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AG/DEC. 1 (XXII-0/92)

DECLARATION OF NASSAU

(Adopted at the third plenary session, held on May 19, 1992)

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS), attending the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly of the OAS, at Nassau, The Bahamas:

Convinced that the historic mission of America is to offer to its peoples a land of liberty and a favorable environment for the development of their personality and the realization of their just aspirations;

Mindful that this year marks the five-hundredth anniversary of the Encounter of Two Worlds and of diverse cultures that occurred on October 12, 1492, when Christopher Columbus landed on the island of Guanahani, renaming it San Salvador;

Reaffirming, on this historic occasion, that our region has developed its own identity and that one of its distinctive features is the democratic system of government adopted to ensure peaceful relations among all its peoples and full respect for their cultural diversity;

I

Recalling that the Preamble of the Charter of the OAS states "that representative democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace and development of the region";

Considering that in accordance with Article 2 of the Charter of the Organization, one of its essential purposes is to "promote and consolidate representative democracy, with due respect for the principle of non-intervention";

Reaffirming that the principles and ideals of peace, democracy, social justice, integral development and solidarity, enshrined in the OAS Charter, are the permanent foundation of the inter-American system;

Recalling the Santiago Commitment to Democracy and the Renewal of the inter-American system and the valuable contribution of AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-0/91) to the strengthening of representative democracy, both adopted at the twenty-first regular session of the General Assembly;
Recalling, particularly, that the Santiago Commitment to Democracy and the Renewal of the inter-American system declares "its uncompromising commitment to the defense and promotion of representative democracy and of human rights in the region, within the parameters of respect for the principles of self-determination and non-intervention";

Reaffirming further, that the solidarity of the American states and the high aims which are sought through it require the political organization of those states on the basis of the effective exercise of representative democracy;

Noting that the trend toward a more open and democratic international system is not firmly established, that there still persist sources of instability in the economic, social and humanitarian fields, and that cooperation must be encouraged and strengthened so that this trend may take hold and endure;

Stressing that extreme poverty and economic and social inequalities are inimical to the consolidation and stability of representative democracy in the Hemisphere;

Recognizing also the leadership assumed by the OAS and its positive contributions to the strengthening, consolidation and defense of representative democracy in the Hemisphere;

II

Stressing the need to ensure for all, without distinction as to race, nationality, creed or sex, full enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

Deeply convinced that due to their diverse origins and backgrounds, the peoples of the Americas have the historical responsibility to play a leading and exemplary role in the struggle against racism and racial discrimination;

Condemning the United Nations for declaring 1993 as the International Year for the World’s Indigenous People, with a view to strengthening international cooperation for the solution of problems faced by indigenous communities in such areas as human rights, the environment, development, education and health;

Recalling the efforts related to this matter carried out by the organs, agencies and entities of the Organization, particularly the Inter-American Indian Institute;
Recognizing the value of the respect for the environment accorded by the cultures of indigenous peoples and of lessons to be garnered from their knowledge of its sustainable use and management;

Affirming their conviction that support for the cultures and resources of the region through economic development is an important aspect of the hemispheric concept of integral development and constitutes an essential element for the attainment of the region’s political and economic stability;

III

Recognizing that the objective of integral development of the OAS member states, as established by the Organization’s Charter, has yet to be achieved, that the concept of integral development is inspired by the principles of inter-American solidarity and cooperation and that it comprises economic, social, educational, cultural, environmental, scientific and technological development goals set by each individual country;

Recognizing further the shared responsibility of member states to protect the environment, and that through international cooperation, the developed countries should support, in addition to existing programs, increased flows of capital and non-polluting technologies to the developing countries to ensure their full participation in international efforts to protect the environment and promote sustainable development;

Supportive of the legitimate aspirations of member states to economic and social development, taking into account the positive link between increased levels of economic development and the sustainable management of their environment;

Conscious that conditions detrimental to the people and the environment of the Hemisphere may be exacerbated without wider international cooperation to deal with the economic and social problems of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean, including, among others, the external debt, lack of advanced, appropriate and clean technologies and insufficient levels of productive investments;

Noting that the world’s leaders will meet at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, June 3 through 14, 1992, to chart guidelines for international cooperation on environment and development and noting further the increased dedication to international consultation and collaboration on matters related to these issues;
Recognizing the important role the Organization of American States can play as a forum for constructive dialogue to formulate the hemispheric contribution to the challenge of achieving the integral development of the Latin American and Caribbean member states, within a context of sustainable hemispheric development,

DECLARE:

1. Their unwavering and renewed commitment to the strengthening, defense and promotion of representative democracy and human rights in the Hemisphere, the rule of law within the framework of the principles of self-determination, nonintervention and solidarity enshrined in the OAS Charter.

2. Their determination to work for the adoption and implementation of programs of cooperation for development in critical areas such as extreme poverty, regional integration, trade liberalization, infrastructure, health, education, environment, and science and technology to strengthen representative democracy.

3. Their solid commitment to the peaceful settlement of disputes in accordance with the OAS Charter, treaties and international law.

4. Their resolve to develop OAS mechanisms to provide member states with the assistance they request to build, preserve and strengthen representative democracy, so as to complement and develop what is foreseen in resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-0/91).

5. Their strongest and most categorical rejection of any attempt against the democratic institutional order in any of the member states.

6. Their decision to continue the process of consultation on cooperative hemispheric security with a renewed commitment to democratic solidarity.

7. Their decision to continue examining the OAS Charter and other relevant regional instruments with a view to strengthening the Organization's role in stimulating support for the efforts of member states toward the consolidation and the effective exercise of representative democracy.

8. Their firm resolve to work for the complete eradication of all forms of racism and racial discrimination in the Hemisphere and throughout the world.

9. Their strong endorsement of the United Nations International Year for the World's Indigenous People and of the activities in commemoration
thereof as a contribution to the greater objective, embodied in the OAS Charter, of integral development.

10. Their conviction that integral development is vital to the consolidation of representative democracy, political stability of the countries in the Hemisphere, and the success of regional and global efforts to achieve sustainable development.

11. Their view that the attainment of sustainable development requires, among other things, efforts at the national and international levels and concrete measures that have a positive impact on the economies of the region, in particular those of Latin America and the Caribbean.

12. Their resolve to promote increased cooperation between the developed and developing countries of the Hemisphere, especially the transfer to the latter of modern, environmentally-sound technologies on terms that foster their wide dissemination without constituting an excessive economic burden on the Latin American and Caribbean countries, as well as market-opening measures for their exports, and international cooperation in support of sustainable industrialization policies and programs in those countries.

13. Their determination to strengthen the OAS structure to coordinate regional contributions to environment and development matters and to work for the full implementation of the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection.

14. Their commitment to collaborate, within the framework of the OAS, to implement the guidelines and agreements that will emanate from the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, June 3 through 14, 1992, in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
AG/DEC. 2 (XXII-O/92)

DECLARATION ON THE QUESTION OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS

(Adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND its reiterated statement that "The Question of the Malvinas Islands" is a matter of enduring hemispheric concern;

EMPHASIZING the excellent state of bilateral relations between the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland since the resumption of their diplomatic relations, noted with satisfaction by the General Assembly in resolution AG/RES. 1049 (XX-O/90) of June 8, 1990; and

HAVING HEARD the presentation by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Worship of the Argentine Republic,

WELCOMES the will of the Argentine Government to explore possible peaceful avenues for settlement of the controversy and, in particular, its positive considerations on the inhabitants of the Malvinas Islands, and

RECALLS its resolution AG/RES. 928 (XVIII-O/88), approved by consensus on November 19, 1988; requests the Governments of the Argentine Republic and of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume negotiations in order to find, as soon as possible, a peaceful solution to the sovereignty dispute, and decides to continue to examine the question of the Malvinas Islands at future sessions of the General Assembly until its definitive settlement.
AG/DEC. 3 (XXII-0/92)

DECLARATION CONCERNING HAITI

(Approved at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

IN VIEW OF the recent events in Haiti,

RECALLS AND REAFFIRMS the unanimous decision of the ad hoc Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs to express serious concern over the continual violations of human rights, to reiterate their full support for the Protocol of Washington, to repudiate the dilatory and intimidating maneuvers of the sectors that have benefited from the disruption of democracy, aimed at preventing the ratification of the cited Protocol, and to reject any document that disregards it, and

EXPRESSES its profound concern at the situation brought about by the increasingly massive exodus of Haitian nationals to a number of neighboring territories, which places their lives at risk, and it appeals to the hemispheric and international communities in general to extend immediate aid to the displaced Haitians by whatever means and mechanisms they consider appropriate, with the cooperation and assistance of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and other international institutions.
AG/RES. 1143 (XXII-0/92)

THE DEFENSE AND STRENGTHENING OF REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

(Resolution adopted at the third plenary session, held on May 19, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

That the preamble to the Charter of the Organization of American States asserts its conviction that representative democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace and development of the region;

That promoting and consolidating representative democracy, while paying due respect to the principle of nonintervention, is an essential objective of the Organization;

That in the Santiago Commitment to Democracy and the Renewal of the Inter-American System, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the member states proclaimed their determination to take a series of effective, timely and expeditious steps to ensure the promotion and defense of representative democracy, in accordance with the Charter of the Organization of American States;

CONSIDERING:

That its resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-0/91) has contributed significantly to the defense and preservation of democracy in the Hemisphere by establishing procedures applicable to cases of an abrupt or irregular interruption of either the democratic political institutional process or the legitimate exercise of power by a democratically elected government in any of the member states;

That serious political, social and economic problems persist which threaten the stability of the democratic governments in the Hemisphere;

CONVINCED that the provisions contained in resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-0/91) need to be improved, strengthened and regulated,
RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Permanent Council to examine, within the framework of the OAS Charter and international law, the provisions contained in resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-O/91), and to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session a report with conclusions and recommendations as to how to reinforce that resolution.

2. To request the governments of the member states to submit any comments they might have regarding this matter by September 30, 1992.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on the progress achieved in the execution of the Agreement between the General Secretariat and the Inter-American Quincentennial Fund (AG/doc.2815/92),

RESOLVES:


2. To congratulate the Fund on its efforts to secure donations from external sources and on its efforts in support of the activities of the General Secretariat to commemorate the Quincentennial of the Discovery of America: Encounter of Two Worlds.
AG/RES. 1145 (XXII-0/92)

ACTIVITIES COMMEMORATING THE QUINCENTENNIAL OF THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA: ENCOUNTER OF TWO WORLDS

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report on the implementation of the General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 850 (XVI-0/86), Support for the Activities Commemorating the Quincentennial of the Discovery of America: Encounter of Two Worlds (AG/doc.2807/92) and the Report of the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Preparations for the Inter-American Exhibition at the Universal Exposition in Seville 1992 (CP/doc.2254/92); and

CONSIDERING the significant progress made by the General Secretariat and the organs of the inter-American system in executing the commemoration,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report on the implementation of General Assembly resolution AG/RES. 850 (XVI-0/86) in connection with the activities conducted to commemorate the Quincentennial of the Discovery of America: Encounter of Two Worlds.

2. To express its satisfaction with the manner in which the General Secretariat has carried out the program of commemorative activities that was originally recommended by the member states at the First Inter-American Preparatory Conference for the Quincentennial Commemoration of the Discovery of America (Santo Domingo, 1984).

3. To congratulate the General Secretariat on successfully creating and installing an exhibition about the inter-American system jointly with the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) in the Universal Exposition of Seville, Spain.
AG/RES. 1146 (XXII-0/92)

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

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council on the Annual Report and the Report on the Execution of the Program-Budget and Financial Situation in the CIECC area, 1991 (AG/doc.2832/92), and

CONSIDERING that the Inter-American Council for Education, Science and Culture has been coordinating activities relating to education, science and culture,

RESOLVES:

1. To take cognizance of, endorse and transmit to the Inter-American Council for Education, Science and Culture the Permanent Council's observations and recommendations on CIECC's Annual Report and on its Report on the Execution of the Program-Budget and Financial Situation.

2. To take note that, in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 939 (XVIII-0/88), CIECC has changed its schedule to conform with the regular sessions of the General Assembly.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations issued by the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (AG/doc.2832/92); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Institute works effectively with the member states in conducting scientific activities in the areas of cartography, geography, history, and geophysics;

That the Institute's publications program is a particularly valuable source of technical information and advisory support for government agencies and scientific and cultural institutions in the member states, as well as a means of identifying regional and international needs and studying ways to satisfy them;

That the Institute has undertaken effective efforts to strengthen cooperative relations with the organs, specialized organizations and entities of the inter-American system, as well as with the United Nations agencies; and

BEARING IN MIND that only twenty-three American states are members of the Institute and that, under Article 2 of the Institute’s Statutes, requests for admission are to be approved by the General Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of, endorse and transmit to the Pan American Institute of Geography and History the Permanent Council’s observations and recommendations on the Institute’s Annual Report.

2. To note in particular the line of action undertaken by the Institute to secure financial support from outside sources, and to thank the contributing institutions for their valuable cooperation.
3. To encourage the Institute to continue to pursue close cooperative ties with other organs, agencies and entities, both within and outside the region, so that they may coordinate activities according to their respective spheres of competence.

4. To urge those American states that are not members of the Institute to consider the possibility of participating actively in its work, in accordance with applicable regulations.
AG/RES. 1148 (XXII-O/92)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CHILDREN'S INSTITUTE

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session,
held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Children's Institute (AG/doc.2832/92), and

CONSIDERING:

That the task of addressing problems affecting children, young people and the family, is one that has social significance and is a priority for the member states;

That the Institute is engaged in activities that contribute significantly toward the accomplishment of this important task;

That these activities constitute a plan of action with programs and projects that should be carried out in coordination with those of other international organizations and agencies, in accordance with the provisions of Article 134 of the Charter;

That the Seventeenth Pan American Children's Congress will be held in 1993; and

BEARING IN MIND:

That the United Nations has decided to celebrate International Year of the Family in 1994, and to that effect the Secretary General of the OAS has designated the Inter-American Children's Institute as the liaison agency to work with the United Nations coordinating office;

That the Institute is working on the subject of international abduction of minors, to be considered at the Fifth Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law (CIDIP-V), to be held in Mexico in 1994.
RESOLVES:

1. To take note of, endorse and transmit to the Inter-American Children's Institute the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the presentation of its Annual Report.

2. To declare that the Seventeenth Pan American Children's Congress will be a specialized conference under the terms of Article 127 of the Charter, and to entrust the Institute, in accordance with Article 128 of the Charter, with preparing the corresponding draft agenda and rules of procedure for consideration in due course by the governments of the member states.

3. To commend very specially the Office of the Director General of the Institute on the success of the efforts to raise funds from outside sources to develop and execute programs and projects, and to thank the governments, intergovernmental organizations and private agencies for their valuable cooperation.

4. To encourage the Institute to continue its work relating to international abduction of minors in preparation for CIDIP-V, and to request the General Secretariat to continue to provide the Institute with the necessary support for its important work.

5. To note, with satisfaction, the Institute's effective coordination of activities with those of other specialized organizations and agencies of the Organization.

6. To encourage the efforts in which the Institute is engaged to coordinate activities with UNICEF and, to that end, request the member states of the OAS that are represented on its Directing Council to lend their cooperation.

7. To instruct the Institute to continue its liaison functions with the United Nations Coordinating Office for the celebration of International Year of the Family in 1994 and with the Conference on Private International Law of The Hague in matters within its sphere of competence.
AG/RES. 1149 (XXII-0/92)

INTER-AMERICAN INDIAN INSTITUTE

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Indian Institute (AG/doc.2832/92);

The Declaration of the United Nations establishing 1993 as the Year of Indigenous Peoples; and

CONSIDERING:

The significant work being done by the Institute in coordinating the policies of the member countries, promoting research and training personnel involved in the development of indigenous communities in the region; and

The coordination of activities in which the Institute has been engaged with other international organizations, in accordance with the provisions of Article 134 of the Charter of the OAS,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of, endorse and transmit to the Inter-American Indian Institute the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on its Annual Report.

2. To request the appropriate international organizations, and the organs, specialized agencies and entities of the inter-American system, to cooperate as they are able with the Institute in the execution of its projects and programs.

3. To urge all the member states to consider the possibility of supporting and participating actively in the work of the Institute.

4. To recommend that an objective assessment of the Institute be carried out by a competent authority and that its findings be used to define its tasks and functions clearly, in accordance with its Statutes.
AG/RES. 1150 (XXII-0/92)

PROMOTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIECC-840/92; and

CONSIDERING:

That during the second half of 1991, the General Secretariat prepared and sent to the member states a document entitled "Environmental Education in the Hemisphere: Paths to a Spiritual Revolution";

That in December 1991 the Government of Paraguay, through its Ministry of Education and Worship and in cooperation with the General Secretariat, organized a meeting of a group of experts on environmental education, whose recommendations were presented to CIECC at its twenty-third meeting;

That the General Secretariat, through its Regional Educational Development Program, supported the Association of Amazonian Universities (UNAMAZ) in the publication of such important books as one on Environmental Law and the Amazon Question;

That the General Secretariat has been successful in associating itself with other international institutions such as UNESCO, the Inter-American Organization for Higher Education, and UNAMAZ in their research, publication and human resource development activities by means of courses, seminars and symposia,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate the ministries of education of the member states and the General Secretariat for their innovative initiatives in the field of environmental education.

2. To urge the General Secretariat to increase its cooperation with other international organizations that are equally interested in promoting research, publications, and the development of human resources in connection with environmental education.
AG/RES. 1151 (XXII-0/92)

FORUM FOR EXCHANGES OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL KNOWLEDGE

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution AG/RES. 1142 (XXI-O/91), which reaffirms the importance that the member states attach to the Forum for Exchanges of Scientific and Technological Knowledge as a permanent instrument to promote the Common Market of Knowledge;

Resolution CIECC-807/91, which convened a Meeting of Universities and Research Centers to examine the functions, objectives and mechanisms of this Market;

Resolution CIECC-832/91, which recognizes the work accomplished by the Group of Experts in preparing the Meeting of Universities and Research Centers held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in 1991; reasserts its determination to take every step necessary to bring the Common Market of Knowledge to fruition, and asks that the measures to organize and finance the Forum for Exchanges of Scientific and Technological Knowledge continue; and

CONSIDERING:

That at its next meeting, CIECC will study the recommendations that the Group of Experts agreed upon at the Preparatory Meeting for the Meeting of Universities, which provide for structures, spheres of activity, financing and program content for the Common Market of Knowledge;

That the Market is targeted at: promoting and developing an exchange of knowledge between the Latin American and Caribbean countries and between these and the industrialized countries; training of human resources; development of the basic sciences and links between universities and research centers and the productive sector with a view to producing a medium- and long-term impact on that sector; and

That the Meeting of Universities to be held in Uruguay in November 1992, pursuant to resolution CIECC-807/91, will complete the activities undertaken by the OAS General Secretariat at CIECC to accomplish the above ends,
RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the member states’ interest in seeing the basic structures of the Common Market of Knowledge materialize and to express its determination to participate fully at the technical, scientific and entrepreneurial levels in the meetings to which the process of creating that Market gives rise.

2. To request the General Secretariat and especially the Secretariats of CIES and CIECC: 1) to continue the activities with the Government of Uruguay in the form of cooperation and coordination for the Meeting of Universities and Research Centers in 1992 and to keep the member states informed of the progress of their work, and 2) to continue, within the framework of this resolution, the activities calculated to raise external resources to support the development of this initiative.

3. To request the Secretary General to continue to include within the Organization’s Program-Budget, the financial appropriations needed for the activities in question.

4. To reiterate to the permanent observers the member states’ interest in any financial, academic and technical support they can offer to further implementation of the Common Market of Knowledge.

5. To request the General Secretariat and the Secretariat of CIECC to inform the General Assembly, at its twenty-third regular session, on implementation of this resolution.
CULTURAL POLICY

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session,
held on May 22, 1992)

WHEREAS:

Comprehensive cultural policy, the task of the State in fostering
cultural creation and promoting the democratization of culture, is an
activity that requires further development;

It is, therefore, highly useful for the member states to exchange
information and experiences in this field; and

Such exchanges will serve to bring the member states closer together
and will contribute to integration through culture,

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Inter-American Council for Education, Science and
Culture, in recognition of the importance of cultural policy to member
states, to consider at its twenty-fourth regular meeting the possibility of
holding a meeting of those responsible for cultural policy in the region
during the second half of 1993.

2. To instruct the General Secretariat, in preparation for the
meeting, to confer with the governments of the member states on the
possible agenda and to prepare a document to serve as a basis for the
discussions.
AG/RES. 1153 (XXII-0/92)

INTER-AMERICAN DIALOGUE ON THE ROLE OF EDUCATION
IN THE PROMOTION OF A REGIONAL APPROACH TO
SOLVING GLOBAL PROBLEMS IN THE 21ST CENTURY

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session,
held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The agreement adopted by the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture at its twenty-third regular meeting, entrusting to its Permanent Executive Committee the task of studying, analyzing and approving the draft resolution entitled "Inter-American Dialogue on the Role of Education in the Promotion of a Regional Approach to Solving Global Problems in the 21st Century," submitted to that meeting by the delegations of Colombia, Mexico, Panama, Dominican Republic, and Uruguay; and

Resolution CEPCIECC-234 (XXX-E/92), approved by CEPCIECC at its thirty-first special meeting on the matter; and

CONSIDERING:

That at its twenty-third regular meeting, CIECC restated its agreement with the fundamental role of education as a common element in the various alternatives for addressing the most critical problems facing the countries of the Hemisphere, especially those related to environmental conservation and the promotion of sustainable development, the strengthening of democratic processes, the exercise of human rights, the development of science and technology, the proper orientation of the ongoing internationalization of the economy, and the creation of new opportunities for community participation;

The need to promote a comprehensive view of social problems and the education process as central to understanding and changing society in all its dimensions;

The appeal by the President of the Republic of Guatemala to take up, as a matter of extreme urgency, the challenge of education as a key item on the political agenda of governments and of the different social sectors; and

and
The need to encourage greater coordination among international cooperation bodies and agencies, active both in the area of education and in the search for solutions to the problems faced by contemporary society worldwide,

RESOLVES:

1. To conduct, during the twenty-fifth regular meeting of CIECC in 1994, an Inter-American Dialogue of Ministers of Education on "The Role of Education in the Promotion of a Regional Approach to Solving Global Problems in the 21st Century."

