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AG/DEC. 6 (XXIV-O/94)

DECLARATION OF BELÉM DO PARÁ

(Adopted at the first plenary session, held on June 6, 1994)

The Ministers of Foreign Affairs and Heads of Delegation of the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS), meeting in Belém do Pará, Brazil, on the occasion of the twenty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly of the OAS;

REAFFIRMING the purposes and principles contained in the OAS Charter and the determination to strengthen the Organization as a political forum for dialogue, understanding, and cooperation among states of the Americas;

CONSIDERING that the strengthening of peace and security in the Americas is one of the basic purposes of the OAS and that integral development and partnership among member states are essential for attaining this common objective;

RECALLING that Article 3 of the Charter reaffirms, among the principles of the Organization of American States, the right of every state to choose, without external interference, its political, economic, and social system, and to organize itself in the way best suited to it;

RECALLING that Article 3.d of the Charter reaffirms that the solidarity of the states of the Americas and the high purposes that are pursued through it require their political organization to be based on effective exercise of representative democracy;

BEARING IN MIND that development and the consolidation of a more democratic international system require a greater and closer partnership to help surmount the serious economic and social problems that still persist, and ensure progress and well-being for their peoples, and security for all member states and the international community as a whole;

RECALLING the principles and mechanisms established by the OAS during this decade for the defense and strengthening of representative democracy in the Hemisphere with due respect for the principle of nonintervention, as defined notably in the Santiago Commitment in 1991, in resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-O/91), and in the Protocol of Washington in 1992;

REAFFIRMING the purposes and principles contained in the Declaration of Nassau [AG/DEC. 1 (XXII-O/92)], and in the Declaration of Managua for the Promotion of Democracy and Development [AG/DEC. 4 (XXIII-O/93)];

RECALLING also the principles and mechanisms approved by the OAS aimed at strengthening cooperation for development and, in particular, overcoming extreme poverty as defined, inter alia, in the General Policy Framework and Priorities: Partnership for Development, in the Mexico Commitment on a Partnership for Development and Struggle to Overcome Extreme
Poverty, and also in the Protocol of Managua, which establishes the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI);

REITERATING the need to ensure for all, without distinction as to race, nationality, creed or sex, the full enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, especially the effective exercise of representative democracy;

REAFFIRMING that democracy, the full observance of all human rights, and economic and social development are interdependent and mutually reinforcing concepts, and that development and the struggle to overcome extreme poverty are a priority in promoting the exercise of these rights;

RECOGNIZING that democracy and the existence of appropriate national mechanisms to determine accountability help to fight corruption and increase efficiency, integrity, and transparency in the running of public affairs;

AWARE that, in order to overcome the economic crisis in the last decade, most member states adopted programs for reform and structural adjustment at high social cost, a cost that can be alleviated by an additional and more meaningful effort towards partnership, and basically, by improving conditions for the genuine, free access of states to the global economy, through measures in the interrelated areas of trade, debt and investment;

BEARING IN MIND the increasing importance of science and technology in the economic process, with its sweeping repercussions on social and political life;

REITERATING that regional integration based on trade liberalization and expansion is a process that is conducive to the economic and social development of member states and is therefore a key factor which contributes to eliminating extreme poverty in the Hemisphere, creating the necessary conditions for peace and regional stability, and strengthening the democratic process in the Americas;

EMPHASIZING the importance of conclusion of the Uruguay Round in achieving the common goal of trade liberalization and the establishment of freer and nondiscriminatory international trade based on a multilateral, balanced, and open legal framework;

RECOGNIZING that environmental conservation must be an integral part of the development process in order to achieve sustainable development and a better quality of life for peoples and future generations;

DETERMINED to continue to struggle, individually and collectively, against the incidence of illicit production, distribution, financing and abuse of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, traffic therein, and related crimes which, over the last decade, has contributed considerably to the increase in violence and crime and has assumed alarming proportions, thereby threatening the health and well-being of their peoples, with serious economic and social consequences which must be addressed;
RECOGNIZING that terrorist acts, methods and practices in all their forms and manifestations which, in some countries of the Hemisphere, are tied to illicit drug traffic, seek to destroy human rights, fundamental freedoms, and democracy;

