CONSIDERING:

That the eleventh and twelfth regular meetings of CEPCIECC approved projects of special importance for the OAS member states in the area of education, science, and culture, which cannot be carried out for lack of the necessary appropriations; and

That, at its third special meeting, CEPCIECC approved a project presented by the Delegation of Guatemala in the educational sector for the solution of some of the problems that have arisen in this field as a result of the earthquake that took place in that country on February 4, 1976,

RESOLVES:

To authorize the General Secretariat to increase the level of appropriations for FEMCIECC for the 1974/76 biennium by up to $250,000 for the purpose of carrying out the projects that have not been started for lack of funds and the project presented to the Regional Educational Development Program (PREDE) by Guatemala, in accordance with the procedures established in Article 73 of the General Standards.
AG/RES. 262 (VI-0/76)

VOTE OF APPRECIATION TO THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE

(Resolution adopted at the closing session,
  held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To express its deep appreciation to the Government of Chile for its
generous and friendly hospitality and for the constant support it has
given for the success of the sixth regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 263 (VI-0/76)

VOTE OF APPRECIATION TO THE PRESIDENT
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AND TO THE HOST COUNTRY STAFF

(Resolution adopted at the closing session,
held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To express its deep appreciation to Vice Admiral Patricio Carvajal,
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Chile and President of the General Assembly,
for his efficient, impartial, and intelligent direction of the work of the
General Assembly.

2. To extend its appreciation to the entire staff provided by the
Government of Chile, which has worked so efficiently in all the services
rendered to the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 264 (VI-0/76)

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE INFORMATION SERVICES

(Resolution adopted at the closing session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To extend a vote of thanks to the representatives of the press, radio, and television, both national and international, for the valuable work they performed in keeping the public informed of the work and results of the sixth regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 265 (VI-0/76)

VOTE OF THANKS TO THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF
THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(Resolution adopted at the closing session, held on June 18, 1976)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To thank Mr. Alejandro Orfila, Secretary General of the Organization of American States; Dr. Jorge Luis Zelaya Coronado, Assistant Secretary General of the Organization; and all the staff of the General Secretariat for the valuable work they performed during the sixth regular session of the General Assembly.