2. To welcome the generous offer of the Government of Colombia to organize and host the first preparatory event for this Inter-American Dialogue, primarily to draw up a detailed information document to facilitate organization of preparatory events in each country, as well as the collection of relevant information and experiences.

3. To appeal to the governments of the member states to hold national events, in preparation for the Inter-American Dialogue, aimed at collecting and organizing data and experiences as part of their contribution to the Inter-American Dialogue.

4. To authorize the General Secretariat to provide the necessary financial assistance in accordance with current regulations, as available resources permit, for holding the preparatory meeting in Colombia, charging such expenses to the Reserve Subfund of the Mar del Plata Account provided for in Article 16 of the Uniform Statute, up to the amount of US$82,000.

5. To request the General Secretariat to support the activities that will be held in Colombia to prepare the information document to be used in the organization of the preparatory events in each member state.

6. To request the General Secretariat to invite those specialized bodies and agencies engaged in education and in the promotion of other areas of development in the region to the Inter-American Dialogue as observers.

7. To instruct CEPGIECC to inform CIECC at its twenty-fourth regular meeting of the activities held in compliance with this resolution, so that it may consider the pertinent recommendations.
AG/RES. 1137 (XXI-0/92)

REVIEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CENTERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED PROJECTS

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Preparatory Committee on the Report of the Group of Experts to examine the activities of the inter-American centers and their associated projects (AG/doc.2844/92);

CONSIDERING that through resolution AG/RES. 1137 (XXI-0/91) on the Program-Budget of the Organization for the 1992-93 biennium, the Secretary General was instructed to appoint a group of experts to examine, in cooperation with CEPCIES and CEPCIECC, the activities of the inter-American centers and their associated plurinational projects, to determine whether those activities were inter-American in nature, as required under paragraphs 7.b of AG/RES. 954 (XVIII-0/88), and whether they are fully supportive of the Declaration of Asunción [AG/RES. 1054 (XX-0/90)] and the Santiago Commitment with respect to the priority concerns of the member states; and

RECOGNIZING that the inter-American centers have to conduct activities that are fully supportive of the Declaration of Asunción and the Santiago Commitment to Democracy and the Renewal of the Inter-American System on matters of inter-American cooperation and the economic and social development of the member states,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report submitted by the Preparatory Committee on the activities of the inter-American centers and their associated projects, and to welcome the conclusion of the Group of Experts that the inter-American centers in the CIES and CIECC areas are in full compliance with the requirement to conduct activities that are inter-American in nature.

2. To thank the Group of Experts appointed by the Secretary General of the Organization for its valuable contribution to the review of the activities of the inter-American centers.

3. To recommend to the Permanent Council that, with the collaboration of CIES and CIECC, it study the recommendations contained in document AG/doc.2844/92 on the activities of the inter-American centers, and submit a report on the matter to the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session.
4. To recommend to the Permanent Council that, in consultation with CIES and CIECC, in compliance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, it take account, *inter alia*, of the following general criteria in its recommendations:

a) That the Councils of the Organization ensure that OAS financing is not used for the general budgets of the inter-American centers, but for specific inter-American activities such as studies, personnel training and consultant services, which should be evaluated using appropriate criteria defined for the CIES and CIECC areas.

b) That the necessary measures be introduced in the inter-American centers during the biennium 1994-95 to ensure that resources from any OAS fund are not used to pay either wages or salaries of staff who are nationals of the respective center's headquarters country.

c) That the inter-American centers also organize activities for the English- and French-speaking developing countries in the region.

d) That the centers' inter-American programs and projects are in keeping with the general principles established by the General Assembly and the Charter of the Organization.

5. To instruct the Permanent Council to evaluate, in consultation with CIES and CIECC, in the context of the strengthening of the OAS with regard to technical cooperation, the inter-American centers in order to help bring them more up to date.

6. To request the member states, particularly those in which headquarters of inter-American centers are located, to make known their views on the subject of this resolution by December 31, 1992, at the latest.

7. To urge those states in which the headquarters of inter-American centers are located to study the recommendations on their respective centers presented by the Group of Experts and, in particular, those for updating, merging and reorienting them, and to submit their observations to the Permanent Council before December 31, 1992.
AG/RES. 1155 (XXII-0/92)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session,
held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the remarks and recommendations made by the Permanent Council in regard to the Annual Report of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) (AG/doc.2832/92); and

CONSIDERING:

That at its twenty-sixth annual meeting, CIES decided to extend the mandate granted by the General Assembly to CIES in AG/RES. 1109 (XXI-0/91) "Support to the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative";

That at that meeting, CIES approved the conclusions and recommendations of the CIES/CEPCIES Working Group on the establishment of the horizontal cooperation system in the economic and social area; and

That at that same meeting, CIES reiterated the importance of technical cooperation in the economic and social area to the member states as a tool contributing to integral development and to strengthening democracy in the region,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of, endorse and transmit to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) the remarks and recommendations made by the Permanent Council in regard to its Annual Report.

2. To reiterate the importance of technical cooperation in the economic and social area and of the advances and progress achieved in connection with the horizontal cooperation system, and to support the strengthening of multinational technical cooperation projects given their regional and multilateral impact and their ability to attract external resources.

3. To reiterate the recommendation made to CIES to the effect that it plan its annual meetings and conferences in such a manner as to assure the maximum possible coordination between its own decisions and activities and those of the General Assembly during its regular sessions.
AG/RES. 1156 (XXII-0/92)

SUPPORT TO THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution AG/RES. 1109 (XXI-0/91) on Support to the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, particularly operative paragraph 3 thereof, and resolution CIES/RES. 456 (XXVI-0/92), and

CONSIDERING the interest the delegations attending the twenty-sixth annual meeting of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council have shown in broadening and deepening this Council’s contribution to the Initiative,

RESOLVES:

1. To extend the mandate given to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) under operative paragraph 3 of resolution AG/RES. 1109 (XXI-0/91) on Support to the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, to further and perform additional studies to those indicated in the resolution.

2. To instruct the Permanent Executive Committee of CIES (CEPCIES), for purposes of the preceding paragraph, to take into account, when continuing the studies, the recommendations and suggestions submitted by the member countries in that regard.

3. To urge member states and the General Secretariat to explore possible new ways of promoting an expansion of regional trade and investment.

4. To urge the member states and the General Secretariat to make the necessary effort to implement the OAS Foreign Trade Information Service (SICE) adequately, to which end periodic meetings will be held with representatives of the permanent missions.

5. To request the Permanent Council, through the Working Group on the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, to report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session.
AG/RES. 1157 (XXII-0/92)

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

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on May 22, 1922)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (AG/doc.2832/92); and

CONSIDERING:

That IICA encourages, promotes and effectively supports the efforts of the member states to achieve agricultural development and well-being of the rural sector;

That special mention should be made of the technical cooperation activities conducted by the Institute under the Plan of Joint Action for Agricultural Revitalization in Latin America and the Caribbean (PLANALC);

That the Institute has undertaken effective measures to strengthen ties of cooperation with the organs, specialized organizations, and entities of the inter-American system, with other subregional and United Nations entities, and with the governments and institutions of observer countries,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of, endorse and transmit to the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) the Permanent Council's observations and recommendations on the Institute's Annual Report.

2. To make special mention of the line of action undertaken by the Institute to secure financial support from outside sources, and to thank the donor institutions for their valuable cooperation.

3. To encourage the Institute to continue to develop close ties of cooperation with other bodies and organizations, both within and outside the region, so that they may coordinate their activities according to their respective purviews, and, in particular, to encourage it to intensify the cooperation it has already begun with the OAS General Secretariat to eliminate any remaining duplication of technical cooperation programs.
AG/RES. 1158 (XXII-0/92)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Permanent Council's observations and recommendations on the Annual Report of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (AG/doc.2832/92);

CONSIDERING the significant work accomplished by PAHO in promoting and coordinating the efforts of the member states to prevent and combat disease, prolong life, and promote the physical and mental well-being of their inhabitants; and


RESOLVES:

1. To take note of, endorse and transmit to the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) the Permanent Council’s observations and recommendations on its Annual Report.

2. To thank PAHO for its valuable cooperation in fulfillment of the mandates set forth in resolutions AG/RES. 1103 (XXI-0/91) "Legal Situation of Refugees, Repatriated and Displaced Persons in the American Hemisphere;" AG/RES. 1106 (XXI-0/91) "Report of the Consultation Group on the Inter-American System"; AG/RES. 1114 (XXI-0/91) "Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection"; AG/RES. 1115 (XXI-0/91) "Annual Report of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission and on Compliance with the Provisions of the Program of Action of Ixtapa"; AG/RES. 1122 (XXI-0/91) "Report on the Procedure for Establishing Firm and Lasting Peace in Central America"; AG/RES. 1126 (XXI-0/91) "Cooperation between the Organization of American States and the United Nations", and AG/RES. 1139 (XXI-0/91) "Horizontal Cooperation".
3. To thank PAHO for the information, prompt assistance, and direct cooperation provided in the member states to control the cholera epidemic in the Americas, and to urge it to report on the matter in its next annual report to the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 1159 (XXII-O/92)
CORRUPT INTERNATIONAL TRADE PRACTICES

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session,
held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution CIES/RES. 424 (XXIV-O/89) on the challenges for the decade of the 1990s;

Resolution CIES/RES. 436 (XXV-O/91) wherein the Inter-American Economic and Social Council decides to hold its twenty-third special meeting at the ministerial level, to discuss this topic; and

The report presented by CIES to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session (CIES/doc.4586/92 rev. 1);

RECALLING that in the Santiago Commitment to Democracy and the Renewal of the Inter-American System, the ministers of foreign affairs of the member states of the Organization declared their determination to continue to prepare a relevant agenda for the Organization so that it can respond appropriately to the new challenges and demands in the world and in the region;

CONSIDERING:

That the close interrelationship among democracy, integral development, economic growth and social justice is a fundamental element in hemispheric cooperation;

That inter-American cooperation for integral development is the mutual and joint responsibility of the member states, in the context of the democratic principles and institutions of the inter-American system;

BEARING IN MIND:

That serious political, social and economic problems persist in the region and threaten the stability of the democratic governments in the Hemisphere;

That corrupt practices are inimical to transparency in relations between states and undermine democratic institutional stability;
That corrupt practices can thwart the process of integral development by diverting resources needed to improve the peoples' economic and social conditions;

That corrupt practices have adverse consequences for international business and investment flows;

That the effects of corrupt practices are serious when they occur in a national scenario, but are even more so when they move to the international scenario;

That this problem has penetrated all spheres of the world economy and world trade, which is why the United Nations has turned its attention to the subject;

CONVINCED:

That the effects of corrupt practices and other unwarranted constraints on free trade are detrimental to international business transactions that attract external investment, financial resources, technology, specialized knowledge and know-how and other important resources from abroad and promote economic and social development worldwide, particularly in the countries of the region that are trying to revitalize or develop their economies;

That the formulation of recommendations or the adoption of mutually agreed upon instruments that focus on preventive measures and mechanisms to avoid corrupt practices, will significantly improve the international climate of trade, investment, external assistance and cooperation;

That the region must voice its profound concern in this regard;

That the culmination of an effort of this nature will significantly enhance future inter-American relations and the region’s relations with the rest of the world, and will also complement the effort that the United Nations is making in this regard; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that resolution CIES/RES. 436 (XXV-0/91) instructed the Executive Secretariat for Economic and Social Affairs to conduct the necessary consultations so that the Permanent Executive Committee of CIES (CEPCIES) might establish the date and venue for a special meeting at the ministerial level and asks it to review and update the supporting documents prepared on the challenges for the 1990s, making the necessary recommendations to be studied,
RESOLVES:

To instruct the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) to include the topic of corrupt international trade practices on the agenda for the special meeting that will examine the economic and social challenges for the 1990s and that, when reviewing and updating the supporting documents for that meeting, it include a study of the detrimental effects of corrupt practices, including recommendations, to be considered at the twenty-third special meeting of CIES at the ministerial level, planned for the last quarter of 1992.
AG/RES. 1160 (XXII-0/92)
INTEGRATION OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session,
held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That the creation and maintenance of mechanisms to further the integration of the Americas are important to all member states of the Organization;

That the application of new technologies that provide innovative telecommunications solutions can play an important role in achieving that integration;

That member states are presently identifying and utilizing these new technologies on a national level to satisfy the economic and social development of their people;

That the goal of increased integration through telecommunications can best be accomplished if member states are able to cooperate in integrating national networks and if a mechanism is established to enable them to coordinate their telecommunication projects for greater regional and subregional interconnectivity;

That the member states represented at the Telecommunications Development Conference of the Americas Region, of the International Telecommunication Union, held in Acapulco, Mexico from March 30 to April 4, 1992, identified the installation and efficient use of satellite and fiber-optic networks as primary integration efforts and, to that end, invited the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States to assist the member states in the coordination of present and future telecommunications networks; and

That such coordination will require guarantees of the application of uniform standards and interconnectivity throughout the network, as well as studies required by member states to harmonize initiatives and private investments with the public sector,
RESOLVES:

1. To request the General Secretariat, in cooperation with the Inter-American Telecommunications Conference (CITEL), to undertake the studies and consultations necessary to promote the integration of the telecommunications networks of the Hemisphere, mainly taking into account fiber-optic systems and related technologies using mechanisms for cooperation and coordination with the member states, with a view to creating an inter-American fiber-optic network in which the national networks and the fiber-optic projects of the countries are harmoniously interconnected.

2. To recommend to the General Secretariat that, in consultation with CITEL, it undertake activities to assist and cooperate with those member states that join in this initiative, in support of their efforts to identify, promote and apply technologies, legal frameworks, cooperative mechanisms, and financial resources from the public and private sectors, in connection with this goal of integration.

3. To instruct the General Secretariat to undertake the following in applying the provisions outlined in the above paragraph:

   a. Feasibility studies that permit the interested member states to identify resources for financing their respective projects.

   b. External financing activities, in the form of special appropriations and contributions, in cash or otherwise, coming from international financial institutions and other public and private contributors from member states and permanent observers of the Organization.

4. To urge member states to coordinate, through CITEL, with the General Secretariat when examining the expansion of national fiber-optic networks and to coordinate subregional and regional development plans so as to accomplish the goal of an inter-American fiber optic network that links the entire Hemisphere.

5. To urge international and regional financial organizations and entities, as well as those involved in telecommunications, to lend particular support to the projects of member states related to this resolution.

6. To request that the General Secretariat transmit this resolution to the Inter-American Telecommunications Conference.
AG/RES. 1161 (XXII-O/92)

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE INTER-AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR COOPERATION ON AGRICULTURE

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on May 22, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the advances in agricultural development in the region during the fifty years of work of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA); and

CONSIDERING:

The significant work of the Institute in coordinating agriculture advances in the region, and in strengthening human and technical resources in its members states; and

The effective coordination of activities with other agencies of the inter-American system and international organizations, and the quest for excellence in this field for its member states during the past half-century,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) on the important achievements it has accomplished during the half-century of its work.

2. To congratulate the Institute and its staff for developing and implementing programs in agriculture of social and economic importance to the inter-American system from 1942 through 1992.

3. To encourage the Institute to continue its positive work in support of the region’s agricultural development.
AG/RES. 1162 (XXII-0/92)

CONSULAR PROTECTION FOR NATIONALS
OF THE AMERICAS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That the member states do not maintain consular agents in every
country of the world, for which reason citizens of American states
sometimes have no access to consular assistance when they require it;

That, according to accepted international norms of consular law, the
consular office of one state may exercise consular functions on behalf of
a third state in the receiving state, so long as the latter has been
appropriately notified and has expressed no objection; and

That some consular assistance functions may be exercised by consular
agents of one state in behalf of citizens of another state on the basis of
solidarity and cooperation, without prior agreements being required,

RESOLVES:

1. To invite the member states to instruct their consular agents to
provide the types of consular assistance listed below to individuals who
are nationals of another member state and who are in the territory of a
third state in which the state of which they are nationals has no
diplomatic or consular representation:

a. Protection and assistance in emergency situations or cases of
demonstrated need;

b. Protection and assistance to minors who are without legal
representatives;

c. Assistance, within the limits imposed by international law, to a
national of another member state who is arrested, detained, or in
preventive custody, if that person so requests, in order to
facilitate his defense and his communications with his country of
origin.
24. To recommend that the assistance provided for in this resolution be rendered by the consular agents of the member states to the extent that they are able, on the understanding that such assistance shall not entail any commitment to incur any expenses and does not affect the priority attention that each state owes to its own nationals.

31. To request the member states to instruct their consular agents as provided in paragraph (1) of this resolution and to so notify the Secretary-General so that he may inform the other member states accordingly.
AG/RES. 1163 (XXII-O/92)

LEGAL OBSTACLES TO INTEGRATION

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on Legal Obstacles to Integration (AG/doc.2824/92) and resolution CP/RES. 582 (900/92);

CONSIDERING that the Organization of American States is endowed with the institutional structure required to stimulate and complement integrated legal development by providing coordinated, binding solutions of inter-American scope; and

BEARING IN MIND that proper intra-organ coordination would improve the profile and global juridical dimension of regional integration,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note, with satisfaction, of the Report of the Permanent Council on Legal Obstacles to Integration (AG/doc.2824/92).

2. To urge the Permanent Council to continue, through a special group, the work entrusted to it in resolution AG/RES. 1004 (XXI-O/91) and to request that it report to the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session.

3. To urge the member states to comply with the request made in resolution CP/RES. 582 (900/92) and, in particular, to send in their replies no later than July 1, 1992.

4. To request the Permanent Council, the Inter-American Juridical Committee and the General Secretariat, to continue coordinating their activities for the political and technical analysis of the juridical dimension of regional integration.
AG/RES. 1164 (XXII-0/92)

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES 3 AND 4 OF THE STATUTES OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on amendment of Articles 3 and 4 of its Statutes, concerning the presentation of credentials of permanent representatives to the Organization (AG/doc.2810/92); and

CONSIDERING:

That from 1948 to June 1976, the credentials of the representatives of the member states were presented to the Secretary General of the Organization;

That in 1976, through resolution AG/RES. 245 (VI-0/76), the General Assembly decided to change that system and directed that each member state should inform the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the appointment of its representative;

That it is advisable to reinstate the accreditation procedure in use prior to June 17, 1976; and

That Article 65 of the Statutes of the Permanent Council establishes that the Council may propose to the General Assembly such amendments as it deems appropriate,

RESOLVES:

To approve the amendment of Articles 3 and 4 of the Statutes of the Permanent Council to read as follows:

Article 3. The government of each member state shall advise the Secretary General of the appointment of its representative, and of the appointment of its alternate representatives and advisers, and, when called for, of its interim representatives. The Secretary General shall, in turn, inform the Permanent Council whenever a member state accredits a new permanent representative to the Organization.
Article 4. The order of precedence of the permanent representatives and of interim representatives shall be determined according to the dates on which their accreditation is formalized with the Secretary General. The General Secretariat of the Organization shall maintain a roster of the missions in which the aforementioned order of precedence shall be set forth.
AG/RES. 1165 (XXII-0/92)

DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON SERVING CRIMINAL SENTENCES ABROAD

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Permanent Council report on the draft Inter-American Convention on Serving Criminal Sentences Abroad (AG/doc.2816/92);

CONSIDERING that through Resolution AG/RES. 885 (XVII-0/87), the General Assembly instructed the Permanent Council to study the draft Inter-American Convention on Serving Criminal Sentences Abroad;

BEARING IN MIND that under Article 3.k of the OAS Charter, one of the basic principles of the Organization of American States is to proclaim the fundamental rights of the individual without distinction as to race, nationality, creed, or sex;

CONVINCED of the importance of reaffirming the principle of rehabilitating the sentenced person so as to return him to a useful life in society; and

RECOGNIZING that it is necessary to provide an opportunity for the sentenced person to better adapt to social conditions in the community in which he is to live, with his own language and according to his own cultural patterns, family ties, and civic loyalties,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its appreciation to the Permanent Council for the significant progress made in the preparation of an effective, practical and comprehensive draft Convention.

2. To transmit the draft Inter-American Convention on Serving Criminal Sentences Abroad (AG/doc.2816/92) to the governments of the member states of the Organization for consideration and study.

