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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held November 16, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Children's Institute (AG/doc.1768/84); and

CONSIDERING:

That one of the most significant tasks and a task in accordance with the aims of the Inter-American system is coping with the problems of motherhood, childhood, adolescence, and the family;

That the Inter-American Children's Institute is responsible for these important missions, which it performs through five technical units: Special and Early Education, Health and Drug Dependency, Legal and Social Affairs, Statistics and Data Processing, Civil Registry, and Vital Statistics; and

That the work being carried out by the Inter-American Children's Institute in areas that are so highly sensitive for the lives of the peoples making up the Inter-American system must be considered highly satisfactory,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note with interest of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Children's Institute; and

2. To express its appreciation to and congratulate that Institute on the serious and significant work it performs on the problems of motherhood, childhood, adolescence, and the family.
AG/RES. 689 (XIV-0/84)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN INSTITUTE

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on November 16, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Indian Institute (AG/doc.1771/84); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Ninth Inter-American Indian Congress, the supreme governing body for Indian affairs, to be held in Santa Fe, New Mexico, United States, from October 29 through November 2, 1985, is of singular importance to the Indian cause in the hemisphere and that consequently it is important that the member states be represented there by their respective delegations as an endorsement of the policies and strategies carried out by the Institute;

That the ninth regular session of the General Assembly, through resolutions AG/RES. 424 (IX-0/79) and AG/RES. 425 (IX-0/79), respectively, approved the "Five-Year Inter-American Indian Action Plan" and suggested the establishment of a Multilateral Fund to Support the Five-Year Inter-American Indian Action Plan;

That the aforementioned Fund began its activities in 1981 by supporting several projects of benefit to the Indian populations and that its mandate will end in 1985; although in view of the magnitude of the objectives of the Plan, its mandate should be extended for an additional similar period; and

That the General Assembly, in the face of the critical economic and financial crisis the member states are experiencing, through resolution AG/RES. 684 (XIII-0/83) suggested that contributions to the Multilateral Fund to Support the Five-Year Plan for Inter-American Indian Action be made in local currencies, and that no pledges have been received by the Indian Institute to date,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with interest the Annual Report of the Inter-American Indian Institute and to congratulate the Institute for the important work it is performing.

2. To urge the member states to participate actively in the Ninth Inter-American Indian Congress, which will be held in 1985.
3. To postpone until the fifteenth regular session of the General Assembly the decision regarding the recommendation to extend the term of the Five-Year Indian Action Plan.

4. To urge the member states that have not already done so to make their voluntary contributions to the Multilateral Fund to support the Five-year Action Plan in national currency, so that the Inter-American Indian Institute can carry out the specific plans and projects of the Five-Year Plan.
AG/RES. 690 (XIV-0/84)

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

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on November 16, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) for 1983 and the summary of activities carried out during the first half of 1984 (AG/doc.1777/84); and

CONSIDERING:

That in conformity with the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 647 (XIII-0/83), that report was supplemented by updated information on the activities for which the Council is responsible;

That, in compliance with the provisions of resolution CIECC-560/82, CEPCIECC considered and approved that report at its Twenty-ninth Regular Meeting and submitted it for consideration by this General Assembly; and

That the Permanent Council, in compliance with the provisions in effect, also studied that report,

RESOLVES:

To take note with satisfaction of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) for 1983 and the summary of activities carried out during the first half of 1984 (AG/doc.1777/84)
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-667/84, adopted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting; and

CONSIDERING:

The repeated expressions of support by the member states for the fellowship programs of the Organization and the recognized need to increase the training opportunities being offered by them; and

That the Program-Budget of the Organization for the biennium 1984-1985 contains total appropriations of US$9,345,100 for PRA, SPECAF, and other fellowships (AG/RES.652 (XIII-0/83),

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Secretary General that the amounts he requests for PRA and SPECAF fellowships in the Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization for the biennium 1986-87 be determined on the basis of the appropriations approved for those items during the biennium 1984-85, plus the additional appropriations made possible during that biennium through the savings resulting from the reorganization of the General Secretariat, and taking into account the increase in the cost of those fellowships.

2. To request the General Secretariat to do everything in its power to increase the resources from external sources for the fellowship program.
AG/RES. 692 (XIV-0/84)

PLAN OF ACTION FOR THE CIECC AREA

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on November 16, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-669/84, adopted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the progress achieved by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) in the preparation of the Plan of Action in its area of competence.

2. To note further that CIECC has approved the guidelines for a Plan of Action contained in the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of CEPCIECC (CIECC/doc.886/84, add. 1).

3. To urge CIECC and the Permanente Executive Committee of CIECC (CEPCIECC) to continue their work and complete it as soon as possible.
AG/RES. 693 (XIV-0/84)

EDUCATION FOR WOMEN BY THE YEAR 2000

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on November 16, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-678/84, adopted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting; and

CONSIDERING:

That the activities of the Decade of Women 1976-1985 under the Regional Plan of Action approved in 1976 are drawing to a close;

That one of the aims of the Decade during its second five-year period is the Education of women; and

That a great number of illiterate women still exist in the region and that it is essential to intensify actions in the field of literacy training in order to correct existing discriminatory situations,

RESOLVES:

To take note of the decision adopted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) in resolution CIECC-678/84 to instruct the General Secretariat to include recommendations on "Education for Women by the Year 2000" in its regional programming for the biennium 1986-1987 in coordination with the Permanent Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission of Women and to report to the next regular meeting of CIECC on the measures adopted.
AG/RES. 694 (XIV-0/84)

MUSEUM OF MODERN ART OF LATIN AMERICA

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on November 16, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-694/84, adopted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting; and

CONSIDERING:

That the General Assembly, in resolution AG/RES. 651 (XIII-0/83), instructed the Permanent Executive Committee of CIECC (CEPCIECC) to prepare a study on the legal, economic, administrative, and programming implications that would make it possible to determine the advisability of reincorporating the Museum of Modern Art of Latin America into the Regional Cultural Development Program;

That CEPCIECC instructed its Subcommittee on Program and Budget to prepare the study, and that the Subcommittee began its work by considering the report prepared by the General Secretariat (CEPCIECC/SUBCPP/doc.128); and

That on July 31, 1984, the Secretary General indicated to the Subcommittee his wish to express his opinion and recommendations on the matter,

RESOLVES:

To ratify extension of the mandate given to CEPCIECC by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture to complete preparation of the study on this topic, with the recommendation that it conclude the study as soon as possible so that it can be considered by the Permanent Council.
WHEREAS:

One of the Organization's most important duties is to appropriately safeguard the records tracing the historical evolution of the OAS as a true expression of the inter-American system, inasmuch as these records constitute an irreplaceable testimony to almost one hundred years of inter-American relations and a significant portion of the rich documentary heritage of the American peoples and nations;

Although the Organization is the oldest regional body in the world, it does not possess an adequately organized and preserved historical record, as do the United Nations and other international organizations;

A broader and more thorough knowledge of all of the work done by the OAS, as well as the work of researchers, will be significantly facilitated when the Organization's documentary heritage has been surveyed and organized using modern methods; and

The fact that in only five years' time the Organization shall celebrate its first century of existence makes it more urgent to give its documentation the care and organizational treatment it deserves,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Permanent Council to deal with this matter.
WHEREAS:

The Organization of American States has made strides in improving the lives of handicapped people, but there is still much to be done to open the door to their full participation in society and equality in treatment;

The OAS has recognized the need for further progress in strengthening public understanding and awareness of the needs and aspirations of handicapped persons in approving resolutions CIECC-489/80, CIECC-518/81, and CIECC-583/82, which urged the General Secretariat to adopt specific programs aimed at solving the various problems affecting the handicapped and seeking their rehabilitation and integration into the economic and social system;

In fulfillment of the aforementioned resolutions, the General Secretariat organized the "Inter-American Very Special Festival and Symposium for the Handicapped" in Orlando, Florida, United States, in which 27 member countries of the OAS participated; in Lima, Peru, for ten South American countries; in Bridgetown, Barbados, for the English-speaking Caribbean countries; and in Guatemala City, Guatemala, for Central America, the Dominican Republic, Mexico, and Panama; and a follow-up symposium in The Bahamas;

The United Nations General Assembly has declared 1983-1992 as the Decade of Disabled Persons and has urged all nations to continue the momentum of the 1981 International Year of Disabled Persons with a view to improving the quality of life of the world's handicapped; and

The member states of the OAS have supported the United Nations resolutions that seek to further the full participation in society of the world's handicapped population,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction with the efforts of the member states of the Organization during 1981, International Year of Disabled Persons, to improve the conditions and the well-being of handicapped persons and their willingness and commitment to continue in this most fundamental project.
2. To support the goals of the United Nations Decade of Disabled Persons and to maintain the active participation of the OAS in this program, in order to improve the lives of millions of handicapped children and young people of the Americas.

3. To express its appreciation for the support of the governments of the host countries of the four Inter-American Very Special Symposia for the Handicapped and to the sponsors in the public and private sectors who took the initiative to organize programs in education, training, employment and rehabilitation, and identification of sources of financial support for such worthy aid plans.
MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LIAISON AGENCIES

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on November 16, 1984)

WHEREAS:

It is of particular importance to maintain coordination, evaluation, and coherence in the programming of international technical cooperation in the area of education, science, and culture;

The periodic meetings of the National Liaison Agencies (ONEs) take the difficulties in the programming and overall orientation of the Regional Programs into consideration and make possible the identification of those sectors and activities which require special consideration from the standpoint of the member states as a whole;

The last meeting of the ONEs in the area of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) was held in 1980;

In 1985, the programming for the biennium 1986-87 must be examined, in the light of the program guidelines established by CIECC at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting; and

Resolution CIECC-663/84 entrusts the General Secretariat with organizing the Third Coordinating Meeting for the Caribbean and Suriname on the programming for the biennium 1986-1987 and foresees the possibility of similar meetings for the remaining countries,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To express the desirability of convoking a meeting, to be held in 1985, of the National Liaison Agencies of the member states of the Organization of American States;

2. To instruct CEPCIECC, in coordination with CEPCIES, to study the possibility of financing this meeting with the available budgetary resources, to establish its date and place, and to prepare the corresponding agenda and documentation.
AG/RES. 698 (XIV-O/84)

FIVE-YEAR LITERACY TRAINING PROGRAM FOR THE AMERICAS

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on November 16, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The general program guidelines and the specific instructions for the Regional Educational Development Program (PREDE), in the biennium 1986-1987, adopted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting; and

CONSIDERING:

That illiteracy remains one of the challenges to education in the Americas, affecting a considerable portion of the population, which lacks the basic elements required to permit the individual to participate effectively in modern society;

That in the years 1989 and 1990 the inter-American system will celebrate the centennial of the First International Conference of American States and the establishment of the Commercial Bureau of the American Republics, the precursors of the Organization of American States (OAS);

That as established by the OAS Charter, the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) has among its objectives raising the cultural level of the population of the Americas and fully preparing it for the tasks of progress, through cooperation and exchange in the area of education;

That, under the terms of the Charter, CIECC is empowered to establish cooperative relations with the corresponding agencies of the United Nations for purposes of attaining its objectives; and

That the aim of the Principal Project for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean, as agreed by the countries of the region, is to guarantee education for a period of eight to ten years to all the population of school age, to eliminate illiteracy, and to develop and expand educational services for adults, as well as to improve the quality and efficiency of the educational systems,

RESOLVES:

1. To dedicate the period from 1986 to 1990 to the Five-year Literacy Training Program in the Americas.
2. To urge that during this period the member states intensify their efforts in behalf of literacy training and seek to guarantee the effective generalization of basic education, thus making it possible for all to participate in the development process.

3. To instruct the General Secretariat to coordinate, with the National Liaison Offices (ONEs) of the member states, the national literacy agencies, and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization the preparation of a specific program for the biennium 1986-87, which, taking into account the relevant program guidelines established by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting, would reinforce the actions planned by the countries in the framework of the Principal Project for Education in Latin America and the Caribbean.

4. To transmit this resolution to CEPCIECC and the Inter-American Committee on Education for information purposes.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Declaration of Quito against Traffic in Narcotic Drugs, signed on August 11, 1984, by the Presidents of Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, and Venezuela; the representative of the President of Peru; the President elect of Panama; the Coordinator of the Junta for National Reconstruction of Nicaragua; and the Vice President of Panama;

The documentation presented by the Permanent Council on the topic of drug traffic (AG/doc.1825/84);

Resolution CIES/RES. 315, adopted by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council at its Nineteenth Annual Meeting at the Ministerial Level;

Resolution CIECC-659/84, adopted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting;

Resolution CIM/RES. 83/84 (XXII-O/84), adopted by the Inter-American Commission of Women at its Twenty-second Assembly of Delegates;

Resolution CPN/13 (16/84), adopted by the Sixteenth Pan American Child Congress, a Specialized Conference of the Inter-American Children's Institute;

The Draft Convention on the Traffic in Narcotic and Psychotropic Drugs and Related Activities, presented by the Government of Venezuela (AG/doc. 1758/84); and

The proposal of the Government of Colombia to study the establishment of a fund to provide assistance to member states affected by drug traffic (AG/doc.1759/84),

DECLARATES:

That drug traffic is a crime that affects all of mankind, with all the legal consequences that this implies; and
CONSIDERING:

That it is the duty of the member states of the Organization to cooperate with each other in the broadest spirit of solidarity to solve their political, economic, and social problems;

That the problem of illegal production, illicit traffic, and unlawful consumption of drugs is one of the most serious problems in the hemisphere, one that directly affects the economies, public health, social welfare, and even the political stability and the sovereignty of the affected governments and states;

That this transnational problem involves not only the producing countries but also consumer countries as well as those that function as transit and distribution points;

That the coordinated action of the member states is required in order to find immediate solutions to this scourge;

That, in view of the many-sided nature of the problem, an Inter-American Specialized Conference would be the most appropriate forum for plenipotentiary representatives of the governments of the member states to study, analyze, and propose realistic solutions to the problem and to adopt the necessary instruments for solving it; and

That the Permanent Council has sent the member states a draft agenda (CP/CG-1260/84, corr. 1) for an Inter-American Specialized Conference,

RESOLVES:

1. To convoke an Inter-American Specialized Conference on Drug Traffic to give full consideration to all aspects of the problem, to be held during the first quarter of 1986.

2. To authorize the Permanent Council to establish the time and place for the conference.

3. To instruct the Permanent Council to draft rules of procedure for the Specialized Conference, update the agenda, and submit both for consideration by the member states.