NOTING with satisfaction that the Latin American and Caribbean region is the least armed and militarized in the world, and also, that states of this region have made a major contribution to international efforts to curb all forms of the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction;

EMPHASIZING that sweeping changes which have taken place in the international system and the generalized process of democracy in the Hemisphere afford an opportunity for increased dialogue on matters of security and cooperation in this area among states of the Americas;

RECOGNIZING the important role that the Organization of American States can play, at the regional level, in complementing the efforts of the United Nations to promote peace, development, and international security;

CONVINCED of the importance of the proposal by the President of the United States to bring together democratically-elected Heads of State and of Government of democracies in the Western Hemisphere at a meeting (Summit of the Americas), to be held in Miami in December 1994;

DECLARE:

Their firm commitment to strengthening the OAS as the main hemispheric forum of political consensus so that it may support the realization of the aspirations of member states in promoting and consolidating peace, democracy, social justice, and development, in accordance with the purposes and principles of the Charter, through:

(a) prompt ratification of the Protocols of Washington and Managua amending the Charter of the Organization of American States;

(b) the execution of cooperation projects to preserve, develop, and strengthen democratic systems and institutions, and to promote the active participation of the citizenry in political processes;

(c) full implementation of the resolutions adopted at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly of the OAS to make effective the partnership for development, and especially, for the struggle against extreme poverty which afflicts a large proportion of the Hemisphere's population, noting the need for a broad dialogue on bilateral and multilateral financial cooperation, investment and debt, the expansion and opening-up of intraregional trade, and technical, scientific and technological cooperation;

(d) the intensification of subregional and regional efforts in the area of integration as well as additional efforts along those lines to strengthen hemispheric integration in its various aspects;
(e) the study of measures, consistent with each country’s legal system, aimed at fighting corruption, improving efficiency in the running of public affairs as well as promoting transparency and integrity in the management of public funds. Such action must be complemented by joint reflection as to the importance of public ethics and administrative integrity in strengthening and consolidating democracy in the Hemisphere;

(f) support for the work of the recently-created Special Committee on Trade (CEC) to enable that body to effectively perform its function as a highly specialized hemispheric forum for dialogue and discussion of trade matters, and with full respect for the role of regional and subregional integration organizations;

(g) the updating and implementation of the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection, in light of the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED, Rio-92), the General Policy Framework and Priorities: Partnership for Development, and the United Nations Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States (Barbados, 1994), bearing in mind, among other things, the importance of the political will of all states to adopt and implement appropriate measures in environmental management, with respect for biodiversity, climatic changes, and the elimination of pollution caused by toxic waste, as well as the importance of access by the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean to environmentally-sound technologies and additional sources of financing, and bearing in mind the development of ecotourism as a significant source of funding for their socioeconomic progress;

(h) the preparation and adoption of effective measures for partnership aimed at addressing the pressing needs and special problems of the small states of the Hemisphere;

(i) the identification of additional sources of resources for OAS activities where their effective use in priority areas defined by member states is guaranteed;

(j) intensification of the process for dialogue, coordination, and cooperation, at the technical and political levels, with other intergovernmental organizations, especially those in the United Nations system;

Their decision to promote and deepen cooperative relations in the economic, social, educational, cultural, scientific, technological, and political fields;

Their commitment in this regard to continue and to further the dialogue on hemispheric security in an ongoing process of cooperation to consolidate and to strengthen mutual confidence;

Their determination to continue to contribute to the attainment of the international community’s objective of general and complete disarmament, under effective international control, especially through efforts aimed at reducing and eliminating weapons of mass destruction and through the adoption of measures to prevent all forms of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and to facilitate the exchange of dual-use goods and technologies for peaceful purposes;
Their commitment to contribute to the speedy and full implementation of the decisions agreed upon in the Uruguay Round to establish a multilateral system of open, nondiscriminatory, and fair trade that can effectively support efforts towards integral development for the states of the Americas;

Their willingness to continue to promote the Common Market of Knowledge (MERCOCYT) as an effective instrument for sharing experiences and advances among member states of the OAS in the areas of science and technology to increase the competitive ability of their economies in an area that is essential for the integral development of their peoples;