3. To request the governments of the OAS member states to forward their observations and recommendations on the draft Convention to the Permanent Council before October 1, 1992, so that the Council may take the necessary steps to enable the General Assembly to consider the possibility of adopting that draft Convention at its twenty-third regular session.
AG/RES. 1166 (XXII-O/92)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Permanent Council’s observations and recommendations concerning the Annual Report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee (CJI) (AG/doc.2830/92) and the presentation of that document by the Chairman of the Committee; and

CONSIDERING:

That Article 53.f of the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes that one of the powers of the General Assembly is to consider the observations and recommendations presented by the Permanent Council in accordance with Article 90.f of the Charter on the reports of the organs and entities of the Organization;

That Article 52 of the OAS Charter establishes the Inter-American Juridical Committee as one of the organs of the Organization, and

That the Inter-American Juridical Committee presented its Annual Report to the Permanent Council, which in turn presented its observations and recommendations thereon to the General Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To accept the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council of the Organization on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee and to transmit them to the Committee.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to examine the draft Inter-American Convention on the Law Applicable to International Contractual Arrangements (CJI/RES.II-6/91) as part of the work being done by this organ in connection with the Fifth Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law (CIDIP-V) pursuant to the mandates contained in resolution AG/RES. 1024 (XIX-O/89).

3. To recommend to the Juridical Committee that it continue its study of the topic "Improving the Administration of Justice in the Americas" (CJI/RES.II-7/91) given its importance and relevance for the member states.
4. To note that the Juridical Committee has included in its agenda the topic "Human rights and the principle of nonintervention."

5. To recommend to the Juridical Committee that it continue its study of the topic "Criminal Aspects of the Traffic in Minors," and coordinate its work on this subject with the activities conducted in this field by other international organizations such as the Inter-American Children's Institute and The Hague Conference on Private International Law, so that those studies may contribute to the preparatory work for CIDIP-V.

6. To recommend to the Juridical Committee that it continue its analysis of the topic "Joint ventures, to draft rules to govern investment syndicates and consortia" (CJI/RES. I-7/92).

7. To take note of the Juridical Committee's conclusions in its Resolution CJI/RES. I-4/92 on "Arbitration between States and between private economic agents among themselves and with States regarding international legal transactions the purpose of which is private in nature" and to transmit to the governments of the member states the recommendations set forth in that resolution.

8. To recommend to the Juridical Committee that it continue its examination of the topic "Implementation of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative. Stock markets and free competition" (CJI/RES. I-2/92) with a view to undertaking the additional studies mentioned in that resolution.

9. To entrust to the Permanent Council consideration of the topic "Preparation of a table comparing the constitutions and the legal consequence of the development of integration processes. A legal-institutional profile of Latin American integration" (CJI/RES. I-6/92), in order to examine this matter in the context of the work being done by the Permanent Council in the area of regional integration.

10. To accept the Juridical Committee's recommendation to continue consideration of the topic "The establishment of a body of environmental law in the Americas" (CJI/RES. I-5/92), taking into account, inter alia, the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

11. To request that, to the extent possible, the General Secretariat make available to the member states the final reports presented by the rapporteurs on their assigned topics as well as any other documents on the studies and other work of the Juridical Committee.

12. To recommend to the Juridical Committee that, in compliance with Article 108 of the OAS Charter and Article 32 of its Statutes, it endeavor, with the assistance of the General Secretariat, to coordinate its activities with the juridical activities of regional and worldwide

13. To stress the importance of the Course on International Law organized by the Juridical Committee in cooperation with the General Secretariat, as a means of developing and disseminating International Law in the Hemisphere.

14. To express its appreciation to the Juridical Committee for the work accomplished during the period covered by this report, and to urge it to continue its important function taking into account the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council.
AG/RES. 1167 (XXII-0/92)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (CP/CAJP-859/92), the Permanent Council’s observations and recommendations on that report (AG/doc.2811/92), and the presentation of the report done by the President of the Court; and

CONSIDERING:

That Article 53.f of the Charter of the Organization of American States authorizes the General Assembly to consider, inter alia, the observations and recommendations presented by the Permanent Council on the reports of the organs and entities of the Organization pursuant to Article 90.f of the Charter;

That Article 65 of the American Convention on Human Rights provides that the Court shall submit a report on the work it has performed in the preceding year for consideration by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States; and

That the Court has presented its Annual Report to the Permanent Council, which has forwarded its observations and recommendations thereon to the General Assembly,

RESOLVES:


2. To accept the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council of the Organization on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights and to transmit them to that Court.

3. To urge the member states of the OAS that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the American Convention on Human Rights "Pact of San José, Costa Rica" and recognize the compulsory jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
4. To give the Court the additional financial and functional support it needs to continue to perform the critical functions assigned to it in the American Convention on Human Rights, in an amount of up to $70,000.

5. To thank the Court for the work done in the period covered by this report, and to urge it to continue to perform its important function.
AG/RES. 1168 (XXII-O/92)

INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL
ASSISTANCE IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the draft InterAmerican Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters (AG/doc.2814/92);

CONSIDERING that in resolutions AG/RES. 822 (XVI-O/86), AG/RES. 886
(XVII-O/87) and AG/RES. 1099 (XXI-O/91) the General Assembly instructed the
Permanent Council to study the draft Inter-American Convention on Judicial Assistance in Criminal Matters; and

CONVINCED of the need, within the framework of inter-American
cooperation, for a juridical instrument that permits mutual assistance in
criminal matters among the member states of the Organization of American
States, with full respect for the public order of each state and for the
principle of nonintervention,

RESOLVES:

To adopt the following Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters:

INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON MUTUAL ASSISTANCE
IN CRIMINAL MATTERS

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS:

The Charter of the Organization of American States, in Article 2.e, establishes that an essential objective of the American states is "to seek the solution of political, juridical, and economic problems that may arise among them"; and

The adoption of common rules in the field of mutual assistance in criminal matters will contribute to the attainment of this goal,
THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

Do hereby adopt the following Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters:

CHAPTER I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1. PURPOSE OF THE CONVENTION

The states parties undertake to render to one another mutual assistance in criminal matters, in accordance with the provisions of this convention.

Article 2. SCOPE AND APPLICATION OF THE CONVENTION

The states parties shall render to one another mutual assistance in investigations, prosecutions, and proceedings that pertain to crimes over which the requesting state has jurisdiction at the time the assistance is requested.

This convention does not authorize any state party to undertake, in the territory of another state party, the exercise of jurisdiction or the performance of functions that are placed within the exclusive purview of the authorities of that other party by its domestic law.

This convention applies solely to the provision of mutual assistance among states parties. Its provisions shall not create any right on the part of any private person to obtain or exclude any evidence or to impede execution of any request for assistance.

Article 3. CENTRAL AUTHORITY

Each state shall designate a central authority at the time of signature or ratification of this convention or accession hereto.

The central authorities shall be responsible for issuing and receiving requests for assistance.

The central authorities shall communicate directly with one another for all purposes of this convention.

Article 4

In view of the diversity of the legal systems of the states parties, the assistance to which this convention refers shall be based
upon requests for cooperation from the authorities responsible for criminal investigation or prosecution in the requesting state.

Article 5. DOUBLE CRIMINALITY

The assistance shall be rendered even if the act that gives rise to it is not punishable under the legislation of the requested state.

When the request for assistance pertains to the following measures: (a) immobilization and sequestration of property and (b) searches and seizures, including house searches, the requested state may decline to render the assistance if the act that gives rise to the request is not punishable under its legislation.

Article 6

For the purposes of this convention, the act that gives rise to the request must be punishable by one year or more of imprisonment in the requesting state.

Article 7. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

The assistance envisaged under this convention shall include the following procedures, among others:

a. notification of rulings and judgments;
b. taking of testimony or statements from persons;
c. summoning of witnesses and expert witnesses to provide testimony;
d. immobilization and sequestration of property, freezing of assets, and assistance in procedures related to seizures;
e. searches or seizures;
f. examination of objects and places;
g. service of judicial documents;
h. transmittal of documents, reports, information, and evidence;
i. transfer of detained persons for the purpose of this convention; and
j. any other procedure provided there is agreement between the requesting state and the requested state.

**Article 8. MILITARY CRIMES**

This convention shall not apply to crimes that are subject exclusively to military legislation.

**Article 9. REFUSAL OF ASSISTANCE**

The requested state may refuse assistance when it determines that:

a. The request for assistance is being used in order to prosecute a person on a charge with respect to which that person has already been sentenced or acquitted in a trial in the requesting or requested state;

b. The investigation has been initiated for the purpose of prosecuting, punishing, or discriminating in any way against an individual or group of persons for reason of sex, race, social status, nationality, religion, or ideology;

c. The request refers to a crime that is political or related to a political crime, or to a common crime prosecuted for political reasons;

d. The request has been issued at the request of a special or ad hoc tribunal;

e. Public policy *(ordre public)*, sovereignty, security, or basic public interests are prejudiced; and

f. The request pertains to a tax crime. Nevertheless, the assistance shall be granted if the offense is committed by way of an intentionally incorrect statement, whether oral or written, or by way of an intentional failure to declare income derived from any other offense covered by this convention for the purpose of concealing such income.
CHAPTER II
REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE, PROCESSING AND EXECUTION

Article 10. REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Requests for assistance issued by the requesting state shall be made in writing and shall be executed in accordance with the domestic law of the requested state.

The procedures specified in the request for assistance shall be fulfilled in the manner indicated by the requesting state insofar as the law of the requested state is not violated.

Article 11

The requested state may postpone the execution of any request that has been made to it, with an explanation of its grounds for doing so, if it is necessary to continue an investigation or proceeding in progress in the requested state.

Article 12

Documents and objects delivered in compliance with a request for assistance shall be returned to the requested state as soon as possible, unless the latter decides otherwise.

Article 13. SEARCH, SEIZURE, ATTACHMENT, AND SURRENDER OF PROPERTY

The requested state shall execute requests for search, seizure, attachment, and surrender of any items, documents, records, or effects, if the competent authority determines that the request contains information that justifies the proposed action. That action shall be subject to the procedural and substantive law of the requested state.

In accordance with the provisions of this convention, the requested state shall determine, according to its law, what requirements must be met to protect the interests held by third parties in the items that are to be transferred.

Article 14. MEASURES FOR SECURING ASSETS

The central authority of any party may convey to the central authority of any other party information it has on the existence of
proceeds, fruits, or instrumentalities of a crime in the territory of that other party.

**Article 15**

The parties shall assist each other, to the extent permitted by their respective laws, in precautionary measures and measures for securing the proceeds, fruits, and instrumentalities of the crime.

**Article 16. DATE, PLACE AND MODALITY OF THE EXECUTION OF THE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE**

The requested state shall set the date and place for execution of the request for assistance and may so inform the requesting state.

Officials and interested parties of the requesting state or their representatives may, after informing the central authority of the requested state, be present at and participate in the execution of the request for assistance, to the extent not prohibited by the law of the requested state, and provided that the authorities of the requested state have given their express consent thereto.

**CHAPTER III**

**SERVICE OF JUDICIAL DECISIONS, JUDGMENTS, AND VERDICTS, AND APPEARANCE OF WITNESSES AND EXPERT WITNESSES**

**Article 17**

At the request of the requesting state, the requested state shall serve notice of decisions, judgments, or other documents issued by the competent authorities of the requesting state.

**Article 18. TESTIMONY IN THE REQUESTED STATE**

At the request of the requesting state, any person present in the requested state shall be summoned to appear before a competent authority, in accordance with the law of the requested state, to give testimony or to provide documents, records, or evidence.

**Article 19. TESTIMONY IN THE REQUESTING STATE**

When the requesting state requests that a person appear in its territory to give testimony or a report, the requested state shall invite the witness or expert witness to appear voluntarily, without the use of threats or coercive measures, before the appropriate
authority in the requesting state. If deemed necessary, the central authority of the requested state may make a written record of the individual's willingness to appear in the requesting state. The central authority of the requested state shall promptly inform the central authority of the requesting state of the response of the person.

**Article 20. TRANSFER OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO CRIMINAL PROCEEDINGS**

A person subject to criminal proceedings in the requested state whose presence in the requesting state is needed for purposes of assistance under this convention shall be transferred temporarily to the requesting state for that purpose if the person and the requested state consent to the transfer.

A person subject to criminal proceedings in the requesting state whose presence in the requested state is needed for purposes of assistance under this convention shall be transferred temporarily to the requested state if the person consents and both states agree.

The actions set forth above may be denied for the following reasons, among others:

a. the individual in custody or serving a sentence refuses to consent to the transfer;

b. as long as his presence is necessary in an investigation or criminal proceeding that is under way in the jurisdiction to which he is subject at the time;

c. there are other considerations, whether legal or of another nature, as determined by the competent authority of the requested or requesting state.

For purposes of this article:

a. the receiving state shall have the authority and the obligation to keep the transferred person in physical custody unless otherwise indicated by the sending state;

b. the receiving state shall return the transferred person to the sending state as soon as circumstances permit or as otherwise agreed by the central authorities of the two states;
c. the sending state shall not be required to initiate extradition proceedings for the return of the transferred person;

d. the transferred person shall receive credit toward service of the sentence imposed in the sending state for time served in the receiving state; and

e. the length of time spent by the person in the receiving state shall never exceed the period remaining for service of the sentence or 60 days, whichever is less, unless the person and both states agree to an extension of time.

Article 21. TRANSIT

The states parties shall render cooperation, to the extent possible, for travel through their territory of the persons mentioned in the preceding article, provided that the respective central authority has been given due advance notice and that such persons travel in the custody of agents of the requesting state.

Such prior notice shall not be necessary when air transportation is used and no regular landing is scheduled in the territory of the state party or states parties to be overflown.

Article 22. SAFE-CONDUCT

The appearance or transfer of the person who agrees to render a statement or to testify under the provisions of this convention shall require, if the person or the sending state so requests prior to such appearance or transfer, that the receiving state grant safe-conduct under which the person, while in the receiving state, shall not:

a. be detained or prosecuted for offenses committed prior to his departure from the territory of the sending state;

b. be required to make a statement or to give testimony in proceedings not specified in the request; or

c. be detained or prosecuted on the basis of any statement he makes, except in case of contempt of court or perjury.

The safe-conduct specified in the preceding paragraph shall cease when the person voluntarily prolongs his stay in the territory of the receiving state for more than 10 days after his presence is no longer necessary in that state, as communicated to the sending state.
Article 23

In connection with witnesses or expert witnesses, documents containing the relevant questions, interrogatories, or questionnaires shall be forwarded to the extent possible or necessary.

CHAPTER IV

TRANSMITTAL OF INFORMATION AND RECORDS

Article 24

In cases where assistance is carried out under this convention, the requested state, upon request and in accordance with its domestic procedure, shall make available to the requesting state a copy of the public documents, records, or information held by the government agencies or departments of the requested state.

The requested state may make available copies of any document, record, or other information held by a government agency or department of that state that is not public in nature, to the same extent as and subject to the same conditions under which they would be made available to its own judicial authorities or to others responsible for application of the law. The requested state, at its own discretion, may deny, in whole or in part, any request made under the provisions of this paragraph.

Article 25. LIMITATION ON THE USE OF INFORMATION OR EVIDENCE

The requesting state may not disclose or use any information or evidence obtained in the course of application of this convention for purposes other than those specified in the request for assistance without prior consent from the central authority of the requested state.

In exceptional cases, if the requesting state needs to disclose and use, in whole or in part, the information or evidence for purposes other than those specified, it shall request authorization therefore from the requested state, which, at its discretion, may accede to or deny that request, in whole or in part.

The information or evidence that must be disclosed and used to the extent necessary for proper fulfillment of the procedure or formalities specified in the request shall not be subject to the authorization requirement set forth in this article.
When necessary, the requested state may ask that the information or evidence provided remain confidential according to conditions specified by the central authority. If the requesting party is unable to accede to such request, the central authorities shall confer in order to define mutually acceptable terms of confidentiality.

CHAPTER V
PROCEDURE

Article 26

Requests for assistance shall contain the following details:

a. the crime to which the procedure refers; a summary description of the essential facts of the crime, investigation, or criminal proceeding in question; and a description of the facts to which the request refers;

b. proceeding giving rise to the request for assistance, with a precise description of such proceeding;

c. where pertinent, a description of any proceeding or other special requirement of the requesting state;

d. a precise description of the assistance requested and any information necessary for the fulfillment of that request.

When the requested state is unable to comply with a request for assistance, it shall return the request to the requesting state with an explanation of the reason therefor.

The requested state may request additional information when necessary for fulfillment of the request under its domestic law or to facilitate such fulfillment.

When necessary, the requesting state shall proceed in accordance with the provisions of the last paragraph of Article 24 of this convention.

Article 27

Documents processed through the central authorities in accordance with this convention shall be exempt from certification or authentication.
Article 28

Requests for assistance and the accompanying documentation must be translated into an official language of the requested state.

Article 29

The requested state shall be responsible for all regular costs of executing a request in its territory, except for those listed below, which shall be borne by the requesting state:

a. fees for expert witnesses; and
b. travel costs and other expenses related to the transportation of persons from the territory of one state to that of the other.

If it appears that the processing of the request might entail unusual costs, the states parties shall confer to determine the terms and conditions under which the assistance could be rendered.

Article 30

To the extent that they find it useful and necessary for furthering the implementation of this convention, the states parties may exchange information on matters related to its application.

Article 31

The domestic law of each party shall govern liability for damages arising from the acts of its authorities in the execution of this Convention.

Neither party shall be liable for damages that may arise from the acts committed by the authorities of the other party in the formulation or execution of a request under this Convention.

CHAPTER VI

FINAL CLAUSES

Article 32

This convention shall be open for signature by the member states of the Organization of American States.
Article 33

This convention is subject to ratification. The instruments of ratification shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

Article 34

This convention shall remain open for accession by any other state. The instruments of accession shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

Article 35

Each state may make reservations to this convention at the time of signature, approval, ratification, or accession, provided that each reservation concerns at least one specific provision and is not incompatible with the object and purpose of the convention.

Article 36

This convention shall not be interpreted as affecting or restricting obligations in effect under any other international, bilateral, or multilateral convention that contains or might contain clauses governing specific aspects of international criminal judicial assistance, wholly or in part, or more favorable practices which those states might observe in the matter.

Article 37

This convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day following the date of deposit of the second instrument of ratification.

For each state that ratifies or accedes to the convention after the deposit of the second instrument of ratification, the convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after deposit by such state of its instrument of ratification or accession.

Article 38

If a state party has two or more territorial units in which different systems of law govern matters addressed in this convention, it shall state at the time of signature, ratification, or accession whether this convention will apply to all of its territorial units or only to one or more of them.
Such statements may be notified by way of subsequent statements, which shall expressly indicate the territorial unit or units to which the convention shall apply. Such subsequent declarations shall be transmitted to the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, and shall become effective thirty days after the date of their receipt.

**Article 39**

This convention shall remain in force indefinitely, but any of the states parties may denounce it. The instrument of denunciation shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States. After one year from the date of deposit of the instrument of denunciation, the convention shall cease to be in effect for the denouncing state, but shall remain in effect for the other states parties.

**Article 40**

The original instrument of this convention, the English, French, Portuguese, and Spanish texts of which are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, which shall forward authenticated copies of the text to the United Nations General Secretariat for registration and publication, in accordance with Article 102 of the United Nations Charter. The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States shall notify the member states of that Organization and those states that have acceded to the convention of the signatures and deposits of instruments of ratification, accession, and denunciation, as well as of reservations, if any. It shall also transmit to them the statements specified in Article 38 of this convention.
AG/RES. 1169 (XXII-0/92)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) submitted to the General Assembly pursuant to Article 41.g of the American Convention on Human Rights (CP/CAJP-862/92), the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on that report (AG/doc.2835/92), and the presentation made by the Chairman of the Commission; and

CONSIDERING:

That in the Charter of the Organization of American States the member states have declared that respect for the fundamental rights of the individual, without distinction as to race, nationality, creed or sex, is one of the basic principles of the Organization;

That the main purpose of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is to promote the observance and defense of human rights in all the member states, and to serve as an advisory organ in this matter;

That Article 53.f of the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes that one of the powers of the General Assembly is to consider the observations and recommendations presented by the Permanent Council with regard to the reports of the organs, agencies and entities of the Organization, in accordance with Article 90.f of the Charter;

That, under Article 52 of the Charter, the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights is one of the organs through which the Organization accomplishes its purposes; and

That the effective exercise of representative democracy is the best guarantee of the full enjoyment of human rights,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (IACHR) and to accept and transmit to the Commission the observations and recommendations made thereon by the
2. To take note of the comments and observations made by the governments on the Commission’s Report and of the measures they are adopting to strengthen the promotion, observance and protection of human rights in their respective countries.

3. To note with satisfaction the progress achieved in the effective observance of human rights in the region, despite numerous obstacles encountered, and to express at the same time its concern over continuing situations of human rights violations.

4. To recommend to the Commission that, in preparing its annual report, it consider whether, in light of developments in the human rights situation in the member states discussed in the chapter on the "Situation of Human Rights in Several States" in its report of the previous year, those states should continue to be mentioned.

5. To recommend to the Commission that in its annual reports it strike a general balance of how human rights have fared in the hemisphere, taking into account the information supplied by the member states, without prejudice to the use of other sources.

6. To urge the Commission to include in its next annual report, in compliance with paragraph c, Recommendations to the Commission of resolution AG/RES. 1112 (XXI-0/91), a general description of the actions of irregular armed groups and the adverse effect of such acts on the enjoyment of human rights, for which it shall take into account, among other sources, the information to be supplied by the member states.

7. To recommend to the Commission that in the performance of its functions it continue to pay attention to the recommendations of the program of action for the strengthening of the OAS in matters of human rights, made in resolution AG/RES. 1112 (XXI-0/91).

8. To recommend to the Commission that it continue to carry out the recommendations and requests contained in operative paragraphs 14, 15, 17, and 18 of resolution AG/RES. 1044 (XX-0/90) and to report on the implementation thereof at the twenty-third regular session of the General Assembly.