4. To instruct the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) to submit, in consultation with other organs of the inter-American system, a study to the Specialized Conference that will identify socioeconomic development alternatives to the problem created by the elimination of surplus coca crops, propose measures to reduce demand, devise inter-American cooperation mechanisms in this regard, and urgently consider the establishment of a specialized regional fund to provide assistance to the member states affected by this problem.
5. To request the Inter-American Indian Institute to present a study to the Specialized Conference on the social, cultural, medical, and economic effects of the use of coca on indigenous populations.

6. To instruct the Inter-American Children's Institute to present a study to the Specialized Conference on the problem of drug addiction among children and the youth of the Americas.

7. To instruct the General Secretariat to prepare, in consultation with the Inter-American Juridical Committee, by collecting and taking into account all the background material available on the matter, and on the basis of the draft convention presented by the Government of Venezuela, an inter-American draft convention against drug traffic for consideration by the Specialized Conference.

8. To instruct the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) to prepare a study on the educational aspects of prevention and control of the unlawful use of drugs, to be presented for consideration by the Specialized Conference.

9. To instruct the Permanent Council, until such time as an appropriate solution can be found, to include the topic "Drug Traffic in the Americas" on the agendas of the forthcoming regular sessions of the General Assembly and to inform the Assembly of progress achieved.
AG/RES. 700 (XIV-0/84)

THE QUESTION OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN that there subsists in the South Atlantic, within the area defined in Article 4 of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance, a situation that has seriously affected and still affects the peace and security of the American hemisphere; and

CONSIDERING:

That the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States and the Twentieth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs considered in their entirety the serious events that took place in 1982 in that area of the South Atlantic and issued their opinion thereon, and also urged Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to seek a peaceful solution to the dispute concerning sovereignty existing between the parties in the South Atlantic;

That the thirty-seventh session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, at the request of twenty American states, adopted Resolution 37/9 of November 4, 1982, regarding the aforesaid sovereignty dispute, wherein it urged a peaceful solution of the dispute through the good offices of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; and that this request was reiterated at the thirty-eighth and thirty-ninth sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations in resolutions 38/12 of November 16, 1983, and 39/6 of November 1, 1984;

That the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, at its twelfth and thirteenth regular sessions, adopted resolutions AG/RES. 595 (XII-0/82) and AG/RES. 669 (XIII-0/83), respectively, urging the parties to comply with resolutions 37/9 and 38/12 of the General Assembly of the United Nations;

That, notwithstanding the time elapsed since the adoption of the aforementioned resolutions, this serious dispute has so far not been resolved; and

That particular note has been taken of the communication issued by the Government of Switzerland and by representatives of the Government of Brazil on July 20, 1984, and of the note addressed by the Government of Argentina to the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the OAS on July 30 of the same year,
RESOLVES:

1. To express its support of resolutions 37/9, 38/12, and 39/6 of the General Assembly of the United Nations, whereby the governments of Argentina and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland were requested to resume negotiations in order to find as soon as possible a peaceful solution to their sovereignty dispute and other differences relating to this question, and to request the Secretary-General of the United Nations to continue his renewed mission of good offices in order to assist the parties in complying with those resolutions and to take the necessary measures to that end.

2. To express its concern over the lack of progress in complying with the aforementioned resolutions and to urge that they be complied with.

3. To transmit this resolution to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and to the Secretary-General of that organization so that the opinion of the American states concerning the existing situation will be noted.

4. To continue examining this question, of continuing interest to the hemisphere, in future sessions of the General Assembly until it is definitively settled.
AG/RES. 701 (XIV-0/84)

REPORT ON THE MARITIME PROBLEM OF BOLIVIA

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolutions AG/RES. 426 (IX-0/79) of October 31, 1979; AG/RES. 481 (X-0/80) of November 27, 1980; AG/RES. 560 (XI-0/81) of December 10, 1981; AG/RES. 602 (XII-0/82) of November 20, 1982; and AG/RES. 686 (XIII-0/83) of November 18, 1983, which repeatedly declared that it is of continuing hemispheric interest to find an equitable solution whereby Bolivia may obtain sovereign and useful access to the Pacific Ocean; and

The report presented by the Delegation of Bolivia; and

CONSIDERING:

That, under the sponsorship of Colombia, Bolivia and Chile held meetings to determine the procedure whereby and the context within which the process of rapprochement and negotiation described in resolution AG/RES. 686 (XIII-0/83) of November 18, 1983, would be advanced,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction with the fact that the governments of Bolivia and Chile have accepted the invitation extended by the Government of Colombia to meet next January in Bogotá to start conversations to settle their differences, and particularly to agree upon a formula that will give Bolivia a free and sovereign territorial outlet to the Pacific Ocean, in a process of rapprochement that would contribute to the dialogue and to normalizing their relations, on bases taking into account the rights and interests of all parties involved.

2. To reiterate its interest in the success of the negotiations aimed at solving the maritime problem of Bolivia, with the participation of the states this matter directly concerns.

3. To declare that either of the parties may request inclusion of the topic "Report on the Maritime Problem of Bolivia" on the draft agenda of the next regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 702 (XIV-84)

PEACE EFFORTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING

The communication the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, Mexico, Panama, and Venezuela addressed to this Assembly regarding the efforts they have made throughout 1984 to bring about peace in Central America;

RECALLING

That in adopting resolution AG/RES. 675 (XIII-0/83), "Peace Efforts in Central America," this Assembly reaffirmed the importance of the principles and standards of Inter-American comity set forth in the Charter of the Organization; and

That the same resolution urged the Central American states to negotiate forthwith agreements for solving conflicts in their area and achieving the peace, security, democracy, and cooperation needed for the economic and social development of the region; asked all states to refrain from engaging in acts that might hinder efforts at negotiation; and expressed the wholehearted support of the General Assembly for the efforts of the Contadora Group, urging it to persist in its efforts;

NOTING WITH PLEASURE:

The intensive effort made by the Foreign Ministers of the Contadora Group in consulting, mediating between, and negotiating with, the Central American governments with a view to obtaining formal juridical and political commitments that will create a climate of security in Central America consonant with the principles of international law, strengthen democratic, representative, and pluralistic institutions, and promote sustained action for the economic and social development of all the countries;

CONSIDERING:

That the Contadora Act for Peace and Cooperation in Central America, of September 7, 1984, represents a fundamental advance in the process of dialogue and negotiation for regional peace, security, and development; and
NOTING WITH SATISFACTION:

That the resolution adopted by consensus on October 26, 1984, by the General Assembly of the United Nations holds that the Contadora Act provides the bases for detente, lasting peace, and the promotion of economic and social development in the region.

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate that it is the obligation of all American states to settle their conflicts by peaceful methods alone; not to resort to the use of military force or any other type of coercion; no to intervene directly or indirectly in the internal or external affairs of any other state for any reason, and to respect the right of every state to determine freely and spontaneously the character of its political, economic, and cultural life.

2. To reiterate that it is the right of all countries in the region to live in peace and security, free from all outside interference.

3. To reiterate the need to further the strengthening of democratic, representative, and pluralistic institutions by promoting sustained action for the economic and social development of the countries of the region.

4. To welcome with satisfaction the Contadora Act for Peace and Cooperation in Central America, of September 7, 1984, resulting from an intense effort of consultation and negotiation carried out by the governments of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua under the auspices of the Contadora Group.

5. To urge all the Central American governments to manifest their will for peace and to intensify their consultations among themselves and with the Contadora Group in order to bring the negotiation process to its conclusion with prompt signature of the Contadora Act.

6. To exhort all states, particularly those having ties to, and interest in the region, to facilitate signature of the Contadora Act; to respect at the appropriate time the commitments that may be agreed upon; and to adhere to the Additional Protocol to the aforesaid instrument.

7. To reiterate its wholehearted support for the efforts the Contadora Group is making to surmount the grave crisis in Central America.
AG/RES. 703 (XIV-0/84)

CASE OF THE FORMER SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION, MR. ALEJANDRO ORFILA

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the case of the former Secretary General of the Organization, Mr. Alejandro Orfila (AG/doc.1803/84),

RESOLVES:

To censure the conduct of the former Secretary General of the Organization, Mr. Alejandro Orfila, for the reasons set forth in the report of the Permanent Council.
AG/RES. 704 (XIV-0/84)

GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF THE STAFF OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That an important part of the effort to revitalize the OAS is the need for greater participation by the member states so as to further facilitate the strengthening and efficiency of the General Secretariat; and

BEARING IN MIND:

That the principle of geographic distribution of staff within the Secretariat is established in Article 126 of the Charter of the OAS;

That significant imbalances in the geographic distribution of staff in the Secretariat of the OAS exist—imbalances that are in disaccord with the provisions of the aforementioned Article 126;

That there is a need to apply this principle more effectively in order to correct these imbalances, giving due consideration to the rights of the members of the career service; and

HAVING SEEN:

The report of the General Secretariat on compliance with Article 126 of the Charter (AG/doc.1827/84),

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Secretary General to apply the precepts of Article 126 through the selection of qualified candidates from unrepresented and underrepresented member states who meet the minimum requirements and who are in equal conditions with other candidates, due consideration being given to the rights of staff now in active service.

2. To request the Permanent Council to study the matter of geographic representation within the General Secretariat, drawing on the experience of other international organizations, with a view to making specific recommendations as to:

    a. The determination of the desirable range of posts for each member state in categories J to Q (Professional Staff).
b. A plan to effectively correct the geographic imbalance in the composition of the General Secretariat in the future.

3. To instruct the Permanent Council to submit specific recommendations to the fifteenth regular session of the General Assembly to correct the imbalance in geographic distribution within the General Secretariat.
AG/RES. 705 (XIV-0/84)

EVALUATION OF THE DECADE OF WOMEN (1976-1985)

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

WHEREAS:

The sixth regular session of the General Assembly adopted resolution AG/RES. 220 (VI-0/76) "The Decade of Women 1976-1985: Equality, Development, and Peace"; and

The aforesaid resolution reiterates to the organs and agencies of the system the desirability of adopting programs designed to improve the condition of women in the Americas and to strengthen activities for incorporating them into the development processes of their countries,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Secretary General to present to the next regular session of the General Assembly an evaluation of the actions undertaken, indicating the success attained and the obstacles encountered in carrying out resolution AG/RES. 220 (VI-0/76).

2. To request the organs, agencies, and technical councils of the Organization to evaluate their actions during the decade in order to be able to coordinate the strategies adopted by the Inter-American Commission of Women until the year 2000 for the benefit of the women in the hemisphere.
AG/RES. 706 (XIV/0/84)

ADVISABILITY OF ESTABLISHING A MECHANISM FOR THE INSPECTION OF WEAPONS AND MILITARY PERSONNEL IN THE AMERICAS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the advisability of establishing a mechanism for inspection of weapons and military personnel in the Americas (AG/doc.1810/84); and

CONSIDERING:

That efforts made thus far to reduce and regulate weapons and military personnel for the essential purpose of ensuring and preserving peace and security in the hemisphere should be supported and continued, giving priority to implementing economic and social development plans,

RESOLVES:

1. To extend until the fifteenth regular session the mandate conferred upon the Permanent Council through resolution AG/RES. 670 (XIII-0/83) to prepare a study on the advisability of establishing a mechanism for inspection of weapons and military personnel in the Americas, with a view to preparing a draft convention on this subject, and in so doing, to request the views of the governments and the Inter-American Juridical Committee.

2. To urge the governments of the member states to submit their views on this matter as soon as possible.
AG/RES. 707 (XIV-0/84)

STATUS OF THE PREPARATORY WORK FOR THE SPECIAL SESSION
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on the status of the preparatory work for the special session of the General Assembly on Inter-American Cooperation for Development (AG/doc.1811/84); and

CONSIDERING:

That a special session of the General Assembly was called for by resolution AG/RES. 232 (VI-0/76) for the specific purpose of reviewing all matters concerning the topic of inter-American cooperation for development;

That in thirteen resolutions adopted at later regular sessions, the General Assembly reiterated this intention and issued specific instructions to the competent organs to carry out and expedite the corresponding preparatory tasks; and

That resolutions AG/RES. 601 (XII-0/82) and AG/RES. 645 (XIII-0/83) expressed and ratified the political will to hold the aforementioned special session of the General Assembly in 1984, and for this purpose the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) and the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) were instructed to bring the corresponding preparatory work to a timely conclusion,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the mandates contained in resolutions AG/RES. 601 (XII-0/82) and AG/RES. 645 (XIII-0/83) with the object that the studies entrusted to CIES and CIECC be completed no later than the second quarter of 1985, so that the Permanent Council may approve the draft agenda as soon as possible and set the date for holding this special session of the General Assembly.

2. To request the governments of the member states to present in due course their comments and observations on the documentation prepared for holding this meeting.
WHEREAS:

Article 44 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly provides that it shall hold a regular session 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 its next session;

Article 45 of its 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;

Because of the interest of all the governments of the member states in revitalizing the Organization of American States, the next regular session of the General Assembly ought not to consider only administrative and budgetary matters, as provided for in resolution AG/RES. 552 (XI-0/81), but should mainly consider the political, social, economic, and financial problems now faced by the countries of the Americas;

The Government of Colombia has offered to be host to the fifteenth regular session in the city of Cartagena de Indias; and

By resolution AG/RES. 597 (XII-0/82), the General Assembly recommended that the second Monday in November of each year be set as the opening date for future regular sessions of the General Assembly,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

To accept with thanks the generous offer of the Government of Colombia to be host to the fifteenth regular session of the General Assembly, and to provide that it shall be held in the city of Cartagena de Indias beginning on the second Monday in November 1985.
AG/RES. 709 (XIV-O/84)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the 1984 Annual Report of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council to the General Assembly (AG/doc.1787/84),

RESOLVES:

To take note of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council to the fourteenth regular session of the General Assembly (AG/doc.1787/84), to approve it, and to express its satisfaction with the results of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Council.
AG/RES. 710 (XIV-0/84)

RESOLUTIONS OF THE XIX ANNUAL MEETING OF CIES WHICH HAVE BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN that the Annual Report of CIES to the General Assembly (AG/doc.1787/84) contains resolutions with budgetary implications; and

CONSIDERING:

That the following resolutions were sent to the Fourth Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters:

CIES/RES. 297, CIES/RES. 305, CIES/RES. 308, CIES/RES. 309, CIES/RES. 311, CIES/RES. 313, CIES/RES. 314, CIES/RES. 315, and CIES/RES. 318; and

That there are no resources available for carrying out these activities beyond those already allotted in the 1984-1985 budget,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct CEPCIES, in consultation with the General Secretariat, to study reprogramming its meetings and/or activities in the economic and social area, including those that were approved by CIES at its XIX Annual Meeting and that can be carried out within existing budgetary limitations.