Their determination to strengthen regional cooperation to increase the effectiveness of efforts to combat the illicit use of narcotic drugs and traffic therein, and in that context, their steadfast determination to continue to work jointly within the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) to seek comprehensive solutions to effectively address the problem of drugs, in its various manifestations in the Hemisphere, based on the principles of partnership, shared responsibility, and full respect for the sovereignty of each state;

Their decision to cooperate in a reciprocal effort towards preventing and punishing terrorist acts, methods and practices, and the development of international law in this matter;

Their commitment to promote economic and social development for the indigenous populations of their countries, with special attention to issues relating to human rights, environment, education, and health;

Their firm support for the International Conference on Population and Development, the World Summit on Social Development, the World Conference on Women, the United Nations Conference for Human Settlements (HABITAT-II), the Second International Conference of New and Restored Democracies, and efforts within the United Nations to prepare an agenda for development and for the implementation of the decisions of the United Nations Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;

Their determination to contribute to the success of the Summit of the Americas proposed by the President of the United States; and

Their deep gratitude and appreciation to the OAS Secretary General, Ambassador João Clemente Baena Soares, for his outstanding performance at the helm of the Organization over the last ten years and for the extraordinary results of his action in realizing the inter-American ideals of peace, the strengthening of democracy, and a partnership for development in the Americas and in the process of renewal of the inter-American system.
AG/DEC. 7 (XXIV-O/94)

DECLARATION ON THE QUESTION OF THE MALVINAS ISLANDS

(Adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING its repeated statements that the question of the Malvinas Islands is a matter of enduring hemispheric concern;

RECALLING its resolution AG/RES. 928 (XVIII-O/88), adopted by consensus on November 19, 1988, which requested the governments of the Argentine Republic and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to resume negotiations to find a prompt, peaceful solution to the sovereignty dispute;

BEARING IN MIND its resolution AG/RES. 1049 (XX-O/90) which noted with satisfaction the resumption of diplomatic relations between the two countries, and its Declaration AG/DEC. 5 (XXIII-O/93) emphasizing the excellent status of their bilateral relations;

HAVING HEARD the presentation of the Head of Delegation of the Argentine Republic,

WELCOMES the reaffirmation of the determination of the Argentine Government to continue exploring all possible means for a peaceful settlement to the dispute, particularly its positive statements on the inhabitants of the Malvinas Islands; and

DECIDES to continue to examine the question of the Malvinas Islands at its subsequent sessions, until a definitive solution is reached thereon.
AG/RES. 1252 (XXIV-O/94)

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE ANNUAL REPORTS OF THE ORGANS, AGENCIES, AND ENTITIES OF THE ORGANIZATION

(Resolution adopted at the sixth plenary session, held on June 8, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council concerning the annual reports (AG/doc.3082/94) submitted by the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH) (CP/CRO-377/94), the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) (CP/CRO-379/94), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) (CP/CRO-382/94), the Administrative Tribunal of the Organization (TRIBAD) (CP/CRO-381/94), the Secretary General of the OAS (CP/CRO-376/94), the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) (CP/CRO-385/94), the Inter-American Children’s Institute (IIN) (CP/CRO-383/94), and the American Indian Institute (III) (CP/CRO-390/94); and

CONSIDERING:

That the reports adhere in form and substance to the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 331 (VIII-O/78);

That the reports presented by the Pan American Institute of Geography and History, the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture, the Inter-American Commission of Women, the Administrative Tribunal, the Secretary General of the Organization, and the Inter-American Children’s Institute were delivered within the time frame stipulated in Article 34.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council; and

That the recommendations and observations made by the Permanent Council regarding the annual reports of these organs, agencies, and entities recognize the major contribution they have made towards attainment of the purposes of the inter-American system,

RESOLVES:

1. To highlight the work accomplished by the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization.

2. To note, endorse, and transmit to the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council concerning the annual reports.
3. To congratulate the Pan American Institute of Geography and History and its General Secretariat on the XV General Assembly held in San José, Costa Rica, from November 8 to 19, 1993, to take note of the election of the new officers during that Assembly, and to take due note of the resolutions adopted to amend the Organic Statutes of PAIGH.

4. To express appreciation for the efforts being made by the Inter-American Commission of Women and its Executive Secretariat to promote women's rights in the Americas.

5. To encourage the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) to continue its constructive work in support of agricultural development in the region.