9. To urge the Commission to continue to study the observance of the human rights of minors in coordination with the governments of the member states and the Inter-American Children’s Institute.
10. To request the Commission to take appropriate measures in light of the decision taken by the OAS Permanent Council on the "Study of the possibility and advisability of preparing proposed amendments to the American Convention on Human Rights" (CP/doc.2229/92 rev. 2).

11. To recommend that the member states that are not parties to the 1969 American Convention on Human Rights "Pact of San José, Costa Rica" ratify or accede to it.

12. To urge the States parties to the American Convention on Human Rights that have not yet done so to accept the competence of the Commission to receive and examine communications from one state party to another in accordance with Article 45.1 of that Convention, and to recognize the compulsory jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in keeping with Article 62(1) of that Convention.

13. To urge the member states that are not parties to the following Conventions, to sign, ratify or accede to them, as appropriate:

   Inter-American Convention on Support Obligations
   Inter-American Convention on the International Return of Children
   Inter-American Convention on Conflict of Laws Concerning the Adoption of Minors
   United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child
   The Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction

14. To recommend to the member states that, as appropriate, they sign, ratify or accede to the Inter-American Convention to Prevent and Punish Torture and to recommend to the states parties to the American Convention on Human Rights that have not yet done so that, as appropriate, they ratify or accede to the Additional Protocol to the American Convention on Human Rights in the Area of Economic, Social and Cultural Rights and the Protocol to Abolish the Death Penalty.

15. To request the member states that have not yet done so to submit the information requested by the Commission within its general sphere of competence and in particular, in the framework of the program of action for strengthening the OAS in the area of human rights, pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 1112 (XXI-0/91).

16. To urge the governments of the member states that have not yet done so to respond to the inquiry from the Commission on the content of an inter-American instrument to protect the rights of indigenous peoples and communities.
17. To reiterate to the member state governments that they continue to extend all necessary guarantees to nongovernmental human rights organizations and their members, so that they may conduct their activities freely, in keeping with the constitution and laws of each country.

18. To acknowledge the cooperation between member states and the Commission which has been manifest, inter alia, in the on-site visits that have been made since the last session of the General Assembly.

19. To reaffirm that the elimination of extreme poverty and of the causes of economic underdevelopment and social injustice, and the strengthening of democratic institutions are necessary to ensure the promotion and protection of human rights.

20. To stress the importance of prompt and effective action by the Commission in the defense of human rights in the situations described in resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-0/91).

21. To encourage the Commission to continue its important work of promoting and defending human rights in the Hemisphere, and to encourage the member states to continue to provide it with the support and financial resources it needs to perform this important and relevant function.
AG/RES. 1170 (XXII-0/92)

LEGAL SITUATION OF REFUGEES, RETURNEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS
IN THE AMERICAN HEMISPHERE

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report on the program of cooperation between the
Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the
General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS)
(AG/doc.2707/91); and

CONSIDERING:

That through resolutions AG/RES. 774 (XV-0/85), AG/RES. 838 (XVI-
0/86), AG/RES. 891 (XVII-0/87), AG/RES. 951 (XVIII-0/88), AG/RES. 1021
(XIX-0/89), AG/RES. 1039 (XX-0/90), AG/RES. 1040 (XX-0/90) and AG/RES. 1103
(XXI-0/91), the General Assembly expressed its concern for those who, as
refugees, returnees, or displaced persons, have received protection and
humanitarian assistance throughout the Americas;

That voluntary repatriation movements of Central American refugees
continued during 1991 and are expected to increase in 1992, as a result,
inter alia, of the peace agreements signed in El Salvador, an important
consequence of the considerable efforts by all concerned to support
processes of national reconciliation and democratization in the region;

That in the context of voluntary repatriation movements to El
Salvador, the UNHCR has an important protection role in monitoring the
well-being of returnees;

That efforts continue to be made to find effective solutions to the
problems of refugees and displaced persons in various countries, guided by
the principles of the 1984 Declaration of Cartagena de Indias which
contains a legal framework for the treatment of refugees in the region;

That the Second International Meeting of the Follow-up Committee of
the International Conference on Central American Refugees (CIREFCA), held
in El Salvador, April 7 and 8, 1992, recommended that the CIREFCA process
be extended until May 1994, noting its valuable contribution to the
consolidation and national reconciliation processes, which makes progress
possible and provides a forum that fosters lasting solutions and agreements
for the treatment of refugees and displaced people in Central America;
That special attention is being given to displaced and refugee women, notably through CIREFCA's initiatives with the First Regional Forum on Refugee, Displaced and Returnee Women (FOREFEM), held in Guatemala, which considered the special situation of women as regards their return and reintegration and stressed the need for their return to take place in conditions of safety and dignity;

That the voluntary repatriation movement to Suriname began in 1992 and the UNHCR is contributing to the efforts to get these returnees successfully reintegrated in their country of origin;

That the valuable cooperation between the Organization of American States and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees has been strengthened through a joint study project on the legal rights of refugee children in Central America and Mexico and in the common efforts to find lasting solutions to refugee problems in the region,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction with the strengthening of peace processes and consolidation of democracy through the recent signing of peace accords in El Salvador and the goodwill demonstrated by other governments of the region toward national reconciliation.

2. To underscore the important result achieved through voluntary repatriation movements, urging member states to continue their efforts to create conditions to facilitate voluntary repatriation as well as reintegration of returnees, in collaboration with the Office of the High Commissioner for Refugees.

3. To welcome the endorsement of member states of the principles for protection set forth in the 1984 Declaration of Cartagena de Indias on Refugees and to recommend to those member states that have not yet done so that they consider the possibility of adopting measures for the purpose of strengthening the domestic legal system for the protection of refugees.

4. To welcome the ratification by the Government of Honduras to the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol on the Status of Refugees and to urge member states that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to these instruments.

5. To urge the member states to address causes of situations of internal displacement to attenuate and prevent human suffering and potential refugee outflows to neighboring member states.

6. To urge the member states to enhance their cooperation in finding solutions, within a regional framework, to refugee problems.
7. To renew its support of the CIREFCA Plan of Action, in particular, efforts to address the special needs of refugee, displaced and returnee women, as well as the search for lasting solutions for the displaced populations.

8. To note with satisfaction progress being made by the Organization of American States and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees in their programs to research the legal rights of refugee children in Central America and Mexico.
AG/RES. 1171 (XXII-0/92)

HEADQUARTERS AGREEMENT

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Headquarters Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Organization of American States, signed by the Secretary General and the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United States Government on May 14, 1992, attached to the Update to the Secretary General's Report on the Status of the Negotiations with the United States Government for a Headquarters Agreement (AG/doc.2802/92 add. 1); the Secretary General's Report on the Status of the Negotiations with the United States Government for a Headquarters Agreement (AG/doc.2802/92); and resolutions AG/RES. 1105 (XXI-0/91), AG/RES. 1035 (XX-0/90), AG/RES. 1015 (XIX-0/89), and AG/RES. 942 (XVIII-0/88); and

CONSIDERING:

That Article 138 of the Charter provides that "The Organization of American States shall enjoy in the territory of each Member such legal capacity, privileges, and immunities as are necessary for the exercise of its functions and the accomplishment of its purposes"; 

That Article 139 of the Charter states that the Secretary General and the Assistant Secretary General "shall enjoy the privileges and immunities corresponding to their positions and necessary for the independent performance of their duties," and that Article 140 of the Charter establishes that the privileges and immunities of the personnel of the General Secretariat shall be determined in a multilateral agreement or, when necessary, by concluding "bilateral agreements";

That following adoption of the Charter in 1948, the OAS General Secretariat continually pursued negotiations with the United States Government concerning a Headquarters Agreement, and that as a result of the joint initiative of the Organization and the Government of the United States, those negotiations intensified and became more regular after 1984;

That pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 1035 (XX-0/90), the General Assembly established a Special Committee of the Permanent Council to deal with this subject, instructed the Secretary General, in coordination with
that Committee, to continue negotiations with the United States Government "in order to arrive, preferably before the twenty-first regular session of the General Assembly, at a Headquarters Agreement establishing the privileges and immunities of the Organization and its personnel in the host country," and asked that he report thereon to the General Assembly at that session;

That by resolution AG/RES. 1105 (XXI-O/91), the General Assembly again charged the Secretary General with pursuing negotiations, in coordination with the Special Committee of the Permanent Council, to arrive at an agreement "preferably before the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly" and requested the Secretary General to report at that session;

That as a result of those resolutions, the Secretary General, in coordination with the Special Committee, concluded the negotiations, and on May 14, 1992, the Secretary General and the Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the United States Government to the Organization signed the Headquarters Agreement between the Organization of American States and the Government of the United States of America;

That by its own terms, the Agreement will enter into force when the United States Secretary of State and the Secretary General have exchanged notes "confirming that all necessary requirements for entry into force have been fulfilled,"

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate and express its thanks to the Secretary General and the Secretary of State of the United States Government for having succeeded in bringing the negotiations to a close and for signing the Headquarters Agreement.

2. To instruct the Secretary General that as soon as it is mutually convenient, the exchange of notes with the Secretary of State required for the Agreement to enter into force be executed and that he inform the General Assembly once the exchange has been effected.
AG/RES. 1172 (XXII-0/92)

DRAFT INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE
FORCED DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSONS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolutions AG/RES. 950 (XVIII-0/88), AG/RES. 1014 (XIX-0/89), AG/RES. 1033 (XX-0/90), and AG/RES. 1095 (XXI-0/91), as well as the report of the Permanent Council on the draft Inter-American Convention on the Forced Disappearance of Persons (AG/doc.2821/92);

CONSIDERING that resolution AG/RES. 1095 (XXI-0/91) instructs the Permanent Council in operative paragraph 3 to report on this matter to the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session, taking account of observations and comments and any other factor it may deem relevant;

CONVINCED that the drafting of an inter-American instrument with the urgency that the matter demands will help eradicate the practice of the forced disappearance of persons;

REITERATING that this practice is an affront to the conscience of the peoples of the hemisphere; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that observations on the aforesaid draft have been received so far from the Governments of Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico, Peru, Venezuela, Colombia, Canada, Costa Rica, Chile, and Uruguay (CP/CAJP-756/89 and addenda),

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Permanent Council for the report presented on the draft Inter-American Convention on the Forced Disappearance of Persons (AG/doc.2821/92).

2. To urge the governments of the member states of the Organization to present their comments and observations on the draft Inter-American Convention on the Forced Disappearance of Persons before October 1, 1992, and to cooperate in every way so as to make possible the adoption of a convention on the matter as soon as possible.
3. To recommend to the Permanent Council that in its work on this subject it continue to take into account the efforts of the United Nations on the matter.

4. To urge the Permanent Council to use studies and reports prepared by nongovernmental organizations and institutions on the subject matter of the Convention when it deems necessary during preparation thereof.

5. To extend the mandate given to the Permanent Council in resolution AG/RES. 1095 (XXI-O/91) until it completes the study entrusted to it, whereupon it must report thereon to the General Assembly.

6. To request the Permanent Council to consider the possibility of calling a special meeting on the draft Inter-American Convention on the Forced Disappearance of Persons.
REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Permanent Council report on the regular meetings of the Inter-American Juridical Committee (AG/doc.2812/92); and

CONSIDERING that Resolution AG/RES. 1129 (XXI-0/91) instructed the Permanent Council to consider, pursuant to Article 15 of the Statutes of the Inter-American Juridical Committee and within budgetary restrictions, the possibility that the Committee hold two meetings each year,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the necessary measures so that, beginning in 1993, and in keeping with Article 15 of its Statutes, the Inter-American Juridical Committee will hold two regular meetings.

2. To determine that the second regular meeting of 1993 should be funded with savings derived from unexecuted items of the budget approved for the Committee and through the mechanism set forth in the General Provisions (A.2) of Resolution AG/RES. 1137 (XXI-0/91).

3. To include in the proposed program-budget, beginning in 1994, the items necessary for fulfillment of the recommendation contained in operative paragraph (1).
AG/RES. 1174 (XXII-0/92)

EVALUATION AND REORGANIZATION OF THE OFFICES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT IN THE MEMBER STATES

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on Evaluation and Reorganization of the Offices of the General Secretariat in the Member States (AG/doc.2813/92); and

CONSIDERING:

That in resolutions AG/RES. 1003 (XIX-0/89), AG/RES. 1068 (XX-0/90), and AG/RES. 1134 (XXI-0/91) the General Assembly instructed the General Secretariat to evaluate its offices in the member states and to present its conclusions to the Permanent Council;

That to comply with the foregoing, the General Secretariat presented the document entitled "Evaluation and Reorganization of the Offices of the OAS General Secretariat in the Member States" (CP/CAAP-1871/89) and the reports on the offices of the OAS General Secretariat in the member states (CP/doc.2136/91 and CP/CAAP-1924/92); and

That operative paragraph (1) of resolution AG/RES. 1134 (XXI-0/91) extended the mandate given to the Permanent Council for evaluation and reorganization of the General Secretariat's offices in the member states to the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To note the report presented by the General Secretariat (CP/CAAP-1924/92).

2. To consider the mandates contained in resolution AG/RES. 1134 (XXI-0/91) to have been discharged.

3. To urge the General Secretariat to continue providing support, through its offices in the member states, for the execution of technical cooperation projects, fellowship programs, and news service and public information on the activities of the Organization.
4. To indicate that evaluation of the General Secretariat offices in
the member states constitutes a permanent process which should be performed
pursuant to the terms of Articles 98 and 99 of the General Standards to
Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat of the Organization of
American States.

5. To instruct the General Secretariat to present annual reports to
the Permanent Council on the operation of its offices in the member states,
indicating the respective budgets and the execution thereof.

6. To request that the Permanent Council consider those reports and
present to the General Assembly such observations and recommendations as it
may deem pertinent, pursuant to Article 90.f of the Charter.
AG/RES. 1175 (XXII-O/92)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Administrative Tribunal (AG/doc. 2832/92);

CONSIDERING that the Administrative Tribunal is responsible for carrying out important jurisdictional functions; and

BEARING IN MIND the decision concerning revision of the Statute of the Administrative Tribunal of the OAS adopted by the Permanent Council (CP/SA.810/90),

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of, endorse and transmit to the Administrative Tribunal the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on its Annual Report.

2. To reiterate its request to the Administrative Tribunal to make special reference, in its next Annual Report, to the appropriateness, nature and legal bases of any amendments that, in its opinion, might need to be introduced in the Rules of Procedure and Statute of that body.
AG/RES. 1176 (XXII-O/92)

OBLIGATION OF THE MEMBER STATES TO PAY THEIR QUOTA ASSESSMENTS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING that resolution AG/RES. 1060 (XX-O/90) instructed the General Secretariat to take measures to secure the best possible compliance with the regulation concerning the obligation of the member states to pay their assessments to the Regular Fund;

AWARE that resolution CP/RES. 541 (816/90) specified that member states that are not up-to-date in the payment of their assessments to the Regular Fund must, during the first quarter of the respective financial year, work out a payment schedule for their annual assessments with the Secretary General, to meet the financial obligations of the Organization;

NOTING that as of April 30, 1992, eight member states were fully up-to-date with their obligations to the Regular Fund and that another six member states have agreed upon a schedule of payments for the current year and/or prior years;

OBSERVING that as of April 30, 1992, member states owed the Regular Fund $87,672,000, of which the amount of $35,727,000 were arrears from previous years; and

RECOGNIZING that delayed payment of assessments limits the effectiveness of the Organization and causes quota assessments to increase faster than would otherwise be the case,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the obligation of the member states to pay their assessments to the Regular Fund in a timely manner.

2. To request the Secretary General to pursue negotiations with those member states owing balances to the Regular Fund and which have not already agreed to a schedule of payments as called for in resolution CP/RES. 541 (816/90) and to urge those member states to agree upon a schedule by August 31, 1992.
AG/RES. 1177 (XXII-0/92)

PROGRAM-BUDGET OF THE ORGANIZATION, SECOND YEAR OF BIENNIIUM 1992-93
1993 QUOTAS AND PLEDGES TO THE VOLUNTARY FUNDS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution AG/RES. 1137 (XXI-0/91) on the Program-Budget of the Organization, 1992-93 biennium;

CEPCIECC resolution (CEPCIECC/doc.1151/91) on the Program-Budget for the CIECC area for the 1992-93 biennium;

Resolution CIES/RES. 447 (XXV-0/91) on the Program-Budget for the CIES area for the 1992-93 biennium; and

The report of the Preparatory Committee on the Proposed Program-Budget of the Organization, 1992-93, second year (AG/doc.2843/92), and

CONSIDERING that, thus far, the following pledges have been received to finance in 1993 the portions of the 1992-93 program-budget corresponding to the Special Development Assistance Fund (SDAF) US$ -0- in the CIES area; the Special Multilateral Fund of CIECC (FEMCIECC), US$787,700, the Special Account for Culture, US$118,500, and the Mar del Plata Account, US$250,600, in the CIECC area,

RESOLVES:

I. BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

1. To approve the Program-Budget of the Regular Fund for the second year of the 1992-93 biennium in the amount of US$70,956,300 which appears in Table A.

2. To establish the following levels for the Special Multilateral Funds for 1993: (a) Special Development Assistance Fund (SDAF) US$12,000,000; (b) Special Multilateral Fund of CIECC US$10,586,000; (c) Special Account for Culture US$972,000 and (d) Mar del Plata Account US$3,365,000 for a total appropriation of US$26,923,000, which appears in Table A.
3. To approve the specific levels of appropriation by chapter, program and subprogram with the recommendations, instructions or mandates detailed below in each case:

1993
(US$1,000)

CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER ORGANS 10,366.2

1. General Assembly (XXIII Regular Session) 3,321.6
2. Administrative Tribunal 50.7
   Includes an additional appropriation of $1,650 for honoraria.
3. Board of External Auditors 1,135.1
   Includes an additional appropriation of $250 for honoraria.
4. Permanent Council 3,349.6
5. Protocol Office 3,398.8
6. Secretariat to the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation, the Permanent Council, and Conferences 4,236.8
   Includes an additional appropriation of $580,000 of which $290,000 is to cover the cost of the deficit projected for 1992.
7. Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) 1,482.1
8. CIES 50.8
9. CEPCIES 1,104.1
10. CIECC 49.7

1. The provisions of AG/RES. 1137 (XXI-0/91) continue where applicable.
11. CEPCIECC

12. Meetings of CIE, CICYT and CIDEC

Includes an additional appropriation of $1,525 for the increased honorarium rate.

13. Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Includes an additional appropriation of $59,000, objects 3-9 of which $7,175 is the increased for honorarium rate, and recommends that the Secretary General provide the Commission with the personnel requested through internal transfers.

14. Inter-American Juridical Committee

Includes $6,400 for honoraria. The cost of the second regular meeting of the CJI estimated at $103,000 should be funded with unused appropriations of the 1990-91 biennium.

15. Inter-American Court of Human Rights

Includes an additional appropriation of $2,250 for the increase in honoraria.

An additional regular session of the Court, as requested, is authorized, in the understanding that the additional appropriation of $70,000 will be financed from the unutilized balance of appropriations of the 1990-91 biennium.

16. Retirement and Pension Committee

CHAPTER 2 - SPECIALIZED ORGANIZATIONS AND ENTITIES

1. Inter-American Defense Board

1993

(US$1,000)

51.9

59.0

1,543.3

591.8

501.2

439.7

4,490.3

2,218.9
2. **Inter-American Children’s Institute**  

Includes an additional appropriation of $20,000 to cover the cost of repairs of the roof of the "Dr. Luis Morquio" Inter-American Library.

3. **Inter-American Commission of Women**  

4. **Pan American Development Foundation**  

5. **Inter-American Nuclear Energy Commission**  

   (without appropriations)

6. **Inter-American Music Council (CIDEM)**

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**CHAPTER 3 - EXECUTIVE OFFICES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT**

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The utilization of $150,000 from the budget of Public Information is authorized in order to finance a promotion campaign of Americas magazine and its sales efforts.

The Secretary General is authorized to establish a specific fund or funds to which voluntary contributions may be made for reinforcing activities related to the subprogram.
8. Coordination of the General Secretariat's Activities to Commemorate the Quincentennial of the Discovery of America: Encounter of Two Worlds

9. FONDEM (without appropriations)

10. Support in connection with unanticipated mandates or political developments

US$100,000 is approved for each year, and the program may receive up to US$150,000 more for each year of the appropriations not used during the 1990-91 biennium.

CHAPTER 4 - EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS

Regular Fund

SDAF

Programming 1993

SDAF 10,434.8

15% contributions for technical supervision and administrative support 1,565.2

Total 12,000.0

1. Human Resources for National and Multinational Projects 2,220.7

Regular Fund 2,220.7

a. The approved appropriations for this chapter may be used only for the technical cooperation activities. [AG/RES. 1137 (XXI-0/91)].
2. **National Technical Cooperation Programs**

   Regular Fund  
   SDAF  

   3. **Plurinational Projects**

   Regular Fund  
   SDAF  

   4. **Inter-American Centers**

   Regular Fund  
   SDAF  

   5. **Specialized Conferences and CECON**

   Regular Fund  

   6. **Regional Support Projects**

   Regular Fund  

   Of this amount, the sum of $300,000 is to be applied to specific projects approved by the Permanent Council relative to the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and to Environmental Protection.
CHAPTER 5 - EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR EDUCATION, SCIENCE AND CULTURE

Regular Fund

Voluntary Funds

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**15% contributions for technical supervision and administrative support**

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a. The approved appropriations for this chapter may be used only for the technical cooperation activities. [AG/RES. 1137 (XXI-O/91)].
3. **Regional Scientific and Technological Development Program**

   **Regular Fund**
   - FEMCIECG: 1,578.1
   - CMP: 4,436.0
   - 1,556.8

   In this subprogram, $150,000 is for the Scientific Information Network and $150,000 for the Forum of Exchanges of Scientific and Technological Knowledge, according to the proposals made by the Forum at the 1992 meeting.