2. To instruct CEPCIES that those activities or meetings which cannot be executed be included in the Proposed Program-Budget for 1986-1987.
AG/RES. 711 (XIV-0/84)

ANALYTICAL REPORT ON THE MAIN TRENDS IN INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS (1983-84)

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIES/RES. 294 (XIX-0/84), instructing the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CEPCIES) to prepare an analytical report on the status of and prospects for the economic and social development of the member states; and Document AG/doc.1828/84, entitled "Main Trends in Inter-American Economic Relations;"

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of and approve the document AG/doc.1828/84, entitled "Main Trends in Inter-American Economic Relations (1983-1984)."

2. To express its appreciation and congratulate CEPCIES on this study.
 AG/RES. 712 (XIV-0/84)

ANNUAL REPORT ON INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC RELATIONS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIES/RES. 294 (XIX-0/84); and

The report of the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American
Economic and Social Council (CEPCIES/1061 rev. 2); and

CONSIDERING:

That an analytical report on the status of and prospects for economic
and social development of the member states, as well as on the status of
inter-American financial and technical cooperation, is essential; and

That a procedure that will guarantee adequate compliance with Article
11.e of the CEPCIES Rules of Procedure must be established,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Secretariat of the Inter-American Economic and
Social Council (CIES) to prepare annually a draft report on "Main Trends
in Inter-American Economic Relations."

2. To specify that the aforementioned draft report be presented by
the Secretariat of CIES to CEPCIES before June 20 of each year, and to
entrust CEPCIES with preparing the final version of the document with the
pertinent conclusions and recommendations pursuant to Article 11.e of its
Rules of Procedure.

3. To distribute annually to the member states, before July 31, the
report prepared by CEPCIES.
AG/RES. 713 (XIV-0/84)

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCING AND TRADE
TO THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary
session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution AG/RES. 646 (XIII-0/83); and

The report presented by the Committee on Financing and Trade (CEFYC)
to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (AG/doc.1799/84); and

CONSIDERING:

That the topics assigned to CEFYC for study have been and still are
of vital importance for Latin America and the Caribbean, and are among the
economic subjects of greatest interest discussed within the sphere of the
Organization of American States during the current year,

RESOLVES:

To take note of the Report of the Special Committee on Financing and
Trade (AG/doc.1799/84) and to thank the Committee for its efforts.
AG/RES. 714 (XIV-0/84)

RECOGNITION OF THE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY CECON WITH RESPECT TO COPPER

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN documents AG/doc.1801/84 and 1813/84 referring to the XVI Meeting of Consultation of the Special Committee for Consultation and Negotiation (CECON); and

CONSIDERING:

The need to reaffirm the full operativeness and validity of the mechanisms for consultation and negotiation existing in the Organization, as an expression of the cooperative spirit which should, in accordance with the Charter, prevail in inter-American relations;

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize once again the full operativeness and validity of the Special Committee for Consultation and Negotiation (CECON) as an effective and appropriate mechanism for dealing with the problems that may appear in the commercial relations of the Latin America and the Caribbean countries with the United States.

2. To express its satisfaction with the fruitful results achieved by the XVI Meeting of Consultation of CECON in the case of United States copper imports from the countries of the region, which took place in an atmosphere of frank cooperation and understanding.
AG/RES. 715 (XIV-0/84)

STRENGTHENING OF FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution AG/RES. 652 (XIII-0/83) on the use of additional resources from the Regular Fund in the 1984-85 biennium for fellowships of the Regular Training Program (PRA) and other fellowships, resolution CEPCIES/RES. 22 (LXXI-O/84), document CP/CPP-1711/84 on the distribution of these resources, and resolution CIES/RES. 316 (XIX-O/84); and

CONSIDERING:

That the fellowship program is one of the most valuable and successful activities of the Organization and that there is a need to expand this program so as to meet the growing demand for fellowships from the member states,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Secretary General that if savings are realized during the execution of the 1984-85 Program-Budget, priority consideration be given to the allocation of resources to the fellowship program.
AG/RES. 716 (XIV-0/84)

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS OF CIES AND ITS SUBSIDIARY ORGANS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIES/RES. 319 (XIX-0/84) of the Nineteenth Annual Meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and the mandates on the scheduling of meetings contained in resolutions AG/RES. 56 (I-0/71) and AG/RES. 59 (I-0/71),

RESOLVES:

To approve the attached schedule of meetings of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council for 1985, in the understanding that it is an indicative schedule whose purpose is to satisfy the provisions of resolutions AG/RES. 56 (I-0/71) and AG/RES. 59 (I-0/71), and that, as a result, approval of it does not constitute authorization to convene meetings nor does it represent a commitment as to the dates or places listed in the aforementioned document.
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* Article 39 of the General Assembly Rules of Procedure provides that the annual reports of the organs of the Inter-American System "shall be delivered to the Secretary General of the Organization at least 90 days prior to the beginning of each regular session, so that he can transmit them to the governments of the member states and, for preliminary study, to the Preparatory Committee or to the Permanent Council, as the case may be." Moreover, the General Assembly recommended, in resolution AG/RES.597 (XII-O/82), that its sessions begin on the second Monday of November of each year. Therefore, the Annual Meeting of CIES has been scheduled to be held during the period indicated.
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**Abreviaturas/Abreviaciones**

- **RG**: Representantes Gubernamentales
  - Government Representatives
- **OP**: Observadores Permanentes
  - Permanent Observers
- **EN**: Expertos Nacionales
  - National Experts
- **OO**: Otros Observadores (incluyendo organismos internacionales)
  - Other Observers (including international organizations)
AG/RES. 717 (XIV-O/84)

INTERNATIONAL FINANCING INSTITUTIONS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIES/RES. 296 (XIX-0/84), which contains recommendations to the governments of the member states to strive, in coordination with international credit and financing institutions, for the adoption of measures aimed at making additional funds available for the region in order to alleviate the pressure of indebtedness experienced by the Latin American and Caribbean countries,

RESOLVES:

1. To endorse and reaffirm the terms of Resolution CIES/RES. 296 (XIX-0/84) in its entirety;

2. To urge the governments and the financing and credit institutions mentioned in the resolution cited to step up efforts to achieve mutual understanding so that the aforementioned resolution may take effect as soon as possible.
AG/RES. 718 (XIV-O/84)

STRENGTHENING OF THE COOPERATIVES PROJECT
OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIES/RES. 312 (XIX-O/84), which approved the
San José Agreement on Cooperative Development contained in the report of
the Technical Meeting on Development and Promotion of Cooperatives, held
in San José, Costa Rica, June 5-7, 1984; and

CONSIDERING:

That the Second Inter-American Conference on the Cooperative
Movement, held in Santiago, Chile, May 13-17, 1974, recommended to the
General Secretariat of the OAS that it provide its cooperatives project
with the technical and financial resources required to adequately satisfy
the demand for technical assistance and services to the member states;

That the technical meeting on cooperatives held in San José on June
5-7 also recommended to the General Secretariat of the OAS that its
coopertives project be strengthened; and

That in recent years, the General Secretariat has substantially de­
creased its support for that project,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat to assign, to the extent
possible, greater technical and financial resources to the cooperatives
project in the budget of the 1986-1987 biennium.

2. To request the General Secretariat of the OAS:

   a. That it intensify its efforts to aid cooperatives in the
      fields of agroindustry, exports, transportation, consumer
      affairs, fisheries, low-income housing, and others which seek
      to increase income and employment for the low-income groups.

   b. That it keep in mind in programming the activities of the
      cooperatives project the recommendations of the group of
      experts in cooperatives called for by resolution II-15 of the
      Second Inter-American Conference on the Cooperative Movement,
      as well as the recommendations of the Technical Meeting on
      Cooperatives held in San José, Costa Rica.
c. That it continue working closely with the Organization of the Cooperatives of America (OCA) and the Inter-American Society for the Development of Cooperative Financing (SIDE COOP) for the purpose of maintaining an adequate coordination in this field to meet the demand for technical assistance and cooperative training of the Latin American and Caribbean countries.
AG/RES. 719 (XIV-0/84)

IMPORTANCE AND INCIDENCE OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS IN THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OAS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIES/RES. 315 (XIX-0/84), which instructs CEPCIES to study the possibility of improving the operational capacity of CITEL; and

WHEREAS:

Telecommunications are an indispensable element for coordinating the economic and social development of the American region and for facilitating cooperation among the national communities;

In the difficult economic and financial situation affecting most countries in the region, international telecommunications make it possible for a large percentage of international trade to take place, and this trade is essential for a reactivation of those economies and for finding solutions to the problems of external debt servicing of the American countries;

In the decade of the 1980s there has been a tremendous advance in the technological development of telecommunications services, and consequently the activities required to coordinate those services at the regional level call for a high degree of priority and attention within the framework of the Organization of American States; and

A large number of multilateral meetings on telecommunications matters are anticipated for the coming years,

RESOLVES:

1. To support the text of resolution CIES/RES. 318 (XIX-0/84), adopted at the Nineteenth Regular Meeting of CIES.

2. To recommend to CIES that in the next few years it instruct its subordinate organs to study seriously to the extent possible the provision of special support to telecommunications activities, based on the provisions established for the priority areas indicated for the decade of the 1980s.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly, AG/RES. 469 (X-0/80), AG/RES. 528 (XI-0/81), and AG/RES. 604 (XII-0/82); by the Inter-American Economic and Social Council, CIES/RES. 209 (XVI-0/81), CIES/RES. 243 (XVII-0/82) and CIES/RES. 301 (XIX-0/84); and by the Special Committee for Consultation and Negotiation, CIES/CECON/RES. 65 (XII-0/82), CIES/CECON/RES. 71 (VII-E/83), CIES/CECON/RES. 79 (XIII-0/83) and CIES/CECON/RES. 90 (XIV-0/84),

The report of the Eighth Special Meeting of the Special Committee for Consultation and Negotiation (CECON);

Resolution AG/RES. 643 (XIII-0/83), which was supported by all the member countries; and

The report on this topic submitted by the General Secretariat (CIES/3915); and

CONSIDERING:

That the General Assembly, the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES), and CECON have repeatedly asked the United States Government to take into consideration the serious effects that Panama Canal toll increases have on the foreign trade of the Latin American user countries;

That on April 4, 1983, the United States Government implemented a transit booking system, which, because of the special booking fee, added an additional charge to the increase in the Panama Canal tolls; and

That the Panama Canal Commission is studying a new system of vessel measurement that would introduce additional adjustments in the tolls; and

RECOGNIZING:

That because of the geographic position of a group of Latin American countries, use of the Panama Canal is essential for them;

That in the context of the most severe economic crisis in modern history in the region, direct and indirect toll increases cause additional injury to the foreign trade of the Latin American countries using the Canal;
That the arguments used by the Panama Canal Commission to set up the transit booking system have ceased to be valid;

That, in accordance with Article 34 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, "the Member States should make every effort to avoid policies, actions, or measures that have serious adverse effects on the economic or social development of another Member State"; and

That Panama Canal operations cannot be conducted for profit-making purposes and that it is necessary to determine and limit the costs that must be absorbed by the Latin American user countries,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the call to the United States Government to give the most careful consideration to the concern repeatedly expressed by the Latin American user countries about the serious effects of direct and indirect Panama Canal toll increases on the foreign trade of those countries.

2. To take note with pleasure of the assurances expressed by the United States Delegation during the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Special Committee for Consultation and Negotiation (CECON) to the effect that the Panama Canal tolls will not be increased until September 1986.

3. To urge the United States Government to discourage any new recommendation by the Panama Canal Commission to increase the already high costs of transit through the Canal.

4. To request the United States Government to recommend that the Panama Canal Commission conduct a study on the present situation of transit through the Canal, with a view to suspending or eliminating the transit booking system, which in practice produces an additional increase to existing tolls.

5. To urge the United States Government not to establish a new vessel measurement system for the Panama Canal until Latin American user countries have determined the impact it will have on their foreign trade.

6. To emphasize to the United States Government the repeated calls by the General Assembly, the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES), and CECON, for the Latin American user countries to be provided with complete information on the aspects that are considered in determining the Canal's operating costs.

7. To reaffirm the United States Government's commitment to use the CECON prior consultation mechanism before taking any steps that might injure the foreign trade of the Latin American and Caribbean countries.
8. To request the General Secretariat to continue studying all aspects of this resolution and report on an ongoing basis to the member countries, without prejudice to consideration of the matter by the Permanent Executive Committee of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CEPCIES) and to any decision that may be made by the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 721 (XIV-0/84)

GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the new United States legislation entitled "United States Trade and Tariff Act of 1984"; and

Resolution CIES/CECON RES. 87 (XIV-0/84) and CIES/RES. 300 (XIX-0/84); and

CONSIDERING:

The importance the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) of the United States of America has for exports from the Latin American and the Caribbean countries to the United States market;

The difficult situation in which the Latin American and Caribbean economies find themselves and the need to generate foreign exchange to meet the increasing service on the external debt; and

The concern of the Latin American and Caribbean countries because the recently adopted Generalized System of Preferences of the United States of America, in their opinion, contains elements inconsistent with the general principles that served as guidelines for establishment of the GSP in 1971, such as generality, nonreciprocity, and nondiscrimination, and because, in their opinion, the discretionary powers granted by the legislation to the Executive Branch of the United States, not only in the designation of beneficiaries but also in the flexible application of the competitive need clause, could be employed as protectionist devices for requiring reciprocity and applying the concept of graduation,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the General Secretariat to make an in-depth study of the provisions of the new United States trade act dealing with the renewal of the United States GSP, with a view to identifying changes that have been introduced and their effects related to exports from the Latin American and Caribbean countries to the United States market.

2. To examine the results of the General Secretariat's study to be made at a special meeting of CECON, to be held during the first half of 1985.
AG/RES. 722 (XIV-0/84)

TRADE AND TARIFF ACT OF 1984 OF THE UNITED STATES

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN: resolutions CIES/CECON/RES. 86 (XIV-0/84), CIES/CECON/RES. 88 (XIV-0/84), CIES/CECON/RES. 94 (XIV-0/84), CIES/CECON/RES. 95 (XIV-0/84), and CIES/RES. 304 (XIX-0/84); and

The report of the Technical Meeting on the Application of Laws and Regulations on Subsidies and Countervailing Duties, held in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago, on May 29 and 30, 1984 (CIES/3910); and

CONSIDERING:

The importance of the United States market for the export of products by the Latin American and Caribbean countries, especially at a time when those countries are making efforts to overcome their economic crises and to meet their international commitments in regard to their foreign debt;

That the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean attach special importance to the implementation of United States trade legislation, in view of its effects on the region's exports to the United States market;

The commitments undertaken by the United States with a view to avoiding a proliferation of protectionist measures;

The commitments assumed by the United States with a view to preventing technical regulations and standards, including packing, marking, and labeling requirements, from creating unnecessary impediments to international trade; and

The concern of the Latin American and Caribbean countries regarding the content and scope of the recently enacted Trade and Tariff Act of 1984 of the United States, especially in regard to those provisions referring to services, intellectual property, the requirement of reciprocity, and eventual voluntary agreements to reduce production and exportation; concerning this act's compatibility with the international commitments of the United States; and concerning the additional criteria for the application of measures concerning countervailing duties, particularly in connection with the criteria of accumulation of exporting countries, targeting, and upstream subsidies.
RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat to carry out studies on the legal and economic aspects of the new United States trade legislation, with reference to the points mentioned above, and its effects on exports by the Latin American and Caribbean countries to the United States market.