6. To thank the members of the Administrative Tribunal for the important services provided during its thirty-eighth session.

7. To highlight the efforts of the Secretary General of the Organization of American States, Ambassador João Clemente Baena Soares, given his unmistakable contribution to promoting and consolidating peace and democracy in the region, as may be seen in the annual report.

8. To congratulate the Inter-American Children's Institute on the Seventeenth Inter-American Child Congress held in San José, Costa Rica, and to take note of the election of new officers during the Seventy-First Meeting of the IIN Directing Council; to recognize the work of the Director of the Inter-American Children's Institute in raising external funding to prepare and execute programs and projects for the Institute, and to thank the governments, inter-governmental organizations and private bodies for the valuable cooperation they provided to the IIN.

9. To extend the mandate given to the Inter-American Children's Institute to enable it to present the Special Report on Children in the Americas at the next regular session of the General Assembly.

10. To place particular emphasis on the important activities carried out by the Pan American Health Organization in fulfillment of its aims and objectives.

11. To congratulate the Inter-American Indian Institute on the Eleventh Inter-American Indian Congress held in Managua, in 1993, and to take note of the efforts being made by member states to restructure the Institute.
AG/RES. 1253 (XXIV-O/94)

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

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

Articles 47 and 48 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly concerning the holding of its regular sessions and the establishment of sites for that purpose;

That the General Assembly, in resolution AG/RES. 939 (XVIII-O/88), recommended that the first Monday in June of each year be set as the opening date for the regular sessions, subsequent to the nineteenth regular session; and

That the Government of Haiti has offered the city of Port-au-Prince as the site of the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Government of Haiti for its generous offer to hold the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly in the city of Port-au-Prince.

2. To determine that the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly will start on Monday, June 5, 1995.
AG/RES. 1254 (XXIV-O/94)

SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution AG/RES. 997 (XIX-O/89) "Summit Meeting of Heads of State and of Government" which affirmed the need for a summit meeting of heads of state and government to seek solutions to the problems of all member states of the Organization of American States; and

CONSIDERING:

That the invitation to the Summit of the Americas extended by the President of the United States, William Jefferson Clinton, offers a very important opportunity to strengthen dialogue and inter-American cooperation, and to adapt to the new realities of the Hemisphere;

That the planned meeting of heads of state and government of the American States also provides an opportune occasion for the adoption of a plan of action which would articulate concerted solutions to the challenges facing the countries of the Hemisphere, promote joint initiatives to utilize opportunities which arise, and increase their solidarity;

That a process of consultation has begun in the Hemisphere, one in which states will decide on the plan of action to be adopted at the Summit, as part of which preparatory meetings are foreseen; and

That the Organization of American States is the main political forum for dialogue, understanding and cooperation among the hemispheric countries, and is an institution created by the member states to strengthen peace and security, promote and consolidate representative democracy, support national development efforts and eliminate extreme poverty, and as such should contribute to the Summit of the Americas and in the activities to be carried out in implementation of its decisions,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Permanent Council to prepare, in coordination with the Secretary General, the contribution of the Organization of American States to the Summit of the Americas and the follow-up of the pertinent recommendations emanating therefrom.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to set up a working group which may, as necessary, convene special preparatory meetings for this purpose.
AG/RES. 1255 (XXIV-O/94)

INTERNATIONAL DECADE OF THE WORLD'S INDIGENOUS PEOPLE

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:


The initiative of the Government of Bolivia to hold the Regional Preparatory Meeting of Latin America and the Caribbean, which took place in the city of Cochabamba, Bolivia, from May 30 to June 1, 1994, with government and Indian organization representatives attending; and

CONSIDERING:

That cooperation between the OAS and the United Nations system is being consolidated and expanded into various areas of mutual interest;

That the United Nations Secretary-General has designated the Under Secretary-General of the Commission on Human Rights to coordinate Decade-related activities; and

That the member states of the Organization of American States, mindful of the existing need to protect the identity and cultural values of indigenous peoples and to improve their living conditions, deem it advisable to establish regional coordination, within the framework of the OAS, to successfully accomplish the purposes of the Decade,

RESOLVES:

1. To reaffirm the support of the member states for United Nations Resolution 48/163, particularly those aspects most vital to regional interests.