4. **Regional Cultural Development Program**

   **Regular Fund**
   - CEC: 2,749.9
   - 830.2

5. **Regional Fellowships and Training Program**

   **Regular Fund**
   - 7,625.4

   An additional appropriation up to $362,200 is authorized from the unutilized appropriations of the 1990-91 biennium to reinforce the fellowships program.
CHAPTER 6 - GENERAL SECRETARIAT'S OFFICES IN THE MEMBER STATES

1993
(US$1,000)

6,505.5

1. Offices of the General Secretariat in the Member States

The limit on persons to staff the Offices of the General Secretariat in the Member States of 127, as is fixed in AG/RES. 954, is maintained. In order to accommodate the establishment and operations of any additional offices of the General Secretariat in the Member States, AG/RES. 954 is modified to provide that Category 1 offices may have up to 3 persons, Categories 2 and 3 offices may have up to 4 persons, and Category 4 offices up to 6 persons.

It is understood that the installation and operation costs of the Belize and Guyana offices is included in the total amount approved for this chapter.

CHAPTER 7 - SECRETARIAT FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS

1.496.8

1. Office of the Assistant Secretary

686.3

2. Development and Codification of International Law

282.1

3. General Legal Services

402.4
4. Inter-American Cooperation Program for Legal Development (without appropriations) 0.0

It is recommended that work related to Regional Legal Development be financed with resources allocated to the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Legal Affairs and the Office of Development and Codification of International Law. It is further recommended that the Secretary General make available, to the extent possible and insofar as legal installed capacity will allow, the necessary human resources for executing activities related to this subprogram.

5. Legal Publications and Informatics (without appropriations) 0.0

6. Office of the Secretary of the Administrative Tribunal 126.0

CHAPTER 8 - SECRETARIAT FOR MANAGEMENT 77,866.22

1. Office of the Assistant Secretary 220,855.0

2. Financial Services Department 11,670.5

3. Program-Budget Department 11,035.8

4. Material Resources Department 22,108.8

5. Human Resources Department 11,117.9

6. Management Systems Office 11,145.2

7. Seed Fund 5,579.2

CHAPTER 9 - COMMON SERVICES 12,909.17

1. Representation Expenses 40.0
2. Equipment and Supplies 737.0
3. Building Management and Maintenance 5,783.0
4. Insurance 253.3
5. Recruitment and Transfers 264.2
6. Terminations and Repatriations 1,043.6
7. Home Leave 263.2
8. Education and Language Allowance, Medical Examinations 53.0
9. Pensions for Retired Executives and Health and Life Insurance for Retired Employees 1,580.6
10. Human Resources Development 169.4
11. Contribution to the Staff Association 15.3
12. Incorporation of Cost-of-Living Adjustment into the Basic Salary 921.5

To incorporate, starting January 1st, 1993, into the basic salary the 12.2% cost-of-living adjustment supplement, already granted, which at present is non-pensionable.

13. Cost-of-Living Adjustment Supplement 1,785.6

The figure of $1,785,600 corresponds to the cost for 1993 only.

To grant a non-pensionable 6.53% cost-of-living adjustment supplement effective July 1st, 1992, and carried over into 1993.
The 1992 approved budget shall be adjusted by the additional cost in the second semester of 1992 ($870,000), to be financed from miscellaneous incomes identified in document AG/CP/doc.520/92, page 5.

In accordance with resolutions AG/RES. 498 (X-0/80) and AG/RES. 957 (XVIII-0/88), the percentage that shall apply for staff away from headquarters shall be the one called for according to the difference in the cost-of-living at each duty station with respect to headquarters and the local conditions.

III. FINANCING OF THE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

1. To set the quotas with which the governments of the member states will primarily finance the second year, 1993, of the 1992-93 Program-Budget of the Organization, in the part corresponding to the Regular Fund, in accordance with the resolution AG/RES. 1073 (XX-0/90), and the decision of January 19, 1955 (doc. C-i-269) on income tax reimbursements, using the scale and amounts shown in Table B.

2. To finance the 1993 appropriations of the Regular Fund partially with estimated interest income, rental income from the General Secretariat Building, the administrative and technical support contribution from the Voluntary Funds and other resources as set forth in section B, Table A.

3. To authorize funding of the portion of the Voluntary Funds for 1993 of the Program-Budget of the Organization as follows:

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\(\text{a} \) Figures suggested by the General Secretariat in accordance with AG/RES. 321 (V-E/77). Thus far, not all member states have pledged their contributions.
III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. BUDGETARY

1. Personnel

   a. To maintain the overall limitation on the number of staff members of the General Secretariat funded by the Regular Fund at 725.

   b. To maintain the limitation that the total cost of staff in Object 1 in the budget may not exceed 50% of the Regular Fund budget.

   c. To instruct the Secretary General to initiate negotiations with the staff toward an agreement taking into account, among other criteria, the consumer price index at Headquarters as a guideline for recommending the annual cost-of-living adjustment, and to report to the Permanent Council by September 30, 1992, the results of the negotiations for its consideration.

   d. **Complete study of the basic salary and benefits**

      To instruct the Secretary General to initiate a complete study of the levels of basic salary and benefits of staff of the General Secretariat both at Headquarters and in the offices away from headquarters in relation to the functions performed:

      1. For Headquarters positions, including a comparative analysis of equivalent positions in the private and public sectors and international organizations in Washington, D.C., taking into account income taxes.

      2. For positions in the General Secretariat offices away from Headquarters, including an analysis of other international organizations and the public and private sectors in the respective country, also taking into account income taxes.

      3. To include in the study an evaluation of the utility and effectiveness of the 50% Regular Fund budgetary limit on personnel costs as a measure of budgetary control.
To authorize the Permanent Council to approve the funds for the consultant and other costs to be incurred in undertaking this study on salary policy.

To instruct the Secretary General to report on this study at the twenty-third regular session of the General Assembly.

2. Transfer between Chapters, Regular Fund

To authorize the Secretary General to transfer funds between the chapters of the Program-Budget, up to a maximum of 5 percent of the total allocated to the chapter from which the funds are taken or from the chapter that receives them, provided this does not mean elimination or substantial alteration of any approved program.

The Secretary General shall inform the Permanent Council no later than March 31, 1993, of transfers made in accordance with this provision and shall give appropriate justification.

3. Execution of the budget of the organs, agencies and entities of the Organization

To remind the organs, agencies and entities of the Organization to schedule their meetings for the biennium 1992-93 in strict observance of the corresponding budgetary levels, reducing in each instance, if necessary, the number and length of such meetings by 25%, even when there are regulatory provisions to the contrary.

4. Fellowships

To instruct the General Secretariat that the amounts approved for fellowships are not to be transferred or obligated against any other object of expenditure.

5. Travel

To instruct the General Secretariat and to recommend to the other organs, agencies and entities that they apply measures to rationalize and reduce expenses of travel.

6. 1990-91 obligated CIECC's funds and not spent by June 30, 1992

The unspent obligations as of June 30, 1992 shall be allocated to strengthening programming approved for 1993, once 10% of those appropriations has been subtracted and allocated to the reserve subfunds of each of
those accounts. Authority for programming the use of such reallocated appropriations is delegated to CEPCIECC.

7. Strengthening the Inter-American Telecommunications Conference CITEL

To authorize CEPCIES, in accordance with CIES/RES. 457 (XXVI-0/92), to authorize the additional funding of $66,300 necessary to support CITEL in 1993, utilizing the unused remaining funds.

8. Special session of the General Assembly on Inter-American Cooperation for Development

To authorize the Permanent Council, in accordance with Article 73 of the General Standards, to approve during 1993 a special appropriation up to $380,000 to finance the special session of the General Assembly on Inter-American Cooperation for Development.

9. Inter-American dialogue on the role of education in the promotion of a regional approach to solving global problems in the 21st century

To authorize the General Secretariat to provide the necessary financial assistance up to $82,000, in accordance with current standards as available resources permit, for holding the preparatory meeting in Colombia, charging such expenses to the Reserve Subfund of the Mar del Plata Account provided for in Article 16 of the Uniform Statute.

B. FINANCIAL

1. Payment of quotas and contributions

a. To remind the governments of the member states that Article 77 of the General Standards provides that "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."

b. To remind the governments of the member states that Permanent Council resolution CP/RES. 541 (816/90) provides that member states which do not make their quota contributions in accordance with Article 77 of the General Standards, must, during the first quarter of the year, work out a payment schedule for their annual assessments with the Secretary General.
2. **Financing of Americas Magazine in 1992-93**

a. To authorize the use of all income from Fund 16 generated by sales of the magazine in 1992-93 to finance, to the extent possible, its operating costs.

b. To instruct the General Secretariat to submit an annual report to the Permanent Council on the use of this income.

c. To study the possibility of the sale of the magazine.

C. **OTHERS**

1. **Honoraria**

To authorize the Secretary General to increase from $100 to $125 a day the honoraria paid to members of the following bodies entitled to such compensation: Administrative Tribunal, Board of External Auditors, Inter-American Committees (CIE, CICYT and CIDEC), Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, Inter-American Juridical Committee, Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

2. **SDAF appropriations for 1993**

To instruct CEPCIES that, as soon as possible, it adjust appropriations to the level of available financing.

3. **Appropriations for CIECC voluntary funds for 1993**

To instruct CEPCIECC that, as soon as possible, it adjust appropriations to the level of available financing, in accordance with the criteria established in resolution AG/RES. 457 (IX-0/79).
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**TOTAL** | 97,879.3 | 70,956.3 | 26,923.0 | 12,000.0 | 10,566.0 | 972.0 | 3,365.0 |

*For purposes of financing in 1993 the 15% amount has been reduced from the $3511.7 shown in the first part of this table, to a level more in accordance with the experience of actual pledges in recent years.*
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AG/RES. 1178 (XXII-0/92)

PLACE AND DATE OF THE TWENTY-THIRD REGULAR SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That Article 45 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly provides that the Assembly shall hold a regular session each year and that at each of these sessions, following a report by its General Committee, it shall determine the opening date of its next session;

That Article 46 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly provides that, following a report by its General Committee and taking into account the offers made by the member states, the Assembly shall determine the place of the next session, in accordance with the principle of rotation;

That in resolution AG/RES. 939 (XVIII-0/88), the General Assembly recommended that the first Monday in June of each year be fixed as the opening date of its regular sessions after the nineteenth session;

That in a note dated May 19, 1992, the Government of Nicaragua offered the city of Managua as the venue for the twenty-third regular session of the General Assembly; and

The report of the General Committee,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Government of Nicaragua for its generous offer to hold the twenty-third session of the General Assembly in the city of Managua.

2. To determine that the twenty-third regular session of the General Assembly will be held in the city of Managua starting on Monday, June 7, 1993.
AG/RES. 1179 (XXII-0/92)

COOPERATION FOR SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE HEMISPHERE - REGIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO GLOBAL SECURITY

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

Its decision, as contained in the Santiago Commitment, to initiate a process of consultation on hemispheric security in light of the new conditions in the region and the world, from an updated and comprehensive perspective of security and disarmament, including the subject of all forms of proliferation of conventional weapons and instruments of mass destruction, so that the largest possible volume of resources may be devoted to the economic and social development of the member states, and to make an appeal to other competent organizations in the world to join in the efforts of the OAS;

Its resolution AG/RES. 1121 (XXI-0/91) and AG/RES. 1123 (XXI-0/91) for the strengthening of peace and security in the hemisphere, and AG/RES. 1062 (XX-0/90) against clandestine arms traffic;

The exchange of correspondence between the Chairman of the Permanent Council of the OAS and the President of the United Nations Security Council on the role of regional organizations in the promotion of international peace and security (CP/INF.3241, February 25, 1992);

RECOGNIZING:

That the strengthening of peace and security in the hemisphere is an essential purpose of the OAS and that economic and social development and cooperation among its member states are fundamental to its achievement;

That peace is not merely the absence of war, but that interdependence and cooperation to foster economic and social development, disarmament, arms control and limitations, human rights, the strengthening of democratic institutions, protection of the environment and the improvement of the quality of life for all are indispensable elements for the establishment of peaceful and more secure democratic societies;

That the Latin American and Caribbean democratic countries are among the least armed and militarized in the world;
That member states should fulfill their obligations in relation to disarmament, arms control and limitation, prevent all forms of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, avoid excessive or destabilizing accumulations and transfers of conventional arms and resolve peacefully, in accordance with the OAS and UN Charters, any problems concerning matters threatening or disrupting the maintenance of regional and global security;

That all forms of proliferation and use of weapons of mass destruction threaten international security, aggravate the risks of increasing conflicts in regions of tension and endanger the environment;

That the regulation of the international exchange of dual-use goods and technologies should take into consideration the need for legitimate access to such goods and technologies for peaceful purposes;

That the member states have, in accordance with the Charter of the OAS and the Charter of the UN, the right to maintain armed forces for individual and collective self-defense;

COMMENDING:

The strenuous efforts undertaken by member states towards the structural adjustment of their economies with a view to contribute to a greater expansion of the regional and world economies, notably by the adoption of trade and investment liberalization measures, more austere fiscal and monetary policies, and deregulation;

The important contribution of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to safeguard hemispheric security and stability and to promote the peaceful uses of nuclear energy in the region;

The contributions to regional disarmament, arms control and limitation by nations of the hemisphere, notably in the 1974 Declaration of Ayacucho; the 1987 Esquipulas Accords; the ongoing Central American efforts to negotiate regional security arrangements; the 1987 Intermediate Nuclear Forces Treaty; the 1990 U.S.-Soviet Union Chemical Weapons Destruction Agreement; the 1991 Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty; the Iguazu Falls Declaration of November 1990; the Mendoza Declaration of September 1991 and the Argentina/Brazil/IAEA/ABACC Quadrilateral Safeguards Agreement of December 1991; the 1991 Declaration of Cartagena of the Presidents of the Andean Group, and the Declaration of Guadalajara, which constitute exemplary initiatives of historic leadership from countries of the region; and

TAKING NOTE of the report and work of the Permanent Council Working Group on Cooperation for Hemispheric Security,
RESOLVES:

1. To recognize the opportunity and the need for increased dialogue on and cooperation in security matters, among the nations of the hemisphere, in light of the new international situation.

2. To express the commitment of the organization to effectively contribute to the efforts being made at the international level towards the strengthening of peace and security.

3. To reaffirm that, according to the OAS Charter and to International Law, an essential purpose of the Organization of American States is to prevent possible causes of difficulties and to ensure the pacific settlement of disputes that may arise among the member states.

4. To reaffirm further the urgent need for intensifying the common struggle and cooperative action against extreme poverty to help reduce economic and social inequalities in the hemisphere, and thereby strengthen the promotion and consolidation of democracy in the region.

5. To accept as a guiding principle of regional disarmament, arms control and limitation policies, the requirement to enhance security and stability at the lowest possible levels of forces consistent with defense requirements and international commitments.

6. To urge all member states to:

   a) promote the progressive liberalization of trade and the expansion of investments, access to scientific and technological knowledge, and the reduction of the foreign debt of the countries of the region;

   b) support integration processes in the hemisphere;

   c) contribute to the protection of our environment by all, for the benefit of present and future generations, with a view to ensuring integral and sustainable development in the region;

   d) increase technical cooperation and encourage a transfer of technology to enhance the capabilities for economic growth of the countries in the region;

   e) adopt and implement appropriate measures to prevent and combat the illicit use and production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and traffic therein;
f) support the efforts in the framework of the United Nations as well as negotiations at the Conference on Disarmament contributing to the overall objective of general and complete disarmament under effective international control;

g) adhere or reaffirm adherence, as appropriate, to the Treaty of Tlatelolco, the 1925 Geneva Protocol prohibiting the use of chemical and biological weapons, the Biological and Toxin Weapons Convention (BWC), and to become original parties to a Chemical Weapons Convention now being negotiated in the framework of the Conference on Disarmament;

h) prevent all forms of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and of missiles capable of delivering them by the adoption of appropriate export controls on dual-use goods and technologies, duly taking into account their legitimate use for peaceful purposes;

i) exchange information about their national policies, laws and administrative procedures governing the transfer of conventional arms and dual-use technologies, materials and equipment which could be used in nuclear, chemical, biological, or missile weapons programs;

j) maintain only such military capabilities as are necessary for self-defense and fulfillment of international commitments, consistent with their Constitutions, laws and the principles and purposes of the OAS and UN Charters;

k) exercise restraint in conventional arms transfers with a view to preventing excessive or destabilizing arms build-ups;

l) prevent, in the exercise of their jurisdiction, the transfer of arms to persons, groups or organizations seeking to destabilize the governments or to violate the rule of law by way of terrorism or otherwise;

m) prevent the use of their national territory for actions by persons, groups or organizations seeking to destabilize governments;

n) support and adopt, as appropriate, confidence-building measures pertaining to conventional armed forces, such as prior notification of and invitation of observers to certain major military activities, timely exchange of relevant information and improved communications;
o) support efforts to put into effect the United Nations arms register as provided for in the United Nations General Assembly Resolution 46/36 L;

p) support openness and transparency by providing the United Nations with standardized information on military expenditure as recently reaffirmed in United Nations General Assembly Resolution 46/25; and

q) to submit information and data, as agreed by the States Parties to the Biological Weapons Convention at the 1991 Review Conference of that Convention.

7. To continue to examine and study the special security problems and economic needs of small states of the hemisphere with a view to lessening their degree of vulnerability in areas of disaster relief, human resource development, arms smuggling, narco-trafficking and other such areas which could militate against their security and economic development.

8. To note with satisfaction the decision announced by France to ratify the Additional Protocol I to the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and to express its deep interest in the prompt implementation of this decision.

9. To call on all states, whether in this hemisphere or beyond, to contribute to the advancement of global security by adhering to such measures as called for in this resolution.

10. To continue its consideration of this question at its twenty-third regular session.

11. To transmit this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
AG/RES. 1180 (XXII-0/92)

COOPERATION FOR HEMISPHERIC SECURITY

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on "Cooperation for Hemispheric Security" (AG/doc.2838/92 and adds. 1, 2 and 3);

BEARING IN MIND that Article 2 of the OAS Charter states that one of the Organization's essential purposes is "[T]o achieve an effective limitation of conventional weapons that will make it possible to devote the largest amount of resources to the economic and social development of the Member States"; and

CONSIDERING:

That in resolution AG/RES. 1121 (XXI-0/91), adopted at its twenty-first regular session, it requested the Permanent Council to study the problems that the proliferation of instruments of war and weapons of mass destruction pose for international security and for the advancement of economic and social development, and to examine the possibility of exchanging information regarding national policies, laws, and administrative procedures governing the transfer and procurement of arms, including the establishment of a consultation mechanism for situations where an excessive arms buildup appear to be developing; and

That in resolution AG/RES. 1123 (XXI-0/91) it instructed the Permanent Council to set up a Working Group to study and make recommendations for cooperation on the various dimensions of hemispheric security,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report of the Permanent Council on the subject of cooperation for hemispheric security.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to establish a Special Committee on Hemispheric Security to continue consideration of the agenda on cooperation for hemispheric security.
3. To request the Permanent Council to inform the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session on the progress made in the implementation of the mandates contained in resolutions AG/RES. 1121 (XXI-O/91) and AG/RES. 1123 (XXI-O/91).
AG/RES. 11181 (XXII-0/92)

INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD

((Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992))

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

1. Resolution XXXIX of the Third Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, held in Rio de Janeiro in 1942;

2. Resolutions VII and XXXIV of the Ninth International Conference of American States, held in Bogota in 1948;

3. The report of the Permanent Council on the activities of the Working Group on Cooperation for Hemispheric Security concerning the relationship between the Inter-American Defense Board and the Organizations of American States (AG/doc.2838/92 add.4), and

CONSIDERING:

1. That Article 53 of the Charter of the OAS includes among the General Assembly’s powers the right to decide the general action and policy of the Organization; and

2. That the legal-institutional relationship between the Inter-American Defense Board and the Organization of American States should be defined,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Permanent Council, in light of the above-mentioned report (AG/doc.2838/92 add.4), to prepare recommendations intended to define the legal-institutional relationship between the Inter-American Defense Board and the Organization of American States.

2. To request the Permanent Council to report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session.
AG/RES. 1182 (XXII-0/92)

REQUEST TO THE SECRETARY GENERAL TO ASK FOR A MEETING OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL TO DECIDE ON THE CONVOCATION OF A SPECIAL SESSION TO CONSIDER THE INCLUSION IN THE CHARTER OF NEW PROVISIONS RELATING TO REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY AND EXTREME POVERTY

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

That the preamble of the Charter of the OAS establishes that representative democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace and development of the region;

That Article 2 of the Charter establishes that one of the essential purposes of the Organization is to promote and consolidate representative democracy, with due respect for the principle of nonintervention;

That in the Santiago Commitment to Democracy and the Renewal of the Inter-American System, the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the member states declared their determination to adopt efficacious, timely, and expeditious procedures to ensure the promotion and defense of representative democracy in keeping with the Charter of the Organization of American States;

That they also declared their determination to intensify the common struggle and cooperative action against extreme poverty to help reduce economic and social inequalities in the hemisphere, and thereby strengthen the promotion and consolidation of democracy in the region;

CONSIDERING that serious political, social and economic problems persist which threaten the stability of some of the democratic governments in the hemisphere and require an immediate and decisive response; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That Article 57 of the Charter states that, in special circumstances and with the approval of two thirds of the member states, the Permanent Council shall convocate a special session of the General Assembly, and
That Article 147 provides that amendments to the Charter may be adopted only at a General Assembly convened for that purpose.