2. To examine the findings of the General Secretariat's study at a special meeting of CECON to be held during the first half of 1985.
AG/RES. 723 (XIV-0/84)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION ON AGRICULTURE

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on the Annual Reports of the Organs, Agencies and Entities of the Inter-American System (AG/doc. 1806/84); and

The Annual Report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (AG/doc.1767/84) presented by the Permanent Council to the General Assembly for consideration at its fourteenth regular session; and

CONSIDERING:

That the Annual Report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) complies with resolution AG/RES. 331 (VIII-0/78) as to content and form; and

That IICA submitted its annual report within the period stipulated in Article 39 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly,

RESOLVES:

To take note of the presentation of the annual report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, and to congratulate the Institute for the work it has carried out in fulfilling its responsibilities.
AG/RES. 724 (XIV-0/84)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the Annual Reports of the Organs, Agencies and Entities of the Inter-American System (AG/doc. 1806/84); and

The Annual Report of the Pan American Health Organization (AG/doc. 1770/84), presented by the Permanent Council to the General Assembly for consideration at its fourteenth regular session; and

CONSIDERING:

That the Annual Report of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) complies with resolution AG/RES. 331 (VIII-0/78) as to content and form,

RESOLVES:

To take note with appreciation of the presentation of the Annual Report of the Pan American Health Organization and to congratulate that organization for the work it has carried out in fulfilling its responsibilities.
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAN AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the Annual Reports of the Organs, Agencies, and Entities of the Inter-American System (AG/doc.1806/84); and

The Annual Report of the Pan American Development Foundation (AG/doc.1772/84), submitted by the Permanent Council to the General Assembly for consideration during its fourteenth regular session; and

CONSIDERING:

That the Permanent Council, during its meeting on October 24, 1984, in referring to item 2 of the Report of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Permanent Council to Examine the annual reports of the organs, agencies, and entities of the Inter-American system (CP/doc.1517/84), indicated that the Foundation should comply with the requirement to translate its annual report using funding allocated to it for its operating costs,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note with appreciation of the presentation of the annual report of the Pan American Development Foundation and to express its satisfaction with the outstanding work it performs.

2. To reiterate the Permanent Council's recommendation that the Foundation comply with the translation requirements of its report.
WHEREAS:

It is of particular importance to maintain coordination, evaluation, and coherence in the programming of international technical cooperation in the economic and social area;

The periodic meetings of the National Liaison Agencies (ONEs) take the difficulties in the programming and overall orientation of regional programs into consideration and provide for the identification of those sectors and activities which require special consideration from the standpoint of the member states as a whole;

The last meeting of the ONEs under the aegis of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) was held in 1979;

The programming for the biennium 1986-1987 should be examined in 1985;

Resolution CIES/RES. 308 (XIX-0/84) instructed the General Secretariat to organize a technical coordinating meeting for the Caribbean and Suriname in order to prepare the programming for the biennium 1986-1987; and

It would be of interest to organize similar meetings for the remaining countries,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RESOLVES:

1. To state the advisability of convening a meeting in 1985 of the National Liaison Agencies of the member states of the Organization of American States.

2. To instruct CEPCIES, in coordination with CEPCIECC, to study the possibility of financing the above-mentioned meeting, within the available budgetary resources, and to set the date and place and prepare the corresponding agenda and documentation.
AG/RES. 727 (XIV-0/84)

PROGRAM–BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION
SECOND YEAR OF THE BIENNIAL 1984–85, 1985 QUOTAS AND PLEDGES
TO THE VOLUNTARY FUNDS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 652 (XIII-0/83), which
approved the Program–Budget of the Organization for the biennium 1982–83;

Resolutions CIECC 614/83, CIECC 618/83, and CIECC 619/83 on the
Program–Budget, biennium 1984–85, for the area of Education, Science and
Culture;

The report of CEPCIES on the proposed Program–Budget for the CIES area
for 1984–1985 (documents CEPCIES/902, 904, and 953), resolution CEPCIES/
RES. 21 (XXVI-0/83), and the final report of the XVII Regular Annual
Meeting of CIES at the Ministerial Level (resolution CIES/RES. 285
(XVII-0/83); and

The report of the Preparatory Committee on the proposed Program–
Budget of the Organization for the second year of biennium 1984–85,
document AG/doc.1816/84; and

CONSIDERING:

That thus far, pledges have been received to finance in 1985 the
portions of the 1984–85 Program–Budget corresponding to the Special
Development Assistance Fund (SDF) amounting to US$325,600 in the CIES
area, the Special Multilateral Fund of CIECC (FEMCIECC) totaling
US$797,200, the Special Account for Culture for US$138,400, and the Mar del
Plata Account for US$309,400 in the CIECC area,

RESOLVES:

I. BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

1. To approve the Program–Budget of the Regular Fund for the second
year of the biennium 1984–85 in the amount of US$64,980,100,
in incorporating in the appropriations shown in resolution AG/RES.
652 (XIII-0/83) the items that follow and which have been
distributed in the subprograms, programs, and chapters appearing
in Table A.
a. US$244,900. Costs related to the installation and opening of offices of the Organization in new member states;
b. US$1,500,000. Nonpensionable cost-of-living adjustment (5.16 percent) for the staff of the Organization as of January 1, 1985. This adjustment will be applied to the staff at headquarters and in the field in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 498 (X-0/80);
c. US$255,100. Nondiscretionary costs contained in document AG/CP/doc.364/84 corr. 1;
d. (US$1,000,000). Utilization of the reserve budgeted for 1985 to meet vegetative increases in that year;
e. (US$500,000). Reduction of operational activities in 1985, without affecting fellowships or direct services to the member states;

2. To establish the following levels for the Voluntary Funds for 1985: a) Special Development Assistance Fund (SDAF): US$10,500,000; b) Special Multilateral Fund of CIECC (FEMCIECC): US$11,320,000; c) Special Account for Culture: US$1,200,000; and d) Mar del Plata Account: US$5,000,000, Table A.

3. To approve the following specific levels of appropriation for subprograms, programs, and chapters:

CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER ORGANS

| 1. General Assembly (XV Regular Session) | 7,459.9 |
| 2. Administrative Tribunal | 398.6 |
| 3. Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters | 35.8 |
| 4. Board of External Auditors | 56.2 |
| 5. Permanent Council | 134.5 |
| 6. Protocol | 485.1 |
| 7. Office of Conference, Documents, and Languages | 248.3 |
| | 2,674.1 |
8. Secretariat of the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation, and Permanent Council 494.1
9. CIES 123.3
10. CEPCIES 301.4
11. CIECC 228.7
12. CEPCIECC 124.0
13. Meetings of CIE, CICYT, and CIDECC 88.8
14. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights 1,119.5
15. Inter-American Juridical Committee 502.0
16. Inter-American Court of Human Rights 318.4
17. Retirement and Pension Fund 127.1

CHAPTER 2 - OTHER AGENCIES AND ENTITIES 4,376.1

1. Inter-American Defense Board 2,534.4

It includes US$80.2, a (5.16%) non-pensionable cost-of-living adjustment for 1985, similar to the one granted to the staff of the General Secretariat at headquarters.

2. Inter-American Children's Institute 962.6
3. Inter-American Commission of Women 706.2
4. Pan-American Development Foundation 120.2
5. Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission 98.3
6. Inter-American Library S. Bolívar 50.0
7. Inter-American Music Council 103.4
CHAPTER 3 - EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

1. Secretary General 753.6
2. Assistant Secretary General 361.4
3. Public Information 1,074.9
4. Américas Magazine 257.3
5. Audit 426.7
6. Museum of Modern Art of Latin America 338.0
7. Columbus Library 807.3
8. Editorial Services 230.0

CHAPTER 4 - EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

1985 (US$1,000)

Regular Fund 10,738.4
SDAF 10,500.0

Programming 9,130.8
Contribution for reduction of quotas to the Regular Fund (15%) 1,369.2

1. Executive Secretariat for Economic and Social Affairs 904.8
   Regular Fund 904.8

2. Economic Affairs 8,508.8
   Regular Fund 5,583.1
   SDAF 2,925.7

3. Social Affairs 4,158.4
   Regular Fund 1,792.7
   SDAF 2,365.7
### CHAPTER 5 - EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCES, AND CULTURE

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#### CHAPTER 6 - INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION AND OCAOFS

1. **International Cooperation**
   - Amount: 1,430.4

2. **Coordination and Support of Offices Away from Headquarters**
   - Amount: 6,397.7
   
   It includes a 1985 adjustment of US$244,900 for the installation and opening of Offices of the Organization in new member states.

#### CHAPTER 7 - SECRETARIAT FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS

1. **Office of the Assistant Secretary**
   - Amount: 431.8

2. **Department of Codification and Development of International Law**
   - Amount: 428.8

3. **Department of General Legal Services**
   - Amount: 423.7

4. **Department of Treaties, Information, and Publications**
   - Amount: 451.5
### CHAPTER 8 - SECRETARIAT FOR MANAGEMENT

1. Office of the Assistant Secretary  
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   7,760.8  
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2. Treasurer  
   1,454.9  

3. Department of Program-Budget  
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4. Department of Material Resources  
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5. Department of Human Resources  
   1,358.5  

6. Department of Management Systems  
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7. Office of Communications and Security  
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### CHAPTER 9 - COMMON SERVICES  

1. Hospitality  
   74.8  

2. Equipment and Supplies  
   509.4  

3. Building Management and Maintenance  
   4,561.8  
   1985 Adjustment  
   29.0  

4. Insurance  
   224.1  

5. Recruitment and Transfers  
   352.1  

6. Termination and Repatriation  
   984.7  

7. Home Leave  
   525.8  

8. Education and Language Allowance and Medical Examinations  
   152.9  

9. Pensions for Retired Executives and Health and Life Insurance for Retired Employees  
   506.4  
   1985 Adjustment  
   50.8  

10. Human Resources Development  
    130.0
11. Contributions to the Staff Association

12. Cost of Living Adjustment

IADB: 80.2
General Secretariat: 1,419.8

From January 1985, a nonpensionable 5.16% will be applied to headquarters staff and, in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 498 (X-0/80), a percentage corresponding to the difference in the cost-of-living at each duty station with respect to headquarters will be applied to staff away from headquarters. This amount has been distributed in the chapters, programs, and subprograms that have personnel costs Items 1 and 2.

REDUCTION OF APPROPRIATIONS

1. Posts

Negative appropriations for reductions in Item 1 to be distributed per chapter as the respective posts become identified.

2. Operative activities in 1985

This reduction will not affect either fellowships or direct services to the member countries.

II. FINANCING OF THE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

1. To set the quotas with which the governments of the member states will finance the second year of the Program-Budget of the Organization, biennium 1984-85, in the part corresponding to the Regular Fund, in accordance with the resolution of the Council of the Organization of December 21, 1949, and the decision of January 19, 1955 (doc. C-i-269) on income tax reimbursement, using the scale and amounts shown in Table B as the basis.

2. To authorize funding of the portion of the Voluntary Funds for 1985 of the Program-Budget of the Organization as follows:
III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. BUDGETARY

1. Use of appropriations of the 1980–81 biennium

To authorize the Permanent Council, in accordance with Article 73 of the General Standards, to approve during 1985 a special appropriation up to US$380,000 to finance the special session of the General Assembly on Inter-American Cooperation for Development.

Funds to carry out this activity were originally approved by the General Assembly at its ninth regular session (Program-Budget for the 1980–81 biennium); and due to the fact that this event did not take place, the authorization for using these funds expired on December 31, 1983, in accordance with Article 74 of the General Standards. Consequently, said funds went to the Working Capital Subfund of the Regular Fund and will be retaken from there in 1985, when the Permanent Council makes use of the authorization it was given by mandate of the General Assembly.

2. Reduction of Operating Activities in 1985

The reduction of operative activities in 1985 by US$500,000 must not affect either fellowships or direct services to the member countries.
The General Secretariat shall inform the Permanent Council every six months of the reductions in activities it carries out.

B. FINANCIAL

US$1,000,000 Appropriated in 1984

To authorize appropriations of the US$1,000,000 approved in the 1984 budget to strengthen the Working Capital Subfund of the Regular Fund to cover the adjustments to the 1985 Budget. This item must not affect payment of the debt of this Fund to the Voluntary Funds.

C. OTHERS

1. SDAF Appropriations

To instruct CEPCIES that, as soon as possible, it make the adjustments in the various projects so as to place them at the level of available financing.

2. CIECC Voluntary Funds Appropriations

To instruct CIECC that, as soon as possible, it adjust the appropriations to the level of available financing, pursuant to the criteria established in resolution AG/RES. 457 (IX-0/79).

3. Schedule for the Opening of National Offices

To recommend to the Permanent Council that it propose to the General Assembly a method and schedule for the opening of national offices in the countries that in the future are admitted as members of the Organization.

4. Personnel Costs

With regard to the component of personnel in the Program-Budget of the Regular Fund presented by the Secretary General in document AG/CP/doc.364/84 corr. 1 in compliance with the mandate of the General Assembly through resolution AG/RES. 652 (XIII-0/83), Section III, A.3, the General Assembly authorizes, as an exception, that during 1985 the percentage corresponding to personnel costs, object 1, may exceed 50% until such time as a detailed study is made of the report of the Secretary General on personnel costs included in the aforementioned document.
5. **Home leave**

To extend the mandate given to the Permanent Council in Section I, Chapter 9, item 7, of the operative paragraph of resolution AG/RES. 652 (XIII-0/83) to conduct a study on the various aspects and consequences of the system for implementation of home leave for staff members in categories A-H for the purpose of its possible inclusion in the 1986-87 Program-Budget. The study should be completed by March 31, 1985.

6. **Education allowance**

To extend the mandate given to the Permanent Council in Section I, Chapter 9, item 8, of the operative paragraph of resolution AG/RES. 652 (XIII-0/83) to conduct a study on the various aspects and consequences of the system for implementation of education allowance for staff members in categories A-H for the purpose of its possible inclusion in the 1986-87 Program-Budget. The study should be completed by March 31, 1985.