2. To instruct the Secretary General of the Organization of American States to coordinate the Organization’s activities in order to promote and implement the "International Decade of the World’s Indigenous People" in the Hemisphere, within the framework of cooperation with the United Nations.
AG/RES. 1256 (XXIV-O/94)

INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON
FORCED DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSONS

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session,
held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the draft Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons (AG/doc.3072/94);

CONSIDERING that, through resolutions AG/RES. 890 (XVII-O/87), AG/RES. 950 (XVIII-O/88), AG/RES. 1014 (XIX-O/89), AG/RES. 1033 (XX-O/90), and AG/RES. 1172 (XXII-O/92), the General Assembly has addressed the subject of the draft Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons, prepared by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights;

BEARING IN MIND that in accordance with Article 3.k of the Charter of the OAS, one of the essential 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; and

INSPIRED BY THE DESIRE to cooperate in preventing and punishing the forced disappearance of persons,

RESOLVES:

To adopt the following Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons:
INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON
FORCED DISAPPEARANCE OF PERSONS

PREAMBLE

The member states of the Organization of American States signatory to the present Convention,

DISTURBED by the persistence of the forced disappearance of persons;

REAFFIRMING that the true meaning of American solidarity and good neighborliness can be none other than that of consolidating in this Hemisphere, in the framework of democratic institutions, a system of individual freedom and social justice based on respect for essential human rights;

CONSIDERING that the forced disappearance of persons is an affront to the conscience of the Hemisphere and a grave and abominable offense against the inherent dignity of the human being, and one that contradicts the principles and purposes enshrined in the Charter of the Organization of American States;

CONSIDERING that the forced disappearance of persons violates numerous non-derogable and essential human rights enshrined in the American Convention on Human Rights, in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man, and in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights;

RECALLING that the international protection of human rights is in the form of a convention reinforcing or complementing the protection provided by domestic law and is based upon the attributes of the human personality;

REAFFIRMING that the systematic practice of the forced disappearance of persons constitutes a crime against humanity;

HOPIING that this Convention may help to prevent, punish, and eliminate the forced disappearance of persons in the Hemisphere and make a decisive contribution to the protection of human rights and the rule of law;

RESOLVE to adopt the following Inter-American Convention on Forced Disappearance of Persons:

ARTICLE I

The States Parties to this Convention undertake:

a) Not to practice, permit, or tolerate the forced disappearance of persons, even in states of emergency or suspension of individual guarantees;
b) To punish within their jurisdictions those persons who commit or attempt to commit the crime of forced disappearance of persons and their accomplices and accessories;

c) To cooperate with one another in helping to prevent, punish, and eliminate the forced disappearance of persons;

d) To take legislative, administrative, judicial, and any other measures necessary to comply with the commitments undertaken in this Convention.

ARTICLE II

For the purposes of this Convention, forced disappearance is considered to be the act of depriving a person or persons of his or their freedom, in whatever way, perpetrated by agents of the state or by persons or groups of persons acting with the authorization, support, or acquiescence of the state, followed by an absence of information or a refusal to acknowledge that deprivation of freedom or to give information on the whereabouts of that person, thereby impeding his or her recourse to the applicable legal remedies and procedural guarantees.

ARTICLE III

The States Parties undertake to adopt, in accordance with their constitutional procedures, the legislative measures that may be needed to define the forced disappearance of persons as an offense and to impose an appropriate punishment commensurate with its extreme gravity. This offense shall be deemed continuous or permanent as long as the fate or whereabouts of the victim has not been determined.

The States Parties may establish mitigating circumstances for persons who have participated in acts constituting forced disappearance when they help to cause the victim to reappear alive or provide information that sheds light on the forced disappearance of a person.

ARTICLE IV

The acts constituting the forced disappearance of persons shall be considered offenses in every State Party. Consequently, each State Party shall take measures to establish its jurisdiction over such cases in the following instances:

a) When the forced disappearance of persons or any act constituting such offense was committed within its jurisdiction;

b) When the accused is a national of that state;

c) When the victim is a national of that state and that state sees fit to do so.
Every State Party shall, moreover, take the necessary measures to establish its jurisdiction over the crime described in this Convention when the alleged criminal is within its territory and it does not proceed to extradite him.

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.