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Secretary-General to issue an urgent request for a meeting of the Permanent Council in order to decide on the convocation of a special session of the General Assembly, which would be held before December 31, 1992, to consider the possible incorporation of new provisions into the OAS Charter regarding, on the one hand, the possibility of suspending the governments of member states in which the events cited in resolution AG/RES. 1080. (XXI-0/91) occur, and, on the other hand, the necessity of addressing extreme poverty in the region, which is one of the most serious threats to democracy.
AG/RES. 1183 (XXII-0/92)

INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM OF ACTION
FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council in connection with the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection (AG/doc. 2834/92 and add. 1); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Organization of American States is determined to strengthen cooperation among the governments of the member states with a view to preserving and improving the environment in the region;

That the General Assembly approved the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection (AG/RES. 1114 (XXI-O/91)); and

That the Organization of American States has been invited to participate as an observer in the forthcoming United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, which will be held in Rio de Janeiro, in June 1992,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Permanent Council for submitting the Report on the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection (AG/doc. 2834/92 and add. 1) and to endorse the recommendation included therein.

2. To note, with satisfaction, the work accomplished by the Permanent Council to carry out several of the regional measures set forth in the Inter-American Program of Action.

3. To request the Permanent Council through the Committee on the Environment, to continue to develop and follow up on the measures included in the Inter-American Program of Action, and report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session.

4. To request the organs, agencies and entities of the inter-American system to devote special consideration to the topic of environmental protection in their respective programs and in close
coordination with the work conducted by the Permanent Council's Committee on the Environment.

AG/RES. 1184 (XXII-0/92)

ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING resolution AG/RES. 1109 (XXI-0/91), in which the General Assembly gave its support to the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative;

HAVING SEEN the report of the Working Group of the Permanent Council to Study the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative;

RECOGNIZING the Working Group's contribution in keeping the member states informed of progress in current and new topics by publishing the bulletin Initiative;

TAKING NOTE of the progress made in the adoption of bilateral and multilateral framework agreements that promote the purposes of the Initiative;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the pledges of contributions by member states and permanent observer countries to the Multilateral Investment Fund (MIF) as presented in the report of the Permanent Council on the activities of the Working Group (AG/doc.2831/92);

TAKING ACCOUNT of the Conference of Ministers of Trade held at the OAS in October 1991, which has facilitated discussion of the trade component of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative;

CONSIDERING:

That the Charter of the OAS establishes as one of the purposes of the Organization the promotion of economic, social and cultural development by cooperative action;

That the Charter of the OAS establishes inter-American cooperation as one of its bases for the attainment of integral development through the participation of all the member states, thereby supporting the democratic principles and institutions of the inter-American system;

That in multilateral consultations the member states can exchange views on key matters of importance for the economic well-being of their countries;
DECLARATES:

That the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative brings an innovative approach to trade expansion, investment promotion, and alleviation of the debt burden of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and, hence, is of great potential for the promotion of integral development;

That its political and economic importance for the development of the region make the Initiative an object of ongoing interest to the Organization; and

That the OAS has an important part to play in the framing of a regional response to the Initiative and must ensure coordination of its activities in connection with the Initiative and those of other subregional, regional and international organs.

RESOLVES:


2. That the Permanent Council, through its Working Group, shall continue to serve as a focal point in the Organization for exchanges of information and views on the Initiative and to keep the member states informed of all developments and activities related to it.

3. That in promoting and supporting the Initiative, the Permanent Council shall sustain an active role for the OAS through its Working Group and with the support of the Secretariat, by executing the following:

PLAN OF ACTION

a. To coordinate the activities of the OAS in connection with the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative with the other competent organs of the Organization, with regional and subregional integration mechanisms, and with the Inter-American Development Bank and other international agencies.

b. To coordinate closely, and with the Inter-American Development Bank in particular, on the most effective way to contribute to the implementation of the Initiative, with due recognition of the member states that are not members of the Bank.

c. To hold seminars and other meetings with international, regional, subregional, governmental and private-sector organizations for
the examination and exchanges of views on issues arising in relation to the Initiative.

d. To foster ongoing interest in the Initiative at the political level.

e. To identify common interests of the Hemisphere and, in accordance with the mandate in each case, to present in multilateral meetings views to promote the objectives of the Initiative.

f. Based on the official presentations of the governments, to inform the member states on national measures being carried out in areas relating to execution of the Initiative.

g. To inform the member states of the conclusion of negotiations for bilateral and multilateral framework agreements on trade, investment, debt and the environment, within the framework of the Initiative.

h. To evaluate the possibilities of continuing to expand the Foreign Trade Information Service (SICE), a computerized OAS service, to include basic information on trade and investment in all markets of the Hemisphere, and, to the extent possible, other regions of the world, while coordinating that service with similar services provided by other regional and subregional agencies.

i. To carry out, based on studies completed and in progress, detailed analyses of specific topics relating to the Initiative in, among others, the following areas of interest:

- the identification of ways to ensure convergence of the bilateral and multinational framework agreements with the integration processes in progress in the region;

- the examination of ways to improve the spread of technology;

- the particular situation of the small economies that seek to compete effectively in an increasingly integrated world economy;

- the preparation of a summary of views on the effects of the eligibility requirements set forth in the Initiative.

4. To direct that the resources needed to carry out the activities in connection with the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative should be appropriated.
5. To request the Permanent Council to present a report on the implementation of this resolution to the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session.
AG/RES. 1185 (XXII-0/92)

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION - FISHERIES

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

ALARMED at the environmental degradation caused by overfishing on the high seas, particularly in the waters adjacent to areas subject to national jurisdiction of American states;

NOTING the importance of the coastal areas of the Americas, described in the document entitled "The Organization of American States and the Issues of Environment and Development" (AG/doc.2834/92 add. 1), prepared for the current session by the Permanent Council's Committee on the Environment;

RECALLING resolution AG/RES. 1114 (XXI-0/91), Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection, adopted at its twenty-first regular session, in particular paragraph III(m) dealing with the Conservation of Fishery Resources;

TAKING NOTE of the progress achieved at the Fourth Preparatory Committee of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), in New York in March 1992, with respect to the protection of oceans;

COMMENDING in particular the efforts deployed by the Chair of the Contact Group for Working Group II with a view to obtaining a consensus on the sections dealing with marine living resources; and

BELIEVING that it is a fundamental tenet of the Law of the Sea that the freedom to fish on the high seas must be balanced with the obligation to cooperate with other states to ensure conservation and rational management of the living resources,

RESOLVES:

2. To fully support the convening on an urgent basis of an intergovernmental conference, under the auspices of the United Nations, following the above-mentioned conference, to deal with high seas fishing problems through the effective conservation and management of high seas fish stocks.

3. To urge all states to take effective action, consistent with international law, to deter reflagging of vessels by their nationals as a means of avoiding compliance with applicable conservation and management rules for fishing activities on the high seas.

4. To ask the Permanent Council, through its Committee on the Environment, to follow up on the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in relation to the subject matter of the present resolution, and to report on it at its twenty-third regular session.
AG/RES. 1186 (XXII-O/92)

PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR STRENGTHENING THE OAS IN THE AREA OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Permanent Council's Report on Strengthening the OAS in the Area of Technical Cooperation (AG/doc.2841/92);

The report of the Consultation Group on the Inter-American System (AG/doc.2695/91);

The proposal presented by the Secretary General on the restructuring of the General Secretariat (AG/doc.2442/89);

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that inter-American cooperation for integral development is the common and joint responsibility of the member states, within the framework of the democratic principles and the institutions of the inter-American system, and that such cooperation should include the economic, social, educational, cultural, scientific, and technological areas;

CONSIDERING that resolutions AG/RES. 986 (XIX-O/89) and AG/RES. 1060 (XX-O/90) instructed the Permanent Council to develop a Program of Action on the basis of the premises agreed upon in the resolution "Strengthening of the OAS" (RTM/FOEA/RES. 1/89), adopted by the Task Force of Foreign Ministers of the member states of the Organization;

RECALLING that the aforementioned resolution RTM/FOEA/RES. 1/89 determines that technical cooperation "is a fundamental area for OAS action and continues to be a high priority for the countries", and that "emphasis must be placed on the need to promote an increase in the financial resources allocated for technical cooperation, as well as to modernize concepts and policies and conduct an in-depth review of the institutional and operational means the Organization has to deal with technical cooperation, so that it may serve more broadly and efficiently the objectives of integral development within the priority areas jointly defined by the member countries";

REAFFIRMING that, in order to put into practice the principles on which it is founded and to fulfill its regional obligations, the
Organization of American States established as one of its essential purposes that of promoting, by cooperative action, their economic, social, and cultural development;

REAFFIRMING that it is the political will of the member states to strengthen the role of the OAS as a political forum and instrument for inter-American understanding and cooperation;

REAFFIRMING that attracting external resources for development is a fundamental element in the OAS technical cooperation program;

RECOGNIZING the importance of multinational and plurinational projects for full utilization of the Organization's comparative advantage and thereby offering better opportunities for external financing by member states, permanent observers to the OAS, and other donors; and

RECALLING that OAS action in promoting economic and social development should give priority to technical cooperation and technology transfer, among other aspects, to raise productivity and competitiveness in the region,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the report presented by the Permanent Council on strengthening the OAS in the area of technical cooperation.

2. To point out that strengthening the OAS in the area of technical cooperation involves not only the formulation of concrete measures toward that end but also contributions from all OAS member states and its permanent observers, according to their resources and means, and decisive action by the responsible bodies to carry out those measures.

3. To reaffirm that technical cooperation is a natural and priority field of activity for the OAS and one of its basic purposes, and to reaffirm the need to update concepts, policies, structures, and regulations for that cooperation.

4. To reaffirm the decision to continue effective exercise of the powers and competencies vested in CIES and CIECC by the Charter and, accordingly, to ensure the most effective rationalization of the tasks entrusted to those bodies, and to that end to revise such aspects as general policies, mechanisms, procedures, priorities, and resources. Accomplishment of that goal will require upgrading the technical cooperation programs in the CIES area as an effective contribution to strengthening the Organization of American States in accordance with its priorities and in keeping with the general criteria laid down by the
Program of Action for Strengthening the OAS and those which CIES agrees upon.

5. To instruct CIES, CIECC, the General Secretariat of the OAS, and the other organs providing technical cooperation to carry out the measures specifically assigned to them in the Program of Action.

6. To instruct the Secretary General in formulating the proposed program-budgets of the Organization for the 1994-95 biennium and subsequent biennia, to consider the possibility of increasing, for specific projects and to the extent possible, the proportion of financial and technical resources allocated to technical cooperation activities.

7. To urge the governments of the member states to pay in their pledges to the multilateral voluntary funds for technical cooperation, taking as reference the indicative figures assigned to them in the budget approved by the General Assembly.

8. To review the methods for determining the indicative figures for the contributions to the voluntary funds taking account of the scale of quota assessments to the Regular Fund and Article 54 of the Organization’s Charter.

9. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue its work, in consultation with the other councils and with General Secretariat support, with an in-depth study of the effectiveness and efficiency of OAS technical cooperation, using the advisory services it deems necessary. This study must consider the possibility of restructuring the CIES and CIECC areas on the basis of a careful analysis of the existing structures, their evolution over time, and their current operating practices, considering, among others, the following alternatives:

a. Adaptation of CIES to harmonize it with the new CIECC system.

b. A radical reorganization of the CIECC system to adapt it to that of CIES.

c. A complete unification of the two secretariats, including a merger of the two councils and full integration of the voluntary funds.

d. Maintenance of the two existing secretariats and programming systems, and a search for a "linkage mechanism" to bring them together and achieve coordination.

e. Establishment of a Secretariat for Integral Development to manage, administer and execute technical cooperation.
f. Establishment of a Council for Integral Development whose functions would be those now performed by the two Inter-American Councils, which would require amendment of the OAS Charter for the more complete integration of technical cooperation.

g. Unification of the various existing voluntary funds.

The Permanent Council will submit a report and recommendations on the matter to the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session.

10. To instruct the Permanent Council to devise a policy mechanism for evaluation and follow-up of the technical cooperation activities under the responsibility of the OAS General Secretariat.

11. To instruct the Permanent Council to monitor, in coordination with the competent bodies and the General Secretariat, fulfillment of the Program of Action for Strengthening the OAS in the Area of Technical Cooperation set forth in this resolution, and to report on the progress of its execution to the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session.

12. To request the Permanent Council to continue the study of the matters pending under the mandate given in resolution AG/RES. 986 (XIX-0/89) and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session.

13. To reiterate the request to the member states that have not yet done so to prepare such observations and comments as they deem pertinent on the report of the Consultation Group on the Inter-American System by February 1, 1993 at the latest so that the Permanent Council may take them into consideration during the related studies in the area of the strengthening of the OAS.

14. To adopt the following:

PROGRAM OF ACTION IN THE AREA OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION

I. GENERAL POLICY AND PRIORITIES OF THE OAS
IN THE AREA OF TECHNICAL COOPERATION

1. The priorities for OAS action will be defined by the member states in the General Assembly. General Secretariat activities relating to technical cooperation programs will adhere to those priorities.

2. The priorities for the work of CIES and CIECC, and of the other entities that provide technical cooperation, must adhere to the general priorities periodically set by the member states at the
political level in the General Assembly. Specific projects must adhere to the Organization's objectives under its Charter, and remain properly coordinated.

3. The priority areas toward which technical cooperation must be directed must be the following: (1) extreme poverty; (2) protection of the environment and natural resources; (3) technological development and integration; (4) development financing and foreign debt; (5) drug abuse control; (6) trade and expansion of investment; (7) social development; (8) informatics; (9) education for democracy and for human rights promotion; (10) tourism development; (11) training of human resources in these areas, and (12) such other areas as the member states shall agree on.

4. CIES and CIECC, as well as other entities that provide technical cooperation, will reinforce multinational cooperation in regional integral development programs, and give priority to matters that are of interest to several countries, with due regard for the special circumstances of relatively less developed countries.

5. In technical cooperation programs, sufficient resources must be allocated to activities in support of the governing bodies in the priority areas designated by the General Assembly.

6. CIES and CIECC, as well as other entities that provide technical cooperation, must provide more cooperation aimed at encouraging the transfer of technology to enhance the economic and social growth capabilities of the countries in the region.

7. Through the General Secretariat, the OAS shall promote the coordination of technical cooperation within the inter-American system, thereby preventing duplication of efforts by its various bodies and rationalizing the use of the region's resources.

8. OAS technical cooperation programs must promote manpower training as an essential factor in increasing the countries' capabilities in the designated priority areas.

9. By properly preparing for the substantive topics to be discussed, the Permanent Council and the General Secretariat must promote the prompt holding of the special session of the General Assembly on inter-American cooperation for development in accordance with the terms agreed upon by the General Assembly.

10. CIES and CIECC must implement as soon as possible the recommendations adopted by the General Assembly on the activities of the Inter-American centers.
11. The General Secretariat, by way of the Department of Public Information and the Offices of the General Secretariat in the member states, will establish, in collaboration with CEPCTIES and CEPCTIECC, a program to disseminate information on OAS technical cooperation activities in all member states.

II. OPERATING MECHANISMS

12. In accordance with Article 99 of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat, Article 19 of the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council and other applicable provisions, the Secretary General must establish a plan of operation and a project evaluation mechanism that will make it possible to verify the goals set for each project and the results achieved.

13. In accordance with Article 19 of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat, the Secretary General must examine and revise the procedure and criteria for awarding performance contracts to specialists under projects, so that those contracts will be for periods sufficient to obtain their intended results and will not continue in force any longer than necessary.

14. The competent organizations must adopt measures to standardize and simplify the procedures that may be approved under the current structure to expedite the programming stage and make operational plans more effective as a basis for the administrative measures that must be taken in order to keep projects on schedule.

15. To use resources to maximum advantage, avoid duplication of efforts and obtain optimal results, the Secretary General must seek effective coordination:

a. Among different units of the General Secretariat by coordinating operations between the CIES and CIECC areas so that more specific programs will be defined in line with the Organization's general priorities;

b. Between the General Secretariat and the member states, including the need to improve channels of consultation and information with the permanent missions at the various stages of technical assistance, and

c. Between the General Secretariat and other states, agencies, and organizations that provide international technical cooperation.

16. CIES and CIECC must take appropriate measures to avoid a proliferation of projects and dispersal of resources, and should apply those measures to the programming of technical cooperation activities, in accordance with the priorities established by the member states.
17. CIES and CIECC must standardize guidelines for the preparation of technical cooperation projects and, in that regard, implement a system for consultation with the permanent missions of the member states and with the national liaison agencies.

18. To recommend that in working out multinational and plurinational projects, CIES and CIECC consider including in them seminars and courses that can meet needs and requirements that the countries regard as important and urgent.

19. The General Secretariat shall review and reactivate the role of its offices in the member states in order to expedite the delivery of technical cooperation, confer on the problems it poses, and reduce administrative costs.

20. The General Secretariat must reduce to a minimum the proportion of financial resources used for the travel and per diem of General Secretariat staff to provide advisory services to project-executing institutions.

21. In consultation with CIES and CIECC, the General Secretariat shall propose to the Permanent Council policy guidelines for raising external resources and using the Organization’s Seed Fund effectively. On the basis of those guidelines, the General Secretariat must conduct promotional activities to raise a larger volume of funds from outside sources. The General Secretariat must also step up its efforts to persuade the OAS permanent observers and other donors to increase the external resources they contribute for execution of OAS projects.

22. CIES and CIECC must promote horizontal cooperation and clearly define the proportion in which the multinational resources in the voluntary funds are to be used to facilitate cooperation activities among developing member states.
AG/RES. 1187 (XXII-0/92)

PROPOSALS OF INCENTIVES FOR THE PRESERVATION AND STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on the proposals of incentives for preserving and strengthening democratic systems (AG/doc.2839/92) and resolution CP/RES. 583 (904/92) "Plan of Work of the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy";

REAFFIRMING that one of the fundamental purposes of the Organization is to promote and consolidate representative democracy with respect for the principle of nonintervention;

CONSIDERING:

That by resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-0/91) it instructed the Permanent Council to devise a set of proposals that would serve as incentives to preserve and strengthen democratic systems, based on international solidarity and cooperation, and to apprise the General Assembly thereof at its twenty-second regular session;

That the Permanent Council considered that further study of the matter was needed and, therefore, deemed it appropriate to examine in greater detail the various proposals and ideas on the subject formulated by the member states, and

That it is necessary to identify points of consensus so that integrated criteria on the issue may be adopted which reflect the principles and objectives of the inter-American system,

RESOLVES:

1. To entrust the Permanent Council with continuing to study the preparation of a set of proposals of incentives for preserving and strengthening democratic systems, in order that a decision on the matter may be taken at the twenty-third regular session of the General Assembly.

2. To urge member states to submit to the Permanent Council, as soon as possible, comments on the possibility of adopting incentives for preserving and strengthening democratic systems.
3. To convey to the Permanent Council its satisfaction with the adoption of the Program of Support to the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy and its Work Plan, whose activities will be carried out within the framework of the Program of Support.
AG/RES. 1188 (XXII-0/92)

COOPERATION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST EXTREME POVERTY

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That in the Charter of their Organization the American States have proclaimed the fundamental rights of the individual, which include the rights to freedom from hunger, to health, and to education, among others that are no less important;

That one of the essential purposes of the Organization of American States is to promote their economic, social and cultural development by means of cooperative action;

That social justice and social security as bases of lasting peace and economic cooperation as essential to the common welfare and prosperity of the peoples of the hemisphere are principles enshrined in the OAS Charter;

That the Santiago Commitment to Democracy and the Renewal of the inter-American system declared the resolve to work for an intensification of the struggle against extreme poverty and for elimination of the economic and social inequalities in each nation and among the nations of the Hemisphere;

MINDFUL:

That the economic crisis of the eighties in most Latin American and Caribbean countries affected disproportionately the most deprived population sectors, giving rise to grave social problems;

That a substantial part—now nearly half—of the population of Latin America and the Caribbean lives in extreme poverty, with grave implications for social stability and peace; and

That assimilation of the large contingents of unemployed and underemployed into production in the open and modern economies being introduced in the American countries requires sustained growth in those economies and a substantial improvement in social services, especially in nutrition, health and education services for the poorest sectors of society in the region,
RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Secretary General, in consultation with the Permanent Council and CIES:
   
a) to monitor scrupulously the quality of life of the peoples of the region with emphasis on the evolution of poverty, and to produce periodic and special reports identifying critical areas and aspects of economic and social problems in the Americas;
   
b) to wage an ongoing and systematic struggle against extreme poverty, coordinating its own programs with the various cooperation mechanisms and modalities operating in the Hemisphere;
   
c) to strive to meet special and urgent requests from governments in the region for technical assistance and material support in crises, emergencies and disasters affecting the population.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council, whenever the member state concerned so requests, to consider the need to convoké an urgent meeting at the highest competent level to address together any grave emergency generated by the region’s socioeconomic problems.