7. **Resources for the Program on Rights of the Family and Minors of the Inter-American Children's Institute**

To recommend to CEPICIECC that it give priority to financing this program, up to the amount of US$18,000, from the resources approved for the area of Education, Science, and Culture for 1985.

8. **Resources for the Inter-American Specialized Conference to consider a Convention Defining Torture as an International Crime**

To authorize the Permanent Council to use, either fully or partially, resources allocated for other meetings programmed for 1985, in the event any of these are not held during the year, in order to finance this Conference. An amount of funds equal to those used for the Conference will be included in the proposed Program-Budget for the 1986-87 biennium to finance the originally programmed purposes.
### TABLE A

**Program-Budget of the Organization for the Second Year of the Biennium 1984-1985**

**Quotas and Contributions for the Voluntary Funds, 1985**

(In US$1,000)

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- Operational activities (US$500.0) (910.1)

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TABLE A

PROGRAM—BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION FOR THE SECOND YEAR OF THE 1984-85 BIENNIAL
QUOTAS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VOLUNTARY FUNDS, 1985
(In US$1,000)

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\(a\) 50% of the 1984 approved appropriation to strengthen the Working Capital Subfund of the Regular Fund.

\(b\) This represents figures suggested by the General Secretariat pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 321 (V-E/77).
### ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

#### REGULAR FUND

**1985 Quotas**

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a. Shown only to establish the percentage corresponding to each Member State.

b. In accordance with AG/RES. 557 (XI-0/81), the percentages of contributions were frozen prior to the admission of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas and St. Christopher and Nevis.

c. Amount has been paid to the Member State through the payment of income taxes by the staff members subject to those taxes.

d. This amount will be returned to the Member State via payment of income taxes by the staff members subject to those taxes.
WHEREAS:

Through resolution AG/RES. 435 (IX-0/79), adopted on October 31, 1979, the General Assembly resolved "to instruct the Secretary General not to make any permanent appointments as of January 1980 until the new career service goes into effect";

That decision of the General Assembly caused fixed-term appointments to be given to staff members, who were required to participate in the Retirement and Pension Plan and who, on the expiry of their appointments and their consequent separation from the Plan, did not have the minimum five years of participation needed to receive a portion of the office credits in their individual accounts in the Retirement and Pension Fund;

Through resolution AG/RES. 671 (XIII-0/83), the General Assembly approved the new text of Chapter III of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat which incorporates the principles of the career service;

With the establishment of the career service, it is possible for General Secretariat staff members who are required to participate in the Retirement and Pension Plan not to be members of the career service. If these staff members were to leave the Plan upon the expiry of their fixed-term appointments before having five years of participation, they would not be entitled to any portion of the office credit;

It would also be possible under the career service for General Secretariat staff members who are not members of the career service to work for many years and not acquire the right to a pension if they did not participate in the Retirement and Pension Fund;

The General Standards state that the General Secretariat shall have a social security system for the staff including, inter alia, provisions for retirement, pension, and savings;

The Retirement and Pension Committee has requested that the General Assembly amend the Retirement and Pension Plan to authorize, retroactive to January 1, 1980, payment of 35 per cent of the office credit in their personal accounts in the Retirement and Pension Fund to participants in the Retirement and Pension Plan who leave the Plan, upon separation from service, before having participated for five years; and
In submitting its request for amendment of the Plan (AG/doc.1788/84), the Retirement and Pension Committee indicated that the cost to the Retirement and Pension Fund of the proposed amendment would be insignificant,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RESOLVES:

1. To replace the phrase: "Less than five years of participation... None" in paragraph 2 of Section V of the Retirement and Pension Plan with the following: "Less than five years of participation...35%.

2. To amend paragraph I. First a) of resolution CP/RES. 345 (473/81), adopted by the Permanent Council in exercise of the authority delegated by the General Assembly in resolution AG/RES. 303 (VII-0/77), to read as follows:

"a) With less than five years of participation, the right to withdraw from their individual accounts their personal contributions and the accumulated interest on those contributions, plus 35% of the institutional contributions and the accumulated interest thereon."

3. To order that application of this resolution be retroactive to January 1, 1980, without budgetary implications for the Regular Fund of the Organization.
AG/RES 729 (XIV-0/84)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the annual report submitted by the Board of External Auditors to the General Assembly at its fourteenth regular session (AG/doc.1785/84); and

CONSIDERING:

That Article 111 of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat provides that the General Secretariat shall present a report to the Permanent Council with respect to the application of recommendations made by the Board,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the annual report submitted by the Board of External Auditors to the General Assembly at its fourteenth regular session.

2. To instruct the Board of External Auditors to present its annual report within the time limit established by Article 111 of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat.
AG/RES. 730 (XIV-0/84)

EVALUATION OF THE PROGRAM ACTIVITIES OF THE OAS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters (CAAAP) regarding Evaluation in OAS program activities (AG/doc.1784/84); and

The Report of the Permanent Council on the Revision of Chapters IV and V of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat (AG/doc.1808/84); and

CONSIDERING:

That evaluation is one of the most important functions of the program-budget process for ensuring efficient use of the Organization's resources;

That thus far evaluation has been one of the weakest aspects of that process in the Organization of American States; and

That Article 103 of the General Standards makes the Secretary General responsible for establishing a formal system of evaluation for determining the efficacy of the programs, services, and activities of the OAS,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters for the presentation of its report on the subject of evaluation.

2. To recommend to the Secretary General that he take the necessary steps to put into practice the provisions of Article 103 of the General Standards, taking into account the report and the opinions of the CAAAP, and that he inform the Permanent Council on progress achieved in 1985.
AG/RES. 731 (XIV-0/84)

AMENDMENTS TO THE GENERAL STANDARDS TO GOVERN THE OPERATIONS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on the Repeal of the Provisions Contained in resolution AG/RES. 249 (VI-0/76) (AG/doc.1821/84);

The report of the Permanent Council on the Revision of chapters IV and V of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat (AG/doc.1808/84);

Article 91 (b) of the Charter of the Organization of American States;

Resolution CP/RES. 400 (565/84), adopted by the Permanent Council on May 2, 1984, and contained in the document entitled "General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat", which recommends the amendment of Article 119 of the General Standards; and

Resolution CP/RES. 418 (590/84) (AG/doc.1824/84), adopted by the Permanent Council, which proposes amendments to Chapter VI of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat, which deals with conflicts of interest applicable to the staff of the General Secretariat; and

CONSIDERING:

That through resolutions AG/RES. 620 (XII-0/82) and AG/RES. 671 (XIII-0/83), respectively, the General Assembly adopted the principles of the career service of the Organization and included them in the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat;

That it is inadvisable for the career service personnel to remain divided into groups determined by their date of entry into that service;

That through resolutions AG/RES. 479 (X-0/80), AG/RES. 598 (XII-0/82), and AG/RES. 672 (XIII-0/83), the Permanent Council was instructed to make a study of chapters IV and V of the General Standards, in consultation with the General Secretariat, the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters, and the Board of External Auditors, and to put into effect any amendments that it might deem appropriate, subject to the approval of the General Assembly;
That the Permanent Council, through resolution CP/RES. 400 (565/84), recommended to the General Assembly that it amend Article 119 of the General Standards to Govern the Operation of the General Secretariat;

That, at its meeting held on May 2, 1984, upon receiving the report of the Chairman of the General Committee referring to the aforementioned Article 119 (CP/doc.1445/84), the Permanent Council ordered that a study be made of the amendments to those Standards that would be necessary to require other staff members of the General Secretariat to present the sworn statement referred to in that article; and

That the Permanent Council is required to report to the General Assembly on implementation of the General Standards and to propose any amendments that it deems necessary in the light of previous experience,

RESOLVES:

1. To repeal the suspension ordered through resolution AG/RES. 249 (VI-0/76) and as a consequence, to order the elimination of the footnotes to Article 17, paragraph (a) (v), and Article 52, paragraph (b) of the General Standards.

2. To adopt the amended texts of chapters IV, V, and VI of the General Standards, which are attached hereto in order to constitute a part of this resolution.

3. To instruct the Permanent Council:

   a. To conduct an exhaustive study for the purpose of giving a precise definition to the concepts of categories of activity of the Program-Budget that are to be included in Article 68 of the General Standards;

   b. To study the advisability of establishing in the General Standards a specific percentage for transfers of funds between chapters; and

   c. To make a detailed study on the system of payment of the voluntary contributions set forth in Article 83, and to present a report thereon to the General Assembly.

4. To instruct the General Secretariat:

   a. To regroup the articles contained in chapters IV and V of the General Standards by topics and, if necessary, to increase the number of chapters; and to present its recommendations to the Permanent Council for approval, subject to the approval of the fifteenth regular session of the General Assembly;
b. To provide a heading for each of the articles of the General Standards suitable for identifying them by their respective purposes, and to prepare an analytical index to the body of articles for presentation to and approval by the Permanent Council; and

c. To reinstate the staff rules whose application was suspended in compliance with resolution AG/RES. 249 (VI-0/76).
APPENDIX

CHAPTER IV

STANDARDS ON THE PROGRAM-BUDGET AND FINANCIAL SERVICES

Structure of the Program-Budget of the Organization

Article 64 (new text)

The Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Matters, established by the General Assembly through resolutions AG/RES. 149 (IV-0/74) and AG/RES. 206 (V-0/75), shall exercise the powers given to it by the Permanent Council through resolution CP/RES. 180 (241/76) in matters of administration, budget, and finance.

Article 65 (new text)

The organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization whose expenses are to be included in the Program-Budget of the Organization shall be subject to the provisions of chapters IV and V of the General Standards.

Article 66 (present Article 64, amended)

The Program-Budget is biennial, and the fiscal period runs from January 1 through December 31 of the subsequent year.

Within sixty days following the approval of the Program-Budget by the General Assembly, the Secretary General shall send one copy of the approved Program-Budget to each of the member states.

The General Secretariat shall close accounts at the end of each year of the fiscal period. The resulting financial statements shall be delivered to the Board of External Auditors for review within the first quarter of the following year. Within that same period, the General Secretariat shall present to the Permanent Council a report that will clearly show the financial condition of the Organization and the levels of budgetary execution compared to the amount of the approved budget in the immediately preceding year.

Article 67 (present Article 65, amended)

The proposed Program-Budget shall include all the activities and services that are the responsibility of the General Secretariat for carrying out the programs adopted by the organs, subsidiary organs, agencies, and other entities of the Organization whose expenses should be

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5. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 248 (VI-0/76).
included in the Program-Budget and for fulfilling mandates and resolutions in effect, maintaining the priorities indicated by them in adopting their programs. The proposed Program-Budget shall be divided into chapters, programs, subprograms, and projects and classified by category of activity and object of expenditure in such form that it will:

a. Allow effective control of budget execution in accordance with the decisions of the General Assembly;
b. Enable each Council to review the programs, subprograms, and projects planned in its sphere of action and to identify the specific sources of their financing, including the contributions of the countries in which projects or direct services are undertaken;
c. Give explanations and analytical and comparative data on each program, subprogram, and project that will clearly indicate the mandate, its objectives, its goals, the staff assigned, the cooperating institutions, if any, and the resources required;
d. Indicate the comparative relation with the cost of the programs, subprograms, and projects of the preceding fiscal period; and

e. Clearly establish those responsible for carrying out each program, subprogram, and project.

Article 68 (present Article 66)

The proposed Program-Budget shall be presented in accordance with the following activity categories:

A - Direct Services of Cooperation for Development
B - Regular Secretariat Services
C - General Support Services

Article 69 (present Article 67, amended)

The proposed Program-Budget shall also be presented in accordance with the following objects of expenditure:

PERSONNEL
- 1 Approved posts
- 2 Temporary contracts

6. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 256 (VI-0/76).
OTHER EXPENSES

- 3 Fellowships (including travel)
- 4 Travel
- 5 Documents
- 6 Equipment and supplies
- 7 Buildings and maintenance
- 8 Performance contracts
- 9 Other costs

Article 70 (present Article 68, amended)

For each chapter, program, and subprogram, the proposed Program-Budget shall include:

a. An organization chart;

b. A comparative summary by object of expenditure showing the differences between the performance recorded in the previous biennium, in the first year of the current biennium, and the amounts requested for each year of the proposed budget;

c. A comparison, by grade, with the posts approved in the Program-Budget of the preceding fiscal period;[7]

d. Reference to the background and/or mandates that have given rise to them;

e. An indication of whether they are of a permanent nature, are a continuation of those started in previous years, or are new programs, subprograms, or projects. In any case, the length of these activities and their relation to the appropriations requested shall be specified;

f. The estimated total cost by project, from its beginning to its conclusion.

Article 71 (present Article 69, amended)

The Secretary General shall present the proposed Program-Budget to the Preparatory Committee and to the Councils at least one hundred and twenty days before the opening date of the General Assembly session, together with the following:

7. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 256 (VI-0/76).
a. A statement indicating the general orientation of the Program-Budget;

b. A calculation of the assessments of the member states for the Regular Fund;

c. An estimate of the voluntary contributions needed to finance the activities programmed that are to be charged to each special multilateral fund;

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

e. An estimate of miscellaneous income of each fund;

f. A report on the status of the collection of assessments and contributions of the member states;

g. A report on the status of the Working Capital Subfund and the reserve subfunds and a projection of the cash flow necessary for the General Secretariat to carry out its activities without financial problems;

h. The evaluation made of the Organization's activities for the two previous biennia;

i. A report on transfers between chapters made in the preceding fiscal period; and

j. Any other information requested by the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly to assist the analysis of the proposed Program-Budget.

Article 72 (present Article 71, amended)

Approval of the Program-Budget by the General Assembly shall constitute authorization to the Secretary General to allocate funds, contract obligations, and make payments within the approved appropriations and for the purposes and objectives established.

The Secretary General shall execute the Program-Budget in conformity with the provisions established by the General Assembly, with these General Standards, and any regulatory provisions that may be issued for this purpose.

The Secretary General shall see that the expenditures out of each fund do not exceed the income from assessments and contributions.
Article 73 (present Article 72, amended)

When the General Assembly is not in session, the Secretary General shall request from the Permanent Council the special appropriations which he deems indispensable, to meet situations unforeseen in the approved Program-Budget, proposing the specific sources of their financing. In the event the Permanent Council approves such special appropriations, it shall determine the funds with which they are to be financed.

Article 74 (present Article 73, amended)

Appropriations shall be available to meet the obligations incurred during the fiscal period for which they were approved and for the next period, counting from the closing date of the former, to the extent necessary to liquidate obligations incurred during the former.