ARTICLE V

The forced disappearance of persons shall not be considered a political offense for purposes of extradition.

The forced disappearance of persons shall be deemed to be included among the extraditable offenses in every extradition treaty entered into between States Parties.

The States Parties undertake to include the offense of forced disappearance as one which is extraditable in every extradition treaty to be concluded between them in the future.

Every State Party that makes extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty and receives a request for extradition from another State Party with which it has no extradition treaty may consider this Convention as the necessary legal basis for extradition with respect to the offense of forced disappearance.

States Parties which do not make extradition conditional on the existence of a treaty shall recognize such offense as extraditable, subject to the conditions imposed by the law of the requested state.

Extradition shall be subject to the provisions set forth in the constitution and other laws of the requested state.

ARTICLE VI

When a State Party does not grant the extradition, the case shall be submitted to its competent authorities as if the offense had been committed within its jurisdiction, for the purposes of investigation and when appropriate, for criminal action, in accordance with its national law. Any decision adopted by these authorities shall be communicated to the state that has requested the extradition.

ARTICLE VII

Criminal prosecution for the forced disappearance of persons and the penalty judicially imposed on its perpetrator shall not be subject to statutes of limitations.
However, if there should be a norm of a fundamental character preventing application of the stipulation contained in the previous paragraph, the period of limitation shall be equal to that which applies to the gravest crime in the domestic laws of the corresponding State Party.

ARTICLE VIII

The defense of due obedience to superior orders or instructions that stipulate, authorize, or encourage forced disappearance shall not be admitted. All persons who receive such orders have the right and duty not to obey them.

The States Parties shall ensure that the training of public law-enforcement personnel or officials includes the necessary education on the offense of forced disappearance of persons.

ARTICLE IX

Persons alleged to be responsible for the acts constituting the offense of forced disappearance of persons may be tried only in the competent jurisdictions of ordinary law in each state, to the exclusion of all other special jurisdictions, particularly military jurisdictions.

The acts constituting forced disappearance shall not be deemed to have been committed in the course of military duties.

Privileges, immunities, or special dispensations shall not be admitted in such trials, without prejudice to the provisions set forth in the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations.

ARTICLE X

In no case may exceptional circumstances such as a state of war, the threat of war, internal political instability, or any other public emergency be invoked to justify the forced disappearance of persons. In such cases, the right to expeditious and effective judicial procedures and recourse shall be retained as a means of determining the whereabouts or state of health of a person who has been deprived of freedom, or of identifying the official who ordered or carried out such deprivation of freedom.

In pursuing such procedures or recourse, and in keeping with applicable domestic law, the competent judicial authorities shall have free and immediate access to all detention centers and to each of their units, and to all places where there is reason to believe the disappeared person might be found, including places that are subject to military jurisdiction.
ARTICLE XI

Every person deprived of liberty shall be held in an officially recognized place of detention and be brought before a competent judicial authority without delay, in accordance with applicable domestic law.

The States Parties shall establish and maintain official up-to-date registries of their detainees and, in accordance with their domestic law, shall make them available to relatives, judges, attorneys, any other person having a legitimate interest, and other authorities.

ARTICLE XII

The States Parties shall give each other mutual assistance in the search for, identification, location, and return of minors who have been removed to another state or detained therein as a consequence of the forced disappearance of their parents or guardians.

ARTICLE XIII

For the purposes of this Convention, the processing of petitions or communications presented to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights alleging the forced disappearance of persons shall be subject to the procedures established in the American Convention on Human Rights and to the Statute and Regulations of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and to the Statute and Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, including the provisions on precautionary measures.

ARTICLE XIV

Without prejudice to the provisions of the preceding article, when the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights receives a petition or communication regarding an alleged forced disappearance, its Executive Secretariat shall urgently and confidentially address the respective government, and shall request that government to provide as soon as possible information as to the whereabouts of the allegedly disappeared person together with any other information it considers pertinent, and such request shall be without prejudice as to the admissibility of the petition.

ARTICLE XV

None of the provisions of this Convention shall be interpreted as limiting other bilateral or multilateral treaties or other agreements signed by the Parties.

This Convention shall not apply to the international armed conflicts governed by the 1949 Geneva Conventions and their Protocols, concerning protection of wounded, sick, and shipwrecked members of the armed forces; and prisoners of war and civilians in time of war.
ARTICLE XVI

This Convention is open for signature by the member states of the Organization of American States.