3. To reactivate the Inter-American Emergency Aid Fund (FONDEM), created at the Second Special Inter-American Conference held in November 1965, and use it to mitigate the impact of natural disasters and to prevent mass accidents.

4. To instruct the Secretary General to coordinate closely with the efforts being deployed by the United Nations, specifically ECOSOC, to hold a Social Development Summit in the search of solutions to the problems of poverty.
AG/RES. 1189 (XXII-0/92)

SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING that one of the essential purposes of the Organization of American States is to "promote and consolidate representative democracy, with due respect for the principle of nonintervention";

REAFFIRMING the Santiago Commitment to Democracy and the Renewal of the inter-American system, adopted by the General Assembly at its twenty-first regular session; and

IN VIEW OF the lamentable events that occurred in Venezuela, February 4, 1992, designed to overthrow the Government democratically elected by the popular and sovereign will of its people,

RESOLVES:


2. To reaffirm confidence in democracy, as the political system of American nations and the institutional system capable of confronting in our hemisphere, in an effective way, different political, economic, social and ethical situations with a view to continue to impel the process of integral development of member states.
AG/RES. 1190 (XXII-0/92)

URUGUAY ROUND

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING CONSIDERED the Report of the Permanent Council (AG/doc.2828/92);

CONCERNED about the failure to conclude the negotiations of the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade;

BEARING IN MIND that free and nondiscriminatory international trade within a balanced and open multilateral juridical framework that ensures against protectionism and guarantees free access to markets is essential for economic development; and

RECALLING the earlier pronouncement of the General Assembly [AG/RES. 1125 (XXI-0/91)] and of the Permanent Council in this regard,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate the need for a prompt and successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round, which would ensure, for purposes of regulating international trade, that multilateral arrangements to eliminate protectionism and the hindrances to free and nondiscriminatory trade are adopted, and balanced results attained for all countries.

2. To request the Secretary General to take any measures that would help bring the Uruguay Round to a successful conclusion.
AG/RES. 1191 (XXII-0/92)

REPORT ON THE PROCEDURE FOR ESTABLISHING FIRM AND LASTING PEACE IN CENTRAL AMERICA

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND resolutions AG/RES. 675 (XIII-0/83), AG/RES. 702 (XIV-0/84), AG/RES. 770 (XV-0/85), AG/RES. 831 (XVI-0/86), AG/RES. 870 (XVII-0/87), AG/RES. 937 (XVIII-0/88), AG/RES. 993 (XIX-0/89), AG/RES. 1057 (XX-0/90), and AG/RES. 1122 (XXI-0/91);

TAKING NOTE of the report presented by the Secretary General pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 1122 (XXI-0/91);

AWARE that the Procedure for Establishing Firm and Lasting Peace in Central America, signed in Guatemala City on August 7, 1987, by the Presidents of the Republics of Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua at the Esquipulas II meeting, the outcome of the decision by Central Americans to take up fully the historic challenge of forging a peaceful and democratic destiny for Central America, served to further democratization and national reconciliation in the region;

CONVINCED that the peoples of Central America are consolidating their democratization and reconciliation processes, making it possible to achieve peace and to further development and justice without outside interference, by their own decision, in keeping with their historical experience, and without sacrificing the principles of self-determination and nonintervention;

STRESSING, with great satisfaction, that at their meeting in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, the Central American Presidents declared Central America to be a Region of Peace, Liberty, Democracy and Development, while at their Tegucigalpa meeting they adopted decisions vital to the human development of all Central Americans, especially children and youth;

UNDERSCORING the importance of the Protocol of Tegucigalpa of December 13, 1991, which establishes a new institutional model with creation of the Central American Integration System, encompassing the region's entire organic structure to achieve integration on all fronts;

EMPHASIZING the outstanding work done by the CIAV/OEA in Nicaragua and the contribution it has made to the process of peace, stability and
national reconciliation in that country, and to the resolution of social problems, especially as regards housing construction;

EXPRESSING its deep sense of satisfaction with the peace agreements achieved in El Salvador and its recognition of the important work that UNOSAL has done in verifying those agreements;

RECOGNIZING the efforts that the Guatemalan Government has made to find a peaceful solution to the internal strife as part of the national reconciliation process, further bolstered by the Total Peace Plan presented by President Jorge Serrano Elías last year;

ACKNOWLEDGING the efforts and progress made toward a more united, democratic and peaceful region, noting—in particular—the installation of the Central American Parliament;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the importance of the mine deactivation efforts in Central America and the invaluable support provided by the Inter-American Defense Board, at the Nicaraguan Government’s request, to develop a Mine Clearing Plan;

RECOGNIZING the Partnership for Democracy and Development in Central America as a mechanism that will foster the region’s political and economic development, and the importance of addressing the priority areas indicated by the Central American countries at the plenary meeting of the Partnership in Ottawa;

REITERATING how important it is that the international community cooperate with Central America in the form of material support, in an obvious show of solidarity with the region; and

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION the commitment of the governments of El Salvador and Honduras to abide by the judgment of the International Court of Justice, which will provide a court settlement to the border dispute between the two countries,

RESOLVES:

1. To reiterate its support for the Declaration of Central America as a Region of Peace, Liberty, Democracy and Development, an expression of the new stage that the countries of the region have reached with the progress they have made in their democratization, peace and reconciliation processes.
2. To call again upon the international community to continue to facilitate and materially support the efforts the governments in the region are making to consolidate democracy and achieve the area’s economic and social recovery.

3. To support the creation of the Central American Integration System provided for in the Protocol of Tegucigalpa and to request the international community’s backing to put together its institutional mechanisms, particularly its General Secretariat.

4. To support the efforts of the Central American Presidents to further human development in Central America, with special attention to children and youth.

5. To support the extension of the mandate of the International Support and Verification Commission (CIAV) until December 31, 1992, at least, and a broadening of its functions to benefit more Nicaraguans.

6. To express its recognition for the work that the Inter-American Defense Board now has in progress with respect to mine clearing operations and to ask the Secretary General to establish a Special Fund to accept contributions and pledges from those countries that wish to cooperate in mine clearing operations in Central America.

7. To express its enthusiastic support for the Chapultepec Peace Agreements and to congratulate the Salvadoran people for signing them.

8. To emphasize the importance of full and timely fulfillment of the Chapultepec Agreements and to lend its complete support to UNOSAL’s verification work.

9. To underscore how important international cooperation for the National Reconstruction Plan (PRN) is for consolidating peace in El Salvador.

10. To give its full backing to the reconciliation process in Guatemala, both in the dialogue phase and in the efforts that seek to create the conditions for truly harmonious coexistence in Guatemalan society, as part of the Total Peace Plan.

11. To request the international community, especially the member states of the Partnership for Democracy and Development in Central America, to contribute to the projects presented by the Central American countries for mine clearing in Central America; supporting criminal investigation institutions and public prosecution offices; building court facilities; supporting legislative bodies and electoral agencies; reassimilating into
society those persons displaced by the internal conflicts in Guatemala; and creating the Central American judicial training center.

12. To reiterate its request to the international community, international organizations and nongovernmental organizations to increase significantly the technical, economic and financial cooperation provided to the Central American countries, in an unmistakable show of support and understanding for the significant efforts these countries are making to consolidate peace and democracy and promote development.

13. To reiterate its support of the Partnership for Democracy and Development in Central America, as an instrument of international support for the region.

14. To underscore the importance of the ministerial conferences that the Central American countries and those of the European Economic Community hold as part of the "San José" dialogue.

15. To thank the Secretary General for his report.
AG/RES: 1192 (XXII-0/92)

THIRD REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL ON COMPLIANCE WITH RESOLUTION AG/RES. 829 (XVI-O/86)
"FULL AND EQUAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN BY THE YEAR 2000"

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the third report of the Secretary General on compliance with resolution AG/RES. 829 (XVI-O/86), in document AG/doc.2803/92, which reflects the measures taken to increase the effective incorporation of women into the development process; and

RECALLING:

Resolution AG/RES. 829 (XVI-O/86), which called for the incorporation of the strategies and goals contained in the Plan of Action of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM)--Full and Equal Participation by the Year 2000--in the future programming of the organs, agencies and entities of the inter-American system, and for the establishment of adequate mechanisms and procedures for their ongoing review and evaluation, in coordination with the Commission;

Resolution AG/RES. 933 (XVIII-O/88), which instructed the General Secretariat to include in its instruments for evaluating programs and projects appropriate indicators to measure the impact of those activities on women and their incorporation into development;

Resolution AG/RES. 1061 (XX-0/90), which reiterated the need to have coordinated programming to put in place appropriate mechanisms and procedures so as to evaluate the results achieved; and

CONSIDERING:

The importance of the role of effective coordination of policies and programs in order to achieve the goal of the full incorporation of women into the national development process;

That not all areas have yet developed to the same extent the mechanisms and procedures needed to incorporate fully into their programming the strategies and goals for the full and equal participation of women by the year 2000;
The importance of incorporating women into all levels of decision-making at both the national and international levels; and

That in 1991 women comprised only 13% of the senior level grades (grades Q-N) in the General Secretariat.

RESOLVES:

1. To welcome with interest the third report of the Secretary General on the measures taken to attain the goal of full and equal participation of women by the year 2000.

2. To reiterate the need to have coordinated programming to put in place appropriate mechanisms and procedures so as to evaluate the results achieved.

3. To recommend to the Secretary General that he call upon the Inter-American Commission of Women to provide the organs, agencies and entities of the inter-American system with a conceptual framework to facilitate the evaluation, within their respective areas of competence, of their implementation of the strategies and the goals toward the full and equal participation of women by the year 2000.

4. To urge the Secretary General to adopt measures to increase the number of women in the senior level positions of the General Secretariat.
AG/RES. 1193 (XXII-0/92)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Secretary General (AG/doc.2832/92);

BEARING IN MIND that the Secretary General has submitted his annual report on the activities and financial condition of the Organization, in accordance with the provisions of Article 117 (g) of the Charter; and

CONSIDERING:

That the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States effectively supports the member states by fully exercising the functions vested in it by the Charter, other inter-American treaties and agreements, and the General Assembly, and carrying out the duties entrusted to it by the General Assembly, the Meeting of Consultation, and the Councils;

That particular note should be made of the support provided to national efforts to secure peace and consolidate democracy in the Hemisphere; and

That the General Secretariat has promoted effective measures to strengthen cooperative relations with the organs, specialized organizations and entities of the inter-American system and with the United Nations agencies and other organizations outside the region,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of, endorse and transmit to the Secretary General the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council with regard to his Annual Report.

2. To note especially the Secretary General's participation in numerous international meetings and conferences and his indefatigable collaboration with requesting member states in their efforts to strengthen peace and consolidate democracy at home.
3. To encourage the Secretary General to continue developing close ties of cooperation with other organs, agencies and entities both in and outside the region to coordinate activities in their respective spheres.
AG/RES. 1194 (XXII-0/92)

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE OAS AND CARICOM

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING that Article 117 (h) of the OAS Charter provides for the establishment of cooperative relations between the General Secretariat of the OAS and specialized organizations as well as the regional and international organizations;

CONSIDERING that in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 57 (I-O/71) and Article 3 (h) of the General Standards, the General Secretariat of the OAS is authorized to enter into cooperative agreement with inter-governmental organizations; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that an Agreement on Cooperation between the General Secretariat of the OAS and CARICOM was signed by the Secretaries General of both organizations on May 18, 1992, at the twenty-second regular session of the General Assembly held in Nassau,

RESOLVES:

1. To express satisfaction that the Agreement on Cooperation between the General Secretariat of the OAS and CARICOM has been established, implementation of which will increase the capacity of both organizations to assist its member states.

2. To encourage the Secretary General to identify and implement collaborative activities with CARICOM that would further the objectives of the two Organizations through, inter alia, the use of the regional institutions and bodies of CARICOM and the OAS.

3. To request the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-third regular session a report on progress achieved in the implementation of this resolution.
AG/RES. 1195 (XXII-0/92)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION OF WOMEN

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission of Women (AG/doc.2832/92); and

CONSIDERING:

That the Commission is doing important work in aid of the welfare of women in the Americas;

That one of the primary objectives of efforts conducted by the Commission continues to be broader and more decisive participation by women in the development processes in the Organization's member states;

That in accordance with operative paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 1128 (XXI-0/91), the Commission has prepared a preliminary draft Convention for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, which has been distributed to the member states through the principal delegates to the CIM;

That the Commission, in accordance with the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 1114 (XXI-0/91), has been conducting studies relating to the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection;

That the Commission has undertaken effective measures to strengthen cooperative relations with the bodies and other specialized organizations of the inter-American system as well as with the United Nations agencies; and

That, as of 1990, a seed fund has been included in the Program-Budget of the Organization to give the Commission an operational base for raising external funding,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of, endorse and transmit to the Inter-American Commission of Women the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on its Annual Report.
2. To note especially the course of action undertaken by the Commission to bring about the full and equal participation of women in the political, social, and economic processes of the countries of the region.

3. To urge the member states to consider adopting and implementing appropriate measures to eliminate violence against women.

4. To urge the member states that have not yet done so to consider the preliminary draft Convention for the Elimination of Violence against Women and to send their comments and observations to the Commission as soon as possible so that the process may be further advanced.

5. To reiterate to the Commission that it continue its work on the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection and report at regular intervals to the Permanent Council’s Committee on the Environment on its work in that area.

6. To recommend to the Commission that it include a chapter on the activities carried out by the seed fund in its next annual report to the General Assembly.

7. To encourage the Commission to continue to develop close cooperative relations with other agencies and organizations in and outside the region, for efficient coordination of their activities according to their respective areas of competence.

8. To encourage the member states, permanent observers, international and national organizations, and private institutions to provide any financial support they can for the implementation of programs and projects of the Commission.
AG/RES. 1196 (XXII-O/92)

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE 18 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE
OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session,
held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING that a mechanism compatible with the precedence system
provided in Article 4 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly
must be established for the roster the General Secretariat must keep for
the order of statements of heads of delegation, because the current
mechanism poses difficulties,

RESOLVES:

To amend Article 18 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly
to read:

Article 18. The order of the general statements of the
heads of delegation shall be established in accordance with the
order of precedence of the delegations for the corresponding
regular session, in keeping with Article 4 of the Rules of
Procedure.
AG/RES. 1197 (XXII-0/92)

ANNUAL REPORT ON THE INTER-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL COMMISSION AND ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PROGRAMS OF ACTION OF RIO DE JANEIRO, IXTAPA AND QUITO

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the annual report of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) (CP/doc.2147/92), the report of CICAD on compliance with the provisions of the Programs of Action of Rio de Janeiro, Ixtapa and Quito (CP/CRO-337/92 rev. 1 add. 1) and the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on those reports (AG/doc.2832/92); and

BEARING IN MIND:

That the Organization of American States is resolved to strengthen cooperation among the governments of the member states as an essential measure to augment the effectiveness of the war on the illicit use and production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and traffic therein;

That the General Assembly established the Program of Action of Rio de Janeiro, the Program of Action of Ixtapa and the Inter-American Program of Quito; and

CONSIDERING that the General Assembly, through resolution AG/RES. 1115 (XXI-0/91), recommended to CICAD, in operative paragraph 15, that it inform the General Assembly at its twenty-second regular session of progress made in the implementation of the Programs of Action of Rio de Janeiro, Ixtapa, and Quito; on the findings of its study on the current situation of the smuggling of arms and explosives in the hemisphere and linkages with the illicit drug traffic, as well as the observations and recommendations of the member states on this report of CICAD,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of, endorse and transmit to the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on its Annual Report.
2. To note, with satisfaction, the measures adopted by the member states for carrying out the Plans of Action of Rio de Janeiro, Ixtapa, and Quito, and to recommend to those states that they pursue their efforts toward their full implementation.

3. To urge the governments of those member states that have not yet done so to accede to the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and where appropriate to apply the Model Regulations to Control Chemical Precursors and Chemical Substances, Machines, and Materials.

4. To request the General Secretariat to convene a technical workshop to facilitate cooperation and identify ways of controlling the illicit transnational movement of arms and munitions connected with the drug traffic.

5. To authorize CICAD, once the requisite studies and information are on hand, including those from the seminar-workshops, to convocate a group of experts from the member countries to draw up model regulations for control of the smuggling of weapons and explosives and its linkages in the inter-American region.

6. To urge that the governments of member states adopt and ratify the draft Inter-American Convention on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters, observe with satisfaction CICAD’s efforts to prepare programs that promote and strengthen cooperation among the Hemisphere’s judicial, supervision and inspection bodies, and provide specific support for the plans for the Central American program and the center for South America, in La Paz, Bolivia.

7. To take note of CICAD’s convocation of a technical meeting of experts to conduct a socioeconomic study to devise programs to eradicate illicit cultivation of coca and other plants, through measures for alternative development.

8. To reiterate its support for the measures taken to implement the Inter-American Program of Action of Quito: Comprehensive Education to Prevent Drug Abuse, in furtherance of the provision contained in point 8 of the Program of Action of Ixtapa, and to recommend to the member states, the permanent observers and to international financial institutions that they lend technical and financial support for implementation of that Program of Quito.

9. To reiterate its support for the measures taken by CICAD to expedite execution of the activities included in the five priority lines, as follows: legal development, education for prevention, community mobilization, uniform drug statistics and drug information systems.
10. To urge the member states to create, where appropriate, national advisory committees on epidemiology, in order to facilitate the development of appropriate methods for conducting epidemiological studies on drug abuse and each country's existing risk factors, and help frame compatible methodologies in the region in order to ensure harmonious information.

11. To thank the governments of the member states, the Commission of European Communities, the Government of Japan, the United Nations International Drug Control Program and the Inter-American Development Bank for their financial support for CICAD's activities.
AG/RES. 1198 (XXII-0/92)

MODEL REGULATIONS CONCERNING LAUNDERING OFFENSES CONNECTED TO ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND RELATED OFFENSES

(Resolution adopted by the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the annual report of CICAD for 1991 (AG/doc.2832/92) relating to the Model Regulations Concerning Laundering Offenses Connected to Illicit Drug Trafficking and Related Offenses and the recommendations made by the Group of Experts and approved by CICAD at its eleventh regular session (CP/CRO-337/92 rev. 1 add. 2);

BEARING IN MIND:

That the General Assembly, through resolution AG/RES. 1045 (XX-0/90) "Declaration and Program of Action of Ixtapa", emphasized the need for legislation that defines as a crime all activities involving the laundering of property and proceeds related to illicit drug trafficking and making it possible to identify, trace, seize and forfeit such property and proceeds;

That the General Assembly, through resolution AG/RES. 1045 (XX-0/90), condemned once again illicit drug trafficking in all its forms and recognized that it is a crime that affects all mankind;

That the General Assembly, through resolution AG/RES. 1045 (XX-0/90), assigned top priority to the fight against drug trafficking and to renewed national and international efforts in that field in strict accordance with the principles of the Charter of the Organization, in particular, respect for national sovereignty, territorial integrity and nonintervention;

CONSIDERING:

That the principles and goals of the Inter-American Program of Action of Rio de Janeiro, the Declaration of Guatemala, "Alliance of the Americas Against Drug Traffic", and the priorities established in resolution AG/RES. 935 (XVIII-0/88) are reiterated in the Declaration and Program of Action of Ixtapa; and
That at its eleventh regular session, held in Punta del Este, Uruguay, in March 1992, the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission approved the "Model Regulations concerning Laundering Offenses Connected to Illicit Drug Trafficking and Related Offenses", prepared by a group of experts who, wherever pertinent, have reconciled the legal systems prevailing in the inter-American region,

RESOLVES:

1. To adopt the attached Model Regulations concerning Laundering Offenses Connected with Illicit Drug Trafficking and Related Offenses.

2. To request the Permanent Council to transmit to the governments of the member states the recommendations of the Group of Experts referred to by CICAD in its annual report (CP/CRO-337/92 rev. 1 add. 2).
APPENDIX

MODEL REGULATIONS CONCERNING LAUNDERING OFFENCES CONNECTED TO ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING AND RELATED OFFENCES

Article 1
DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall be applicable throughout the text of these Regulations except when another is expressly indicated:

1. "Convention" means the United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, which was signed in Vienna, Austria, on December 20, 1988, and entered into force on November 11, 1990.

2. "Forfeiture" means the permanent deprivation of property by order of a court or other competent authority.

3. "Freezing" or "seizure" means temporarily prohibiting the transfer, conversion, disposition or movement of property or temporarily assuming custody or control of property on the basis of an order issued by a court or other competent authority.

4. "Illicit traffic" means the offences set forth in the Convention and in these Regulations.

5. "Instrumentality" means something that is used in or intended for use in any manner in the commission of illicit traffic or related offences.

6. "Person" means any entity, natural or juridical, including among others, a corporation, partnership, trust or estate, joint stock company, association, syndicate, joint venture, or other unincorporated organization or group, capable of acquiring rights or entering into obligations.

7. "Proceeds" means any property derived from or obtained, directly or indirectly, through the commission of illicit traffic or related offences.

8. "Property" means assets of every kind, whether corporeal or incorporeal, movable or immovable, tangible or intangible, and legal documents or instruments evidencing title to, or interest in, such assets.
Article 2
LAUNDERING OFFENCES

1. A criminal offence is committed by any person who converts or transfers property and knows, should have known, or is intentionally ignorant that such property is proceeds from illicit traffic or related offences.

2. A criminal offence is committed by any person who acquires, possesses, or uses property and knows, should have known, or is intentionally ignorant that such property is proceeds from illicit traffic or related offences.