In connection with special projects of the Mar del Plata Account, the appropriations shall be available for the entire duration of each special project. It is understood that a special project goes into effect on the date on which the General Secretariat approves the pertinent plan of operations.8/

For the purposes of this article, obligations shall be understood as those emanating from any agreement, contract, purchase order, or other document concluded in conformity with the provisions of the Charter, the resolutions of the General Assembly, and these General Standards, that has entered into force prior to the close of the fiscal period and that obligates the General Secretariat to make the corresponding expenditures.

Article 75 (present Article 74)

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

Article 76 (present Article 75)

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

Article 77 (present Article 76)

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

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8. Paragraph added by resolution AG/RES. 404 (IX-0/79).
a. Total appropriations required for execution of the Program-Budget;

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

c. Balance of the General Subfund;

d. Amount of the Working Capital Subfund;

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

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

Article 78 (present Article 77)

Pending receipt of income expected, expenditures shall be met with resources from the Working Capital Subfund or from the reserves of the special multilateral funds, as appropriate.

Article 79 (present Article 78)

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

Article 80 (present Article 79 and a new second paragraph)

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

As for any judgment of the Administrative Tribunal that may have budgetary consequences in excess of 1 percent of the budget of the Regular Fund, the Secretary General shall obtain prior authorization from the Permanent Council as to the manner of payment, informing it of the source proposed for its financing.

Article 81 (present Article 80)

When the General Assembly is not in session, the Secretary General must be authorized by the Permanent Council to negotiate and contract any loans.
Article 82 (present Article 81, amended)

Within 30 days following approval of the Program-Budget by the General Assembly, the Secretary General shall transmit the corresponding decision to the governments of the member states, accompanied by a list of annual assessments and by another indicating the voluntary pledges made for the special multilateral funds and requesting that these be paid on schedule.

The assessments for the Regular Fund and the voluntary contributions to the special multilateral funds shall be annual and shall be paid each year of the fiscal period.

Annual assessments shall be considered due on the first day of each year of the corresponding fiscal period. Voluntary contributions shall be considered as payable according to the terms under which they are pledged.

Article 83 (present Article 82)

The General Secretariat shall receive all the funds of the Organization. The annual assessments shall be set and paid in the currency of the state in which the General Secretariat has its headquarters. A portion of the voluntary contributions may be paid in the national currency of the donor member state, within such limits as the Secretary General establish, taking into account the needs of the program.

Article 84 (present Article 83)

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

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

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

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

d. The financial condition of the Organization, including information on the situation with respect to the appropriations and their utilization.
**Article 85** (present Article 84)

The Secretary General shall present to the General Assembly at each regular session, as appropriate, together with the corresponding report of the external auditors, (a) a final financial report on the preceding fiscal biennium, or (b) an interim report on the annual closing of accounts provided for in Article 66 of these General Standards.

Another report that will clearly show the financial situation during the period from the beginning of the current fiscal period to the end of the last quarter completed before the beginning of the session shall also be presented at each regular session of the General Assembly.

**Financial Resources Administered by the General Secretariat**

**Article 86** (present Article 85)

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

a. **Regular Fund**, made up mainly of the assessments of the member states and the contributions from the special multilateral funds for technical supervision and administrative support provided by the General Secretariat. The purpose of this Fund is to finance the regular secretariat and general support services provided by the Secretariat as well as technical supervision and administrative support to the programs. The career service may be financed only by the Regular Fund of the Organization.

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

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

d. **Specific funds**, made up of grants or bequests to finance activities specified by the donor or legator and any other contributions made by national or international public or private entities to carry out or strengthen activities or programs of the General Secretariat;

9. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 301 (VII-0/77).
10. Text added by resolution AG/RES. 672 (XIII-0/83).
11. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 479 (X-0/80).
e. Funds from special contributions made by the member states to finance development cooperation activities; funds derived from agreements or contracts concluded by the General Secretariat with international governmental financing or development organizations in the exercise of the powers given it by the Charter.

The funds to which paragraphs (d) and (e) refer shall not be subject to the 15-percent contribution to the Regular Fund called for under Article 88 of the present General Standards. However, the General Secretariat, in agreement with the contributing countries or entities, may, when necessary, use a certain percentage of those funds to finance the operating costs of the activities or programs. The amount resulting from the percentage shall be at the disposal of the program concerned.

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

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

Article 87 (present Article 86)

The Regular Fund includes the following subfunds:

a. The General Subfund, to which shall be credited all income of the Regular Fund, and against which shall be charged all obligations and expenditures of the Regular Fund, in accordance with appropriations.

At the end of each year of the fiscal period, an excess in income over obligations and expenditures shall be transferred from the General Subfund to the Working Capital Subfund, or an amount equal to any excess of obligations and expenditures over income shall be transferred from the Working Capital Subfund to the General Subfund.

b. The Working Capital Subfund, whose purpose is to ensure the normal and continuing financial functions of the General Secretariat.

The amount of this Subfund shall be 25 percent of the total of the annual assessments of the member states. This amount shall be reached gradually through crediting to this Subfund the annual income in excess of the obligations and expenditures of the General Subfund. To the extent that the Subfund exceeds 25 percent of the total of the annual assessments of the member

12. Paragraph added by resolution AG/RES. 479 (X-0/80).
13. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 301 (VII-0/77).
states, the excess shall be available in subsequent years to finance partially the Program-Budget, and therefore shall be used to reduce the assignment of quotas to the member states or for any other purpose approved by the General Assembly.

**Article 88 (present Article 87)**

Contributions to the Regular Fund for costs of technical supervision and administrative support to the programs shall be made by all permanent or temporary multilateral or unilateral funds that amount to $100,000 or more, except FONDEM, since it is a fund for humanitarian purposes. The base figure for calculating the 15 percent contribution shall be the net amount of the programs adopted by the Councils. As the budget is executed, periodic deductions shall be made of 15 percent of the allocations of such Funds.\(^{14}\)

When appropriations partially financed by deobligations of funds of previous years from Reserve Subfunds are approved, such appropriations shall not be subject to the 15 percent contribution.\(^{15}\)

**Article 89 (present Article 88)**

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

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

b. Special expenditures not provided for in the Program Budget. Such expenditures must be authorized by the General Assembly or, if it is not in session, by the Permanent Council, which shall first hear a report on the condition of the Working Capital Subfund and the reasons for such expenditures from its Committee on Program and Budget.

No withdrawals shall be made from the Working Capital Subfund for purposes other than to ensure the continuing and normal functioning of the General Secretariat until such time as the Working Capital Subfund shall have reached 11 percent of the annual assessments of the member states deposited to the Regular Fund, approved by the General Assembly.\(^{16}\)

The amounts withdrawn for the purposes set forth in this article shall be reimbursed to the Working Capital Subfund in the following

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14. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 301 (VII-0/77).
15. Paragraph added by resolution AG/RES. 438 (IX-0/79).
16. Paragraph added by resolution AG/RES. 301 (VII-0/77).
manner: in the case covered by paragraph (a), above, as soon as the cor­responding income permits; and in the case covered by paragraph (b), by means of equivalent appropriations in the Program-Budget for the next fiscal period or in such manner as may be determined by the General Assembly. 17/

Article 90 (present Article 89)

Each special multilateral fund shall include the following subfunds:

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

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

Article 91 (present Article 90)

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

Article 92 (present Article 91)

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

Article 93 (present Article 92)

The Secretary General, with prior approval by the General Assembly, or by the Permanent Council if the Assembly is not in session, may accept inheritances, gifts, or bequests on behalf of the Organization.

He may also accept small gifts or bequests for purposes in harmony with the objectives of the Organization, and he shall inform the General Assembly thereof.

17. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 301 (VII-0/77).
Article 94 (present Article 93)

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

Accounting and Financial Control System

Article 95 (present Article 94)

The accounts of the General Secretariat and its financial reports shall be kept and presented in the currency of the state in which it has its seat.

The accounts of the Offices away from Headquarters and those of the applicable parts of the multilateral special Funds may be kept provisionally in such currency as the Secretary General determines.

Article 96 (present Article 95, amended)

The Secretary General shall establish, in accordance with these General Standards, suitable provisions and procedures to ensure effective financial management, the exercise of economy, and the best use of all the resources administered by the General Secretariat, and he shall inform the General Assembly thereof.

These provisions and procedures shall include an appropriate accounting system, based on generally accepted accounting principles, on these General Standards, and on the Budgetary and Financial Rules.

Article 97 (present Article 96)

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

a. The income and expenditures of all the Funds;

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

i. the original budget appropriations;

ii. appropriations modified by any kind of transfer;

iii. credits, if any, other than the appropriations authorized by the General Assembly;
iv. the amounts (charged, allocated, obligated, and/or expended) against those appropriations and/or other credits; and

c. The assets and liabilities of the Organization.

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

Article 98 (present Article 97, amended)

The Secretary General shall invest the funds of the Organization that are not essential to meet immediate disbursement needs, and give an account to the General Assembly thereon.

Article 99 (present Article 98)

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

Article 100 (present Article 99)

The purchasing of equipment, office furniture and supplies, and general supplies, and contractual painting shall be done by competitive methods.

The Secretary General may make exceptions for purchases in amounts of less than $10,000 in those cases in which he considers those methods are not beneficial to the interest of the Organization.

The Secretary General may make exceptions to the use of competitive methods when the amount of the purchase is $10,000 or more, only in the following circumstances:

1. Emergencies, such as disaster relief, emergency repairs, and other measures urgently needed to protect life or property.

2. Purchase of technical equipment and scientific materials for projects approved by the General Assembly to be carried out in member states. In these cases, and depending upon the desire of the member state or institution, purchases may be made either by the General Secretariat or by the national institution participating in the project, provided in the latter case that the purchase is not more burdensome.

The Secretary General shall inform the Permanent Council of all purchases in the amount of $10,000 or more in which competitive methods were not used.
All purchases will be subject to post audit by the Office of Internal Audit.

Article 101 (present Article 100)

In matters related to the management of the various objects of expenditure (personnel, contracts, equipment and supplies, travel, and other costs such as fees, per diem allowances, etc.), the General Secretariat shall apply uniform criteria in all organs, agencies, and other entities whose expenses are included in the Program-Budget.

Internal Auditing

Article 102 (present Article 101)

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

Article 103 (new text)

The Secretary General shall be responsible for establishing a formal system for the evaluation of the efficacy of the programs, services, and activities of the OAS.

The reports on the evaluation shall be presented annually to the Councils, so that they may be taken into account in the preparation of the proposed Program-Budget for the following biennium.

The Secretary General shall present the annual schedule of evaluations in the first quarter of the respective year.

CHAPTER V

EXTERNAL AUDITING AND FINANCIAL SUPERVISION

External Auditing

Article 104 (present Article 102, including Article 105 as the second paragraph)

The Board of External Auditors shall examine the accounts of the General Secretariat in accordance with the provision of resolution AG/RES. 123 (III-0/73), adopted by the General Assembly at its twelfth plenary session on April 14, 1973; of resolution CP/RES. 124, adopted by the

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18. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 359 (VIII-0/78).

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

The Secretary General shall grant the Board access to any financial records that it may request, cooperating with it as needed, so that the Board may make its audits in a timely and effective way.19/

Article 105 (present Article 103)

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

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

b. That the transactions reflected in the financial statements are in accord with these General Standards, the financial regulations, and other applicable provisions;

c. That the securities and cash on deposit have been checked by means of certifications from the depositories of the General Secretariat, and the cash on hand shall be checked by actually counting it to the extent the Board of External Auditors deems appropriate, applying generally accepted standards of auditing.20/

Article 106 (present Article 104)

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

Article 107 (present Article 106)

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

19. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 672 (XIII-0/83).
20. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 479 (X-0/80).
Article 108 (present Article 107, including Article 109 as the second paragraph)

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

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

Article 109 (present Article 108, amended)

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

Article 110 (remains as is)

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

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

b. Cases of fraud or presumptive fraud;

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

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

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

f. Any deficiency in the general system governing the handling of income and expenditures or of supplies and equipment, or in the corresponding administrative services.
Article 111 (remains as is)

The Board shall submit its report to the General Assembly at least sixty days before the holding of each regular session of the General Assembly. The General Secretariat shall present a report to the Permanent Council, no later than March 31 of each year, on the measures taken to comply with the recommendations of the Board.21

Financial Supervision

Article 112 (remains as is)

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

Article 113 (remains as is)

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

CHAPTER VI

STANDARDS ON REAL OR APPARENT CONFLICTS OF INTEREST APPLICABLE TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY GENERAL, AND THE OTHER STAFF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT

(Present title amended)

Article 114 (remains as is). The Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General, during their terms of office, may not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, loan, favor, or any other thing of monetary value, from any person, association, corporation, or business entity that has, or is seeking to obtain, a contractual or other business or financial relationship with the Organization of American States.

Article 115 (remains as is). The Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General must refrain from using of appearing to use their office for the purpose of private gain for themselves or other persons.

Article 116 (remains as is). The Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General may not have any direct or indirect financial interest that conflicts substantially, or appears to conflict substantially, with the proper discharge of their duties in the interest of the Organization, and of their responsibilities as prescribed in the Charter of the OAS and in the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat.

21. Amendment approved by resolution AG/RES. 672 (XIII-0/83).
Article 117 (remains as is). The Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General shall avoid any action, whether or not specifically prohibited by these standards, which might result in, or create the appearance of:

a. Giving preferential treatment to any organization or person.

b. Losing complete independence or impartiality of action.

c. Making an administrative decision without observing established procedures.

d. Adversely affecting the good name and integrity of the General Secretariat.

Article 118 (remains as is). If the Permanent Council considers that a specific matter could give rise to a possible conflict of interest, the Secretary General or the Assistant Secretary General, as the case may be, shall either (1) disqualify himself from working on any matter that is directly or indirectly related to the entity concerned, or (2) eliminate the conflict by divesting himself of the interest, at his option.

Article 119 (present Article 119 amended). At the beginning of the period for which they were elected or reelected, and at the end of their terms of office, the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General shall submit to the Permanent Council a sworn statement containing the following information:

a. A list of all business associations, enterprises, companies and other entities with which they are connected, directly or indirectly, with an indication of the nature of the connection, when one exists, together with a statement of the amount of their financial or business participation in those associations, enterprises, and companies;

b. A list of creditors, other than those to whom they may be indebted by reason of a mortgage on property that they occupy as a private residence, or to whom they may be indebted for ordinary household and living expenses, such as household furnishings, automobile, education, vacation, and similar expenses; and

c. A statement of their net worth.

Article 120 (new article). The Secretary General shall establish regulations to make certain that the staff members of the General Secretariat have no direct or indirect interests that may conflict with the correct performance of their duties in the Organization and with the responsibilities assigned to them by the OAS Charter, these General Standards, and other relevant provisions. These regulations shall include:

a. The duty to present a sworn statement in which the staff members affirm that they maintain no connections that could involve conflicts of interest according to the pertinent provisions.
b. Besides the statement described in paragraph (a), the staff members mentioned in paragraph (d) shall present an additional sworn statement, which shall include:

i. All associations, enterprises, or companies with which they are connected, directly or indirectly, with an indication of the nature of the connection, as well as a list of their creditors, with the exceptions specified in paragraph (b) of Article 119.

ii. Their personal net worth as it stands at the beginning and at the conclusion of their duties.

c. An annual updating, by the staff members, of the statements referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b)(i), and whenever there is a change in the situation described in these statements.

d. The statements referred to in paragraph (b) shall be presented by the following staff members:

i. Those holding positions of trust in conformity with Article 119(a);

ii. Department or office directors and other chiefs of administrative units who, although they do not hold positions of trust, are directly subordinate, from the standpoint of rank, to the Secretary General, the Assistant Secretary General, an Executive Secretary, or an Assistant Secretary; and

iii. Staff members who as a part of their normal activities participate in a substantial way in recommending, selecting, approving, or paying staff members, independent contractors, or other firms or enterprises from which the General Secretariat purchases goods or services.

Article 121. Failure to comply with the provisions of paragraphs (a) (b), (c), and (d) of the preceding article shall be penalized in accordance with articles 49 through 51.

Article 122. The General Secretariat shall withhold final settlement of credits for benefits, entitlements, retirements, and pensions, until it is demonstrated that the provisions of Article 119 (c) and 120 (b) of these General Standards have been met.
AG/RES. 732 (XIV-O/84)

CELEBRATION OF THE FIVE-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CP/RES. 419 (590/84) adopted by the Permanent Council; and

CONSIDERING:

That the First Inter-American Preparatory Conference for the Celebration of the Five-Hundredth Anniversary of the Discovery of America will be held in the Dominican Republic on December 10, 1984;

That the most important task of that Conference will be to establish the program of activities through which the Organization will celebrate that anniversary, and that many of the activities will begin in 1985; and

That the Permanent Council has decided that it is necessary to have an Ad Hoc body to coordinate governmental and other activities in keeping with the recommendations to be made by that First Conference,

RESOLVES:

1. To extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Committee established by the Permanent Council pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 655 (XIII-0/83) and to expand the scope of its responsibilities to encompass the following:

   a. Organization of the inter-American activities which the first Inter-American Preparatory Conference for the Celebration of the Five-Hundredth Anniversary of the Discovery of America may recommend;

   b. Consideration of the proposed budget for those activities prepared by the General Secretariat, which is to be submitted to the Permanent Council; and

   c. Coordination with the national officials and committees appointed by the member states and the permanent observers to the OAS, with other international governmental organizations, and with nongovernmental bodies approved by the Permanent Council.
2. To entrust the Secretary General with appointing a person to be responsible for coordinating and furthering the activities falling within the scope of the responsibilities of the General Secretariat.
AG/RES. 733 (XIV-0/84)

BASES OF FINANCING OF THE PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the Bases of Financing of the Program-Budget of the Organization (AG/doc.1809/84); and

The Secretary General's approach to the problem of the bases of financing of the OAS in his address on the occasion of the inauguration of the fourteenth session of the General Assembly; and

CONSIDERING:

That the General Assembly, through resolution AG/RES. 39 (I-0/71), adopted at its first regular session, entrusted the Permanent Council with studying the formula for determining the assessed quotas for the support of the Organization, a mandate that has been postponed successively at all the following regular sessions;

That, through resolution AG/RES. 676 (XIII-0/83), the General Assembly again extended, until the fourteenth regular session, the mandate given to the Permanent Council regarding presentation of the Organization's own system for financing its Program-Budget; and

That the member states still intend to revise the present system of the bases of financing of the Organization,

RESOLVES:

1. To extend until the fifteenth regular session the mandate given to the Permanent Council regarding presentation of the Organization's own system for financing its Program-Budget, which, by applying the provisions of Article 53 of the Charter and the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly at previous sessions on the search for a quota system, would achieve a better distribution of the member states' contributions.
2. To instruct the General Secretariat to continue to collaborate with the Permanent Council in carrying out its mandate by providing it with such suggestions as it deems useful for the study and preparation of a new financing system, providing it with any information requested.

3. To instruct the Permanent Council to maintain the provisions agreed upon in resolutions AG/RES. 321 (V-E/77), AG/RES. 557 (XI-0/81), AG/RES. 600 (XII-0/82), and AG/RES. 676 (XIII-0/83), regarding the percentage scales of quotas and the budget amounts, until such time as the Organization adopts a new system of quotas.
AG/RES. 734 (XIV-0/84)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the annual report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee (CJI), submitted to the General Assembly for consideration at its fourteenth regular session (AG/doc.1775/84); and

HAVING HEARD the oral report presented by the Chairman of the CJI to the Committee on Juridical and Political Matters of this Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note, with pleasure, of the Committee's report to the fourteenth regular session of the General Assembly.

2. To express satisfaction at the fact that the Committee, in its next agenda, has given priority to topics of special importance, in keeping with a recommendation of the Permanent Council.

3. To express satisfaction at the change introduced whereby the aforementioned report of the Committee will cover the period from August of the preceding year to January of the year in which the regular session of the General Assembly is to be held, as this will afford the Permanent Council and the governments of the member states enough time to study those documents sufficiently in advance.

4. To congratulate the Committee on the success of the eleventh course on International Law.

5. To ask the General Secretariat of the Organization to provide the Inter-American Juridical Committee with the secretariat services necessary to enable it to submit more detailed reports with the corresponding background information and to prepare more complete minutes of the meetings, thereby facilitating better knowledge of the debates and positions of that body, in accordance with the provisions of Article 118.d) of the Charter of the Organization. Such assistance will consist of assigning a sufficient number of legal advisors and secretariat staff from its headquarters in Washington, D.C. to cooperate in the work of the Committee during its meetings.
6. To authorize the Secretary General to carry out the above assignment in 1985 by applying any savings from the 1984-85 budget of the Inter-American Juridical Committee.

7. To express to the Inter-American Juridical Committee and to the Permanent Council its pleasure with the fact that an annual dialogue has been initiated that will allow for closer coordination between the two legal organs.
AG/RES. 735 (XIV-O/84)

REVITALIZATION AND DISSEMINATION OF PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE AMERICAS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

WHEREAS:

International law should predominate in the conduct and development of international relations, an essential role being assigned to it in prevention and settlement of the international disputes that today afflict the Hemisphere;

The American Hemisphere has always been closely associated with the defense of, respect for, and development of international law, as shown by major contributions, including, among others, the principles of nonintervention and refraining from the use of force, the rights and duties of states and the right of asylum, all established in Chapter II of the Charter of the Organization;

With the sweeping changes that have taken place in international relations in recent years, the scope of application of international law has been greatly broadened;

In light of developments that have taken place in international law in recent decades, the study and circulation of information on the practice of states in matters of international law can identify basic notions of justice that enjoy widespread acceptance, influence the evolution of customary international law, and contribute to improvement both in the grounding of positions taken by states and in the formulation of juridical standards aimed at greater effectiveness through closer relations among states; and

It is important to attribute greater value to the juridical heritage of the Americas, a rich legacy that has been enhanced in recent years by the increase in the Organization's membership, expanded to include countries of diverse legal traditions,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat of the OAS to continue with the implementation of the Inter-American Program for Legal Development, in accordance with the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 654 (XIII-O/83).
2. To urge the member states to promote the preparation of national digests of their practice with respect to public international law.

3. To urge the member states that, among the initiatives aimed at increased appreciation of the legal heritage of the American hemisphere, they promote new editions of the works of the region's great masters of international law, with a view to preparing a legal anthology to be published at a future date under the aegis of the OAS.

4. To instruct the General Secretariat to assign priority to the publication of texts and works covered by paragraphs 2 and 3 above when drawing up the Organization's yearly publications programs.
AG/RES. 736 (XIV-0/84)

CONVOCATION OF AN INTER-AMERICAN SPECIALIZED CONFERENCE TO CONSIDER A DRAFT CONVENTION DEFINING TORTURE AS AN INTERNATIONAL CRIME

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

WHEREAS:

Resolution AG/RES. 368 (VIII-0/78) requested the Inter-American Juridical Committee to prepare, in cooperation with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, a draft convention defining torture as an international crime;

In pursuance of that mandate, the Inter-American Juridical Committee, in conjunction with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, prepared a draft convention on the matter in 1980 and transmitted it to the Permanent Council;

The Permanent Council forwarded the draft to the General Assembly, which, in resolution AG/RES. 509 (X-0/80), provided inter-alia, that it should be transmitted to the governments of the member states for consideration in order for them to formulate their observations and comments thereon before April 30, 1981, and convey them to the Permanent Council for the latter to introduce the appropriate amendments to the draft and submit them to the following session of the General Assembly;

The Permanent Council, upon receiving the observations and comments from the governments of several member states, proceeded to revise the draft convention drawn up by the Inter-American Juridical Committee and reported periodically to the General Assembly on its progress in this regard;

The Permanent Council has concluded its work and is presenting the report contained in document AG/doc.1812/84 to the General Assembly, annexing thereto the revised Draft Convention Defining Torture as an International Crime and advising the General Assembly to convene an inter-American specialized conference in 1985 to adopt a convention; and

In pursuance of the provisions of Article 128 of the Charter of the Organization, inter-American specialized conferences are held when either the General Assembly or the Meeting of Consultation so decides, on its own initiative or at the request of one of the Councils or Specialized Organizations,
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To convene an Inter-American Specialized Conference in 1985 to consider the draft Convention Defining Torture as an International Crime prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee and revised by the Permanent Council, and to adopt an inter-American convention on that matter.

2. To request the Permanent Council to establish the place and date for the specialized conference and to prepare the draft rules of procedure and agenda to be submitted to it.
AG/RES. 737 (XIV-0/84)

DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE JURISDICTIONAL IMMUNITY OF STATES

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council concerning the draft Inter-American Convention on the Jurisdictional Immunity of States (AG/doc.1819/84),

RESOLVES:

1. To extend until the fifteenth regular session of the General Assembly the mandate contained in operative paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 660 (XIII-0/83) whereby the Permanent Council is instructed to study the draft Convention on the Jurisdictional Immunity of States prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee, in the light of the observations and opinions of the governments of the member states, and to make its recommendations thereon to the General Assembly during its fourteenth regular session.

2. To reiterate to the governments of the member states that have not already done so its request that they present to the Permanent Council as soon as possible their observations on the draft Convention on the Jurisdictional Immunity of States prepared by the Inter-American Juridical Committee, together with their opinions with regard to the convocation of a conference for adoption of the Convention.
AG/RES. 738 (XIV-0/84)

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

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the information document presented by the General Secretariat at the fourteenth regular session of the General Assembly 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 (AG/doc.1802/84),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the information document prepared by the General Secretariat (AG/doc.1802/84) and to express appreciation for its work.

2. To request the General Secretariat to prepare an updated report on changes occurring in the constitutional evolution of the territories indicated in the aforementioned information document for presentation at the fifteenth regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 739 (XIV-0/84)

DISPLACEMENT OF PERSONS IN THE REGION

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the progress of the work carried out under the cooperative program between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the General Secretariat of the Organization (AG/doc.1783/84),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note with satisfaction of the progress of the work carried out under the UNHCR/OAS Program and to thank the OAS General Secretariat for cooperating in those efforts.

2. To ask the Permanent Council to continue to report to the General Assembly on the progress of the work carried out under the cooperative program between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and the General Secretariat.
AG/RES. 740 (XIV-0/84)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (AG/doc.1776/84); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Charter of the Organization of American States proclaims the existence of the fundamental rights of the individual and the need to safeguard them and provides for a special convention to be established on the matter;

That the American Convention on Human Rights concluded pursuant to that provision of the Charter created the Inter-American Court of Human Rights as one of the organs of the regional system responsible for guaranteeing the protection of human rights in the American States;

That eighteen member states of the Organization have signed or ratified the Convention;

That in the course of this year two countries—Ecuador and Argentina—have accepted the Court's compulsory jurisdiction (Article 62.1 of the Convention), thus raising to six the number of States that have done so;

That the system established for the effective protection of human rights in the Hemisphere is able to function fully only with the participation of the two organs created for that purpose: the Commission and the Court; and

That all member states and organs of the OAS have access to the consultative service of the Court and that in the exercise of that function the Court has built up a doctrine which develops and gives a more concrete content to the American Convention on Human Rights,

RESOLVES:

1. To express the appreciation of the Organization of American States for the work performed by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, as reflected in its annual report.
2. To urge the member states of the OAS which have not yet done so to sign or ratify the American Convention on Human Rights.

3. To express its hope that all of the states which are parties to the American Convention on Human Rights will acknowledge the Court's compulsory jurisdiction.

4. To urge the member states of the Organization and the organs listed in Chapter X of the Charter, especially the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, to make full use of the Court's competence as empowered to do so by the Pact of San José.
AG/RES. 741 (XIV-0/84)

PARTICIPATION OF THE OAS IN THE CELEBRATION OF THE
TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO THE COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

WHEREAS:

Resolution AG/RES. 107 (III-0/73) established that "the evolution of the situation in the Americas, particularly with regard to the process of eliminating colonialism, is of interest to the Organization of American States";

In the fourth operative paragraph of resolution AG/RES. 429 (IX-0/79), adopted at its ninth regular session, the General Assembly expressed its satisfaction with the progress the nations of the hemisphere have made in achieving independence and reaffirmed its determination to aid in the continuing process of decolonization of the region so as not to defer the exercise of the legitimate right of peoples to forge their own destiny;

Although the principles of equality of rights and self-determination of peoples have been recognized in the United Nations since its creation in 1945, the need to define those principles and make them more effective led the United Nations General Assembly, at its fifteenth session, held in 1960, to adopt resolution 1514, known as the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

That Declaration firmly established the right to self-determination; it considered foreign domination to be a form of denial of fundamental human rights, as well as an impediment to world peace and cooperation; it called on the colonial powers to take effective steps toward granting independence to the territories under their trusteeship; and it reaffirmed that any attempt to disrupt the national unity or territorial integrity of a country was incompatible with the aims and principles of the United Nations Charter;

Beginning with resolution AG/RES. 107 (III-0/73), the General Assembly has attested to its concern for this matter by keeping on the agenda of its regular annual meetings, without prejudice to specific initiatives, the topic of examination of the "constitutional evolution of nonautonomous territories in the American hemisphere and other territories in the Americas having ties with countries outside the hemisphere"; and

In accordance with the principles of the OAS Charter and the practices of the inter-American system, and in view of the urgent need to adopt all
measures necessary to eliminate immediately the vestiges of colonialism in the world, it is indispensable for the inter-American system to express its solidarity with the cause of decolonization.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To declare that the question of granting independence to colonial countries and peoples is one of the innumerable principles that the OAS and the United Nations closely share.