3. A criminal offence is committed by any person who conceals, disguises or impedes the establishment of the true nature, source, location, disposition, movement, rights with respect to, or ownership of property and knows, should have known, or is intentionally ignorant that such property is proceeds from illicit traffic or related offences.

4. A criminal offence is committed by any person who participates in, associates with, conspires to commit, attempts to commit, aids and abets, facilitates and counsels, incites publicly or privately the commission of any of the offences established in accordance with this Article, or who assists any person participating in such an offence or offences to evade the legal consequences of his actions.

5. Knowledge, intent or purpose required as an element of any offence set forth in this Article may be inferred from objective, factual circumstances.

6. An offence defined in this Article shall be investigated, tried, judged and sentenced by a court or other competent authority as an offence distinct from other illicit traffic or related offences.

Article 3
JURISDICTION

The offences defined in Article 2 shall be investigated, tried, judged and sentenced by a court or other competent authority regardless of whether or not the illicit traffic or related offences occurred in another territorial jurisdiction, without prejudice to extradition when applicable in accordance with the law.
Article 4

PREVENTIVE MEASURES RELATING TO PROPERTY, PROCEEDS OR INSTRUMENTALITIES

In accordance with the law, the court or other competent authority shall issue, at any time, without prior notification or hearing, a freezing or seizure order, or any other preventive or provisional measure intended to preserve the availability of property, proceeds or instrumentalities connected to illicit traffic or related offences, for its eventual forfeiture.

Article 5

FORFEITURE OF PROPERTY, PROCEEDS OR INSTRUMENTALITIES

1. When a person is convicted of an illicit traffic or related offence, the court shall order that the property, proceeds or instrumentalities connected to such an offence be forfeited and disposed of in accordance with the law.

2. When, as a result of any act or omission of the person convicted, any of the property, proceeds or instrumentalities described in the previous paragraph cannot be forfeited, the court shall order the forfeiture of any other property of the person convicted, for an equivalent value or shall order the person convicted to pay a fine of such value.

Article 6

BONA FIDE THIRD PARTIES

1. The measures and sanctions referred to in Article 4 and 5 shall apply without prejudice to the rights of bona fide third parties.

2. In accordance with the law, proper notification shall be made so that all those claiming a legitimate legal interest in property, proceeds or instrumentalities may appear in support of their claims.

3. A third party’s lack of good faith may be inferred, at the discretion of the court or other competent authority, from the objective circumstances of the case.

4. In accordance with the law, the court or other competent authority shall return the property, proceeds or instrumentalities to the claimant, when it has been demonstrated to its satisfaction that:
a) the claimant has a legitimate legal interest in the property, proceeds or instrumentalities;

b) no participation, collusion or involvement with respect to illicit traffic or related offences which are the object of the proceedings can be imputed to the claimant;

c) the claimant lacked knowledge and was not intentionally ignorant of the illegal use of the property, proceeds or instrumentalities, or if he had knowledge, did not freely consent to its illegal use;

d) the claimant did not acquire any right in the property, proceeds or instrumentalities from a person proceeded against under circumstances that give rise to a reasonable inference that any right was transferred for the purpose of avoiding the eventual subsequent forfeiture of the property, proceeds or instrumentalities, and;

e) the claimant did all that could reasonably be expected to prevent the illegal use of the property, proceeds or instrumentalities.

Article 7

DISPOSITION OF FORFEITED PROPERTY, PROCEEDS OR INSTRUMENTALITIES

Whenever property, proceeds or instrumentalities that are not required to be destroyed and that are not harmful to the public are forfeited under Article 5, the court or other competent authority may, in accordance with the law:

a) retain them for official use, or transfer them to any government agency that participated directly or indirectly in their freezing, seizure, or forfeiture;

b) sell them and transfer the proceeds from such sale to any government agency that participated directly or indirectly in their freezing, seizure, or forfeiture. It may also deposit the proceeds from the sale into the Special Fund provided for in the Inter-American Program of Action of Rio de Janeiro, or into other Funds to be used by the competent authorities in their fight against illicit traffic, prevention of the unlawful use of drugs, treatment, rehabilitation or social reintegration of those affected by its use;
c) transfer the property, proceeds or instrumentalities, or the proceeds from their sale, to any private entity dedicated to the prevention of the unlawful use of drugs, treatment, rehabilitation or social reintegration of those affected by its use;

d) transfer the object of the forfeiture or the proceeds from its sale to any other country which participated directly or indirectly in the freezing, seizure, or forfeiture of the property, if such a transfer is authorized by an international agreement; or

e) transfer the object of the forfeiture or the proceeds from its sale to intergovernmental bodies specializing in the fight against illicit traffic, prevention of the unlawful use of drugs, treatment, rehabilitation or social reintegration of those affected by its use.

Article 8

PROPERTY, PROCEEDS OR INSTRUMENTALITIES
OF FOREIGN OFFENCES

The court or other competent authority may order, in accordance with the law, the freezing, seizure, or forfeiture of any property, proceeds or instrumentalities in its territorial jurisdiction when they are connected to illicit traffic or related offences committed against the laws of another country, and when that offence would have been an offence if committed within its jurisdiction.

Article 9

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

1. For the purpose of these Regulations, financial institutions are, among others:

a) a commercial bank, trust company, savings and loan association, building and loan association, savings bank, industrial bank, credit union, or other thrift institution or establishment authorized to do business under the domestic banking laws, whether these be publicly or privately owned, or mixed;

b) a broker or dealer in securities;

c) a currency dealer or exchanger.
2. Likewise, those persons carrying out the following activities shall be considered to be financial institutions:

a) a systematic or substantial cashing of checks;

b) a systematic or substantial issuance, sale or redemption of traveler's checks or money orders;

c) a systematic or substantial transmitting of funds;

d) any other activity subject to supervision by government, bank or other financial institutions authorities.

Article 10
IDENTIFICATION OF CLIENTS AND MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS

1. Financial institutions shall maintain accounts in the name of the account-holder. They may not keep anonymous accounts or accounts which are in fictitious or incorrect names.

2. Financial institutions shall record and verify by reliable means, the identity, representative capacity, domicile, legal capacity, occupation or business purpose of persons, as well as other identifying information on those persons, whether they be occasional or usual clients, through the use of documents such as identity documents, passports, birth certificates, driver's license, partnership contracts and incorporation papers, or any other official or private documents, when establishing or conducting business relations, especially when opening new accounts or passbooks, entering into fiduciary transactions, renting of safe deposit boxes, or performing cash transactions over an amount specified by the competent authority.

3. Financial institutions shall take reasonable measures to obtain and record information about the true identity of the person on whose behalf an account is opened or a transaction is conducted, if there are any doubts that a client is acting on his/her own behalf, particularly in the case of a juridical person who is not conducting any commercial, financial, or industrial operations in the State where it has its headquarters or domicile.

4. Financial institutions shall maintain during the period in which an operation is in effect, and for at least five years after the conclusion of the transaction, the records of the information and documentation required in this Article.
5. Financial institutions shall maintain records on customer identification, account files, and business correspondence as determined by the competent authority, for at least five years after the account has been closed.

6. Financial institutions shall also maintain records to enable the reconstruction of financial transactions in excess of an amount specified by the competent authority, for at least five years after the conclusion of the transaction.

Article 11

AVAILABILITY OF RECORDS

1. Financial institutions shall comply promptly, and within the period of time to be established, with information requests from the competent authorities concerning the records of information and documentation referred to in the previous Article, for use in criminal, civil, or administrative investigations, prosecutions, or proceedings, as the case may be, regarding illicit traffic or related offences, or violations of the provisions of these Regulations.

Financial institutions shall not notify any person, other than a court, competent authority or other person authorized by law, that information has been requested by or furnished to a court or other competent authority.

2. The competent authorities shall share with other national competent authorities said information, in accordance with the law, and when it concerns illicit traffic or related offences, or violations of the provisions of these Regulations.

The competent authorities shall treat as confidential the information referred to in this Article, except insofar as such information is necessary for use in criminal, civil, or administrative investigations, prosecutions, or proceedings, as the case may be, regarding illicit traffic or related offences, or violations of the provisions of these Regulations.

3. The competent authorities may share such information with the competent authorities of other States, in accordance with the law.

4. The legal provisions referring to bank secrecy or confidentiality shall not be an impediment to compliance with this Article, when the information is requested by or shared with the court or other competent authority.
Article 12

RECORDING AND REPORTING OF CASH TRANSACTIONS

1. Each financial institution shall record, on a form designed by the competent authority, each cash transaction involving a domestic or foreign currency transaction exceeding an amount specified by the competent authority.

2. The form referred to in the previous paragraph shall include, at a minimum, the following data for each transaction:
   a) the identity, signature, and address of the person who conducts physically the transaction;
   b) the identity and address of the person in whose name the transaction is conducted;
   c) the identity and address of the beneficiary or the person on whose behalf the transaction is conducted, as applicable;
   d) the identity of the accounts affected by the transaction, if any;
   e) the type of transaction involved, such as deposit, withdrawal, exchange of currency, check cashing, purchase of certified or cashier's checks or money orders, or other payment or transfer by, through, or to such financial institution;
   f) the identity of the financial institution where the transaction occurred; and
   g) the date, time, and amount of the transaction.

3. This record shall be recorded, accurately and completely, by the financial institution on the day the transaction has occurred and shall be maintained for a period of five years from the date of the transaction.

4. Multiple cash transactions in domestic or foreign currency which, altogether, exceed a specified amount, shall be treated as a single transaction if they are undertaken by or on behalf of any one person during any one day or any other period established by the competent authority. In such a case, when a financial institution, its employees, officers or agents have knowledge of these transactions, they shall record these transactions on the form determined by the competent authority.
5. For transactions conducted on their own account between the financial institutions defined in Article 9 paragraph 1 (a) that are subject to supervision by the domestic banking and financial authorities, recording on the form referred to in this Article shall not be required.

6. These records shall be available to the court or other competent authority, in accordance with the law, for use in criminal, civil or administrative investigations, prosecutions or proceedings, as the case may be, connected to illicit traffic or related offences, or violations of the provisions of these Regulations.

7. When it deems advisable, the competent authority may establish that financial institutions file with it, within such time as the competent authorities may establish, the form referred to in paragraph 1, 2 and 3 of this Article. This form shall serve as evidence or as an official report, and shall be used for the same purposes as referred to in paragraph 6 of this Article.

8. Financial institutions shall not notify any person, other than a court, competent authority or other person authorized by law, that information has been requested by or furnished to a court or other competent authority.

9. The legal provision referring to bank secrecy or confidentiality shall not be an impediment to compliance with this Article, when the information is requested by or shared with the court or other competent authority.

**Article 13**

REPORTING OF SUSPICIOUS FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS

1. Financial institutions shall pay special attention to all complex, unusual or large transactions, whether completed or not, and to all unusual patterns of transactions, and to insignificant but periodic transactions, which have no apparent economic or lawful purpose.

2. Upon suspicion that the transactions described in paragraph 1 of this Article could constitute or be related to illicit activities, financial institutions shall promptly report the suspicious transactions to the competent authorities.

3. Financial institutions shall not notify any person, other than a court, competent authority or other person authorized by law, that information has been requested by or furnished to a court or other competent authority.
4. When the report referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article is made in good faith, the financial institutions and their employees, staff, directors, owners or other representatives as authorized by law, shall be exempted from criminal, civil and/or administrative liability, as the case may be, for complying with this Article or for breach of any restriction on disclosure of information imposed by contract or by any legislative, regulatory or administrative provision, regardless of the result of the communication.

Article 14

LIABILITY OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTION

1. Financial institutions, or their employees, staff, directors, owners or other authorized representatives who, acting as such, participate in illicit traffic or related offences, shall be subject to more severe sanctions.

2. Financial institutions shall be liable, in accordance with the law, for the actions of their employees, staff, directors, owners or other authorized representatives who, acting as such, participate in the commission of any offence described in Article 2 of these Regulations. Such liability may include, among other measures, the imposition of a fine, temporary suspension of business or charter, or suspension or revocation of the license to operate as a financial institution.

3. A criminal offence is committed by a financial institution or its employees, staff, director, owners or other authorized representatives who, acting as such, willfully fail to comply with the obligations in Articles 10 through 13 of these Regulations, or who willfully fail to comply with the obligations in Articles 10 through 13 of these Regulations, or who willfully make a false or falsified record or report as referred to in the above mentioned Articles.

4. Without prejudice to criminal and/or civil liabilities for offences connected to illicit traffic or related offences, financial institutions that fail to comply with the obligations described in Articles 10 through 13 and 15 of these Regulations, shall be subject to other sanctions, such as imposition of a fine, temporary suspension of business or charter, or suspension or revocation of the license to operate as a financial institution.
Article 15
MANDATORY COMPLIANCE PROGRAMS IN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

1. Financial institutions, pursuant to the regulation and supervision referred to in Article 17 of these Regulations shall adopt, develop and implement internal programs, policies, procedures and controls to guard and detect against the offences described in Article 2 of these Regulations. Such programs shall include, at a minimum:

a) the establishment of procedures to ensure high standards of integrity of their employees and a system to evaluate the personal, employment and financial history of these employees;

b) on-going employee training programs, such as "know-your-client" programs, and instructing employees in the responsibilities indicated in Articles 10 through 13 of these Regulations;

c) an independent audit function to check compliance with the programs.

2. Financial institutions shall also designate compliance officers at management level in charge of the application of the internal programs and procedures, including proper maintenance of records and reporting of suspicious transactions. These officers shall function as liaison with the competent authorities.

Article 16
PROVISIONS FOR OTHERS RESPONSIBLE

When it deems advisable, the competent authority shall extend the application of the relevant provisions of these Regulations relating to financial institutions, to any type of economic activities when a transaction is carried out in cash and in excess of an amount specified by the competent authority, such as:

a) the sale or transfer of real state, weapons, metals, art, archaeological objects, jewelry, automobiles, boats, planes, or other consumer durables, collectibles, or travel or entertainment-related services;

b) casino or other gambling operations; or

c) professional services.
Article 17

OBLIGATIONS OF THE COMPETENT AUTHORITIES

1. In accordance with the law, the competent authorities, and especially those with regulatory and supervisory power over financial institutions shall, among other obligations:

   a) grant, deny, suspend or cancel licenses or permits for the operation of financial institutions;

   b) adopt the necessary measures to prevent and/or avoid any person who is unsuitable from controlling, or participating, directly or indirectly, in the directorship, management or operation of a financial institution;

   c) examine and supervise financial institutions, and regulate and oversee effective compliance with the record keeping and reporting obligations specified in these Regulations;

   d) verify, through regular examinations, that the financial institutions have and apply the mandatory compliance programs referred to in Article 15 of these Regulations;

   e) provide other competent authorities with the information obtained from financial institutions in conformity with these Regulations, including that information which results from an examination of any financial institution;

   f) prescribe instructions or recommendations to assist financial institutions in detecting suspicious patterns of behavior in their clients. These guidelines shall be developed taking into account modern and secure techniques of money management and will serve as an educational tool for financial institutions' personnel;

   g) cooperate with other competent authorities and lend technical assistance in investigations, prosecutions or proceedings relating to the offences described in Article 2 of these Regulations, and other illicit traffic and related offences.

2. The competent authorities, and especially those with regulatory and supervisory power over financial institutions shall, in accordance with the law, report promptly to other competent authorities regarding any information received from financial institutions concerning suspicious transactions or activities that could be related to the offences described in Article 2 of these Regulations and other illicit traffic or related offences.
3. The competent authorities, and specially those with regulatory and supervisory power over financial institutions shall, in accordance with the law, cooperate closely with the competent authorities from other States in investigations, proceedings or prosecutions relating to the offences described in Article 2 of these Regulations, other illicit traffic or related offences, and to violations of the laws and administrative regulations dealing with financial institutions.

Article 18

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

1. The court or other competent authority shall cooperate with the court or other competent authority of another State, taking the appropriate measures to provide assistance in matters concerning illicit traffic or related offences, in accordance with these Regulations, and within the limits of their respective legal systems.

2. The court or other competent authority may receive a request from the court or other competent authority of another State to identify, trace, freeze, seize or forfeit the property, proceeds, or instrumentalities connected to illicit traffic or related offences, and may take appropriate actions, including those contained in Articles 4 and 5 of these Regulations.

3. A final judicial order or judgement that provides for the forfeiture of property, proceeds or instrumentalities connected to illicit traffic or related offences, issued by a court or other competent authority of another State, may be recognized as evidence that the property, proceeds or instrumentalities referred to by such order or judgement may be subject to forfeiture in accordance with the law.

4. The court or other competent authority may receive and take appropriate measures with respect to a request from a court or other competent authority from another State, for assistance related to a civil, criminal, or administrative investigation, prosecution or proceeding, as the case may be, involving illicit traffic or a related offence, or violations of any provision established in these Regulations. Such assistance may include providing original or certified copies of relevant documents and records, including those of financial institutions and government agencies; obtaining testimony in the requested State; facilitating the voluntary presence or availability in the requesting State of persons, including those in custody, to give testimony; locating or identifying persons; servicing of documents; examining objects and places; executing searches and seizures; providing information and evidentiary items; and provisional measures.
5. The legal provisions referring to bank secrecy or confidentiality shall not be an impediment to compliance with this Article, when the information is requested by or shared with the court or other competent authority.

6. Assistance provided pursuant to this Article shall be undertaken in accordance with the law.

Article 19

BANK SECRECY OR CONFIDENTIALITY

The legal provisions referring to bank secrecy or confidentiality shall not be an impediment to compliance with these Regulations, when the information is requested by or shared with the court or other competent authority, in accordance with the law.
AG/RES. 1199 (XXII-0/92)

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its resolution AG/RES. 1126 (XXI-O/91) on cooperation between the Organization of American States and the United Nations; and

HAVING SEEN the report of the Secretary General on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 1126 (XXI-O/91),

RESOLVES:

1. To express satisfaction with the effort made by the Secretary General to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the Organization of American States and the United Nations.

2. To note, with satisfaction, that coordination between the Secretariats of both organizations and their specialized agencies has been reinforced and contacts and consultations between the counterparts of these agencies have been maintained and increased.

3. To express satisfaction with the coordination mechanism which the OAS Secretary General has established in collaboration with the UN Secretary-General.

4. To recommend that negotiations continue between the Secretary General of the OAS and the Secretary-General of the UN for finalizing and signing an OAS-UN Agreement on cooperation between the General Secretariats of the two organizations.

5. To request the Secretary General to continue taking appropriate measures to deepen and expand cooperation and coordination between the OAS and UN and their specialized agencies.

6. To encourage the specialized agencies of both the OAS and UN to continue to reinforce their contacts and consultations.

7. To request the Secretary General of the OAS, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the UN, to hold periodic general meetings between the two systems for the purpose of review and appraisal of
progress, and also to hold inter-agency sectoral meetings on areas of priority or on mutually agreed issues.

8. To request the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution.
AG/RES. 1200 (XXII-0/92)

INTEGRATION PROGRESS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That during its first year, MERCOSUR has yielded a 45 percent increase in trade among its four member states, Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay, and tariffs have been reduced by 54 percent;

That bilateral agreements of diverse nature signed in the region, including those agreed upon in Ilo, Peru, between the Governments of the Republic of Bolivia and the Republic of Peru, in January 1992, as well as the important Economic Complementation Agreement signed between Chile and Mexico and implemented as of January 1992;

CONSIDERING:

The importance of agreements of this nature to enhance regional and subregional cooperation and integration through adequate juridical instruments to meet the requirements for active participation of the countries of the Hemisphere in the international system;

The adoption by the Andean Group, in Quito, the first week of February 1992, of a common external tariff consisting of five levels, between 0 and 20 percent;

The developments in the negotiations on free trade among several countries of the Hemisphere, within the framework of the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative;

The progress within the Central American integration process, reflected in the Protocol of Tegucigalpa, which establishes the bases of a new Central American Integration System (SICA), as well as in the Free Trade Agreements signed by the Governments of El Salvador, Guatemala and Honduras, which will establish a Free Trade Zone between those countries by 1993; and

The agreements for strengthening the process of integration in CARICOM,
RESOLVES:

1. To emphasize the bilateral and multilateral initiatives recently initiated in the region, recognizing that they are a sound and useful basis for hemispheric integration.

2. To welcome the important agreement reached in Ilo, between the Governments of Boliva and Peru, for the development of new forms of subregional and border integration with the active participation of the private sector of both countries.

3. To express its satisfaction with the steps taken toward regional economic complementation and to urge the member states to utilize the existing support mechanisms in the Organization that may contribute to integration actions and programs.

4. To invite the countries of the Hemisphere to redouble their efforts to amplify cooperation and integration agreements and initiatives in the region.
AG/RES. 1201 (XXII-O/92)

EXPANSION OF CICAD

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on May 23, 1992)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING that through resolutions AG/RES. 906 (XVIII-O/88) and AG/RES. 1032 (XX-O/90), the General Assembly decided to increase the number of member states of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) from 11 to 21 and from 21 to 22, respectively, because of the evident interest of some countries in joining the struggle to prevent and ultimately eradicate the illicit use and production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and traffic therein;

BEARING IN MIND the common interest in combating this scourge for mankind by means of collective action exercised through CICAD, and the desire, explicitly stated by some of the interested countries, to put into practice the principles set forth in the Program of Action of Rio de Janeiro; and

AWARE that the number of member countries of the Organization of American States increased,

RESOLVES:

To amend Article 3 of the Statutes of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) in the following manner:

Article 3. The Commission shall be composed of all the member states that, at their request, are elected by the General Assembly.