2. To associate itself enthusiastically with the commemoration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.

3. To request that, with this end in view, the General Secretariat endeavor to coordinate with the appropriate organs of the United Nations the manner in which the OAS can, to such extent as may be appropriate and within the limits of its possibilities, join in the commemorations that are being planned.

4. To instruct the General Secretariat to transmit the text of this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations and, through him, to the General Assembly of that organization.
AG/RES. 742 (XIV-0/84)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (AG/doc.1778/84), the Special Report of the Commission (AG/doc.1779/84), and the observations and replies from the governments; and

CONSIDERING:

That the protection and exercise of human rights is one of the lofty purposes of the Organization of American States and that their observance is a source of solidarity among the member states as well as a guarantee of respect for human life and the dignity of man;

That the principal purpose of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is to promote the observance and defense of human rights in all the member states;

That the democratic system is essential to the establishment of a political society in which human values can be fully realized;

That it is necessary to stress the positive evolution already begun or completed in some countries toward a return to democracy;

That it is also a positive step that certain countries have adopted measures which contribute significantly to observance of the rights set forth in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and in the American Convention on Human Rights (Pact of San José), despite which situations still persist which adversely affect observance of the rights of the individual, the dignity of man, personal security and safety, as well as the values of democracy, including social justice;

That in its Annual Report 1983/84, the Commission sets forth in detail that in some countries of the hemisphere human rights are still being violated, as in cases of deaths caused by actions imputable to governmental authorities, detentions without trial, investigatory police actions devoid of the minimum guarantees that the proper administration of justice demands, administrative expulsion of nationals, obstacles placed in the way of freedom of religion and worship, and the serious restrictions imposed on freedom of opinion, expression, and dissemination of thought, and on political rights;
That the practice of the forced disappearance of persons still continues and in the majority of cases the disappearances have not been explained;

That this practice is cruel and inhuman, mocks the rule of law, and undermines those norms which guarantee protection against arbitrary detention and the right to personal security and safety;

That it is necessary to reiterate the importance of economic, social, and cultural rights in the context of human rights for the integral development of the individual;

That Chapter V of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights makes reference to the urgent need to find an appropriate solution to the problems derived from the massive displacement of persons in the Hemisphere, taking into consideration the new reality which has emerged in recent years with regard to refugees and displaced persons;

That the Commission notes in Chapter V of its Annual Report the request that the member states and the organs and bodies of the inter-American system present specific proposals regarding the content of the Additional Protocol to the Pact of San José as regards economic, social, and cultural rights; and

That the Commission also emphasizes the urgency of paying greater attention to the teaching of human rights in order to disseminate the norms and principles relating to their protection,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note, with interest, of the Annual Report, the Special Report, and the recommendations of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and to thank the Commission and to congratulate it on the serious and important work it is doing in the field of protection and promotion of human rights.

2. To urge the governments of the states mentioned in the Annual Report to accept the Commission's recommendations in accordance with the provisions of their constitutions and their domestic law in order to ensure the faithful observance of the human rights set forth in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and the American Convention on Human Rights.

3. To take note of the comments and observations of the governments of the member states and of the reports on the measures that they have taken and will continue putting into practice to guarantee human rights in their countries.
4. To reiterate that the practice of the forced disappearance of persons in the Americas is an affront to the conscience of the hemisphere and constitutes a crime against humanity.

5. To urge those states in which disappearances of persons have occurred to clarify their situation and inform their families of their fate.

6. To reiterate the need to prevent and, where appropriate, to put an immediate end to violations of human rights, especially the right to life, personal security and liberty and the right to a fair trial and due process; and to reaffirm that summary executions, torture, and detention without due process constitute extremely serious violations of human rights.

7. To recommend to those member states that have not yet done so that they reestablish and improve the system of representative democracy based on free elections through secret, universal suffrage; and without prejudice to the foregoing, the characteristics and circumstances of each country shall be taken into account and their laws respected, and in every case, all citizens shall be given access to the mass communications media and shall enjoy the other guarantees essential for election results to represent the will of the people.

8. To remind the member states of the need to guarantee the full exercise of freedom of conscience, religion, and worship, as well as the right to freedom of inquiry, opinion, expression, and dissemination of thought, bearing in mind the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and the American Convention on Human Rights.

9. To reaffirm that an aspect of the effective protection of human rights must be recognition of rights of a social, economic, and cultural character, emphasizing the responsibility of the governments of the member states in the process of promoting cooperation for hemispheric development.

10. To reiterate its request to the Permanent Council that it submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifteenth regular session on the status of the work relating to the serious problem of refugees and the mass displacement of persons in the hemisphere, while bearing in mind the recommendations made by the Commission in Chapter V of its Annual Report.

11. To note with satisfaction the decision of the governments of the member states that have invited the Commission to visit their respective countries, and to urge the governments of states that have not yet accepted or agreed to a date for such a visit to do so as soon as possible.

12. To invite the member states and other interested organs and entities to present specific proposals to the General Assembly on the content of the draft Additional Protocol to the American Convention on
Human Rights as regards economic, social, and cultural rights, especially as regards the definition of the rights subject to protection and the institutional mechanisms which should be created to ensure their adequate protection.

13. To urge the member states to incorporate the teaching of human rights in their official curricula by including such reading matter in both primary and secondary school courses, bearing in mind the respective constitutional systems and the corresponding international instruments.

14. To request the Commission to continue monitoring the situation of human rights in such member states as it deems appropriate and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifteenth regular session.

15. To invite the governments of those member states that have not yet done so to consider the advisability of accession to or ratification of the American Convention on Human Rights.

16. To urge all governments to provide the Commission with the cooperation necessary for it to carry out its work properly, particularly as regards a timely response to the Commission's requests for information on individual cases.
AG/RES. 743 (XIV-O/84)

CONSIDERATION OF ARTICLE 8 OF THE CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROGRESSIVE DEVELOPMENT OF THE OAS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held in November 17, 1984)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the mandate contained in AG/RES. 514 (XI-O/81), whereby the Permanent Council was charged, in light of the discussions at the eleventh regular session of the General Assembly, to undertake a thorough study of the subject entitled "Consideration of Article 8 of the Charter of the Organization of American States in the Context of the Progressive Development of the OAS"; and

NOTING that the Permanent Council has submitted two reports on the topic to the General Assembly at its regular sessions held in 1982 and 1983, and in view of the Council's report on this matter in 1984 and document AG/doc.1795/84; and

BEARING IN MIND the importance of this issue to the future development of the inter-American system,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Permanent Council to continue to study this subject and report to the fifteenth regular session of the General Assembly.
WHEREAS:

This year completes twenty-five years of activities of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, established by Resolution VIII of the Fifth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, held in Santiago, Chile, in 1959; and

Protection and exercise of human rights constitute one of the highest purposes of the Organization of American States, and their observance is a source of solidarity among the member states as well as a guarantee of respect for human life and the dignity of man,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Inter-American Commission of Human Rights for and to congratulate it on the important work accomplished in fulfillment of its mandate to promote and defend human rights during the twenty-five years of its activities.

2. To express its steadfast support to the Commission for the work done and to reaffirm the importance that its reports have for the defense of human rights.

3. To urge all the governments to continue to give the Commission the cooperation it needs to accomplish its work.
AG/RES. 745 (XIV-0/84)

BASIC INSTRUMENTS OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

WHEREAS:

Through resolution AG/RES. 127 (III-0/73), adopted by the General Assembly at its third regular session, held in April 1973, a Special Committee was established, composed of representatives appointed by each member state, which, "taking into account the principles and purposes of the inter-American system and of the Charter of the Organization, shall conduct a comprehensive critical study, analysis, and evaluation of the philosophy, instruments, structure, and functioning of the inter-American system and propose its restructuring and the reforms and measures necessary to enable it to respond adequately to the new political, economic, social, and cultural situations in all the member states and to hemisphere and world conditions";

The Special Committee established pursuant to the resolution referred to in the preceding paragraph held five sessions beginning on June 20, 1973, in Lima and culminating on February 20, 1975, in Washington, with the presentation of a final report on the result of its work;

After studying the report of the Special Committee, the General Assembly, at its fifth regular session, held in May 1975, resolved, through resolution AG/RES. 178 (V-0/75), to instruct the Permanent Council to revise and coordinate the texts of the proposed amendments to the Charter of the Organization approved by CEESI; to continue the study of the matters pending revision, as well as the amendments suggested by the same Committee with regard to the American Treaty on Pacific Settlement, and to present a report to the member states;

In compliance with the above mandate, the Permanent Council studied the recommendations of the Special Committee and opened an extensive discussion thereon in which the member states, through their representatives, had an opportunity to express their views concerning the work and the recommendations of the Special Committee;

The recommendations of the Special Committee contained proposed amendments to Chapters I, II, IV, V, VI, VII, X, XI, XII, XIII, XIV, XV, XVII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXIII, and XXIV of the Charter; the Draft Protocol of Amendment to the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (subsequently adopted in San José in 1975); suggestions that at some other time a study be made of amendments to the Pact of Bogotá; a preliminary draft Convention on Collective Economic Security; and a preliminary draft Inter-American Convention on Cooperation for Integral Development.
The General Assembly, at its eighth regular session, held in June 1978, again insisted that it was urgently necessary to bring the reform process to a successful conclusion, considering that the restructuring of the inter-American system was essential;

The volumes published on the work performed by the Special Committee and the Permanent Council contain sufficient terms of reference concerning the proposed amendments;

Eleven years have passed since the process of reforms began, and the reasons that led the General Assembly to order the beginning of that process remain valid today. In addition, a majority of the member states have proclaimed the need to reinvigorate and strengthen the Organization of American States; and

Through resolution AG/RES. 680 (XIII-0/83), the General Secretariat was instructed to prepare, using the advisory services of the Inter-American Juridical Committee, a study on the procedures provided in the Charter of the Organization for the peaceful settlement of disputes and further steps that might be taken to promote, modernize, or expand such procedures,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To convene a special session of the General Assembly, to be held in the fourth quarter of 1985, at a date to be set by the Permanent Council, for the purpose of examining and, as the case may be, adopting the proposals that the member states agree upon in regard to the basic instruments of the Organization of American States.

2. To instruct the General Secretariat to arrange the proposals referred to in the fifth paragraph of the preamble to this resolution systematically and to submit a study on the matter to the Permanent Council.

3. To extend until the fifteenth regular session the mandate given to the General Secretariat in operative paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 680 (XIII-0/83).

4. To request the member states to present, at the earliest possible date, their observations on the proposals mentioned in operative paragraph 2 to the Permanent Council.
5. To instruct the Permanent Council to prepare draft amendments to the basic instruments of the Organization of American States designed to strengthen the institutional mechanisms for inter-American cooperation, based on the study and the observations referred to in operative paragraphs 2 and 4 of this resolution, and in consultation with the Inter-American Juridical Committee.

6. To request the Permanent Council to submit to the special session of the General Assembly the proposed amendments and the new instruments decided upon by the member states.
AG/RES. 746 (XIV-0/84)

STATEMENT OF SATISFACTION WITH THE ARGENTINE-CHILEAN AGREEMENT ON THE SOUTHERN BORDER DISPUTE

(Proposed by the Delegations of Colombia and Uruguay and adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

The General Assembly of the Organization of American States, at its fourteenth regular session, expresses its satisfaction over the agreement recently arrived at, with the valuable mediation of His Holiness, John Paul II, by the governments of Argentina and Chile regarding their southern border dispute.

It likewise declares that this agreement, described by the Permanent Council as exemplary, is evidence of the effectiveness of peaceful efforts to resolve disputes, since it has eliminated a source of friction between two countries linked together by strong bonds of friendship, thus strengthening peace in the Americas.

It is hereby decided to send this declaration to the Holy See and to congratulate the governments of Chile and Argentina for having reached this agreement.
AG/RES. 747 (XIV-0/84)

DECLARATION OF BRASILIA

(Adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on November 17, 1984)

We, the undersigned representatives of the countries constituting the Organization of American States, meeting in Brasilia on the occasion of the fourteenth regular session of the General Assembly, convinced of the need to strengthen the institutional mechanisms for cooperation in accordance with the principles of the inter-American juridical system and the genuine aspirations of the peoples of this hemisphere, make the following declaration:

1. We reaffirm that strict compliance with the Charter which established our regional organization is essential to the achievement of an order of peace and justice in our region and to the full realization of the aims and basic principles of the Organization.

2. We note with pleasure the promising progress of representative democracy in the hemisphere, which is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace, and development of the region.

3. We recognize that the interdependence of nations and today's complex political, economic, and social realities call for a mature and constructive hemispheric dialogue; for international cooperation for development, free of preconditions, political discrimination, or unjust demands for reciprocity; for the settlement of disputes by peaceful means; and for a search for lasting agreements that reconcile differing interests and make it possible to achieve shared progress.

4. We affirm that a renewed impetus to the mechanisms of integration and collaboration among the developing nations of America should bring all the countries of the hemisphere into a balanced relationship of solidarity and cooperation, a basic prerequisite for regional harmony and concord.

5. We emphasize that the effective implementation of inter-American ideals requires a concerted effort by the member states of the Organization to give urgent attention to the development needs of the people of Latin America and the Caribbean, to promote observance of human rights, and to strengthen the system of representative democracy under the aegis of freedom and social justice.

6. We reiterate our willingness to join efforts in the continuing task of bringing about conditions of well-being and integral development that will ensure for our peoples a life of freedom and dignity and provide the men and women of the hemisphere with a favorable environment for full self-realization.
7. We maintain that the increasing number of states with which the membership of our organization has been enriched have made it ever more representative of the creative diversity of the hemisphere, a fact which obliges us to strive for greater rapprochement and understanding between member countries of different cultural backgrounds, with the aim of strengthening cooperation and solidarity among the American states.

8. We stress that our organization constitutes an ideal forum for maintaining an open, fluid, and fruitful communication among the member states and that it provides a suitable instrument for channeling their cooperative efforts in the political, economic, social, educational, scientific, technological, and cultural fields.

9. We express our deep gratitude to the Government and people of Brazil for their generous hospitality and resolve that, in their honor, this declaration shall be known as "The Declaration of Brasilia."