ARTICLE XVII

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

ARTICLE XVIII

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

ARTICLE XIX

The states may express reservations with respect to this Convention when adopting, signing, ratifying or acceding to it, unless such reservations are incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention and as long as they refer to one or more specific provisions.

ARTICLE XX

This Convention shall enter into force for the ratifying states on the thirtieth day from the date of deposit of the second instrument of ratification.

For each state ratifying or acceding to the Convention after the second instrument of ratification has been deposited, the Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day from the date on which that state deposited its instrument of ratification or accession.

ARTICLE XXI

This Convention shall remain in force indefinitely, but may be denounced by any State Party. The instrument of denunciation shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States. The Convention shall cease to be in effect for the denouncing state and shall remain in force for the other States Parties one year from the date of deposit of the instrument of denunciation.
ARTICLE XXII

The original instrument of this Convention, the Spanish, English, Portuguese, and French texts of which are equally authentic, shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, which shall forward certified copies thereof to the United Nations Secretariat, for registration and publication, in accordance with Article 102 of the Charter of the United Nations. The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States shall notify member states of the Organization and states acceding to the Convention of the signatures and deposit of instruments of ratification, accession or denunciation, as well as of any reservations that may be expressed.
AG/RES. 1257 (XXIV-O/94)

INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT, AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN
"Convention of Belém do Pará"

(Resolution adopted at the seventh plenary session, held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING that recognition of and full respect for all rights of women is an essential condition for their development as individuals and for the creation of a more just, united, and peaceful society;

CONCERNED that the violence affecting many women in the Americas is a situation that is widespread, without distinction as to race, class, religion, age, or any other factor;

CONVINCED of its historic responsibility to confront this situation in order to find positive solutions;

CONVINCED of the need to provide the inter-American system with an international instrument that will help resolve the problem of violence against women;

RECALLING the conclusions and recommendations of the Inter-American Consultation on Women and Violence, held in 1990, and the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, adopted by the Twenty-fifth Assembly of Delegates of the Inter-American Commission of Women;

ALSO RECALLING resolution AG/RES. 1128 (XXI-O/91), "Protection of Women against Violence";

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the broad consultation process carried out by the Inter-American Commission of Women since 1990 to study and draft an inter-American convention on women and violence; and

HAVING SEEN the results achieved by the Sixth Special Assembly of Delegates of the Commission,

RESOLVES:

To adopt the following Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, "Convention of Belém do Pará":

...
INTER-AMERICAN CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION, PUNISHMENT, AND ERADICATION OF VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

THE STATES PARTIES TO THIS CONVENTION,

RECOGNIZING that full respect for human rights has been enshrined in the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and reaffirmed in other international and regional instruments;

AFFIRMING that violence against women constitutes a violation of their human rights and fundamental freedoms, and impairs or nullifies the observance, enjoyment and exercise of such rights and freedoms;

CONCERNED that violence against women is an offense against human dignity and a manifestation of the historically unequal power relations between women and men;

RECALLING the Declaration on the Elimination of Violence against Women, adopted by the Twenty-fifth Assembly of Delegates of the Inter-American Commission of Women, and affirming that violence against women pervades every sector of society regardless of class, race or ethnic group, income, culture, level of education, age or religion and strikes at its very foundations;

CONVINCED that the elimination of violence against women is essential for their individual and social development and their full and equal participation in all walks of life; and

Convinced that the adoption of a convention on the prevention, punishment and eradication of all forms of violence against women within the framework of the Organization of American States is a positive contribution to protecting the rights of women and eliminating violence against them,

Have agreed to the following:
CHAPTER I
DEFINITION AND SCOPE OF APPLICATION

Article 1
For the purposes of this Convention, violence against women shall be understood as any act or conduct, based on gender, which causes death or physical, sexual or psychological harm or suffering to women, whether in the public or the private sphere.

Article 2
Violence against women shall be understood to include physical, sexual and psychological violence:

a. that occurs within the family or domestic unit or within any other interpersonal relationship, whether or not the perpetrator shares or has shared the same residence with the woman, including, among others, rape, battery and sexual abuse;

b. that occurs in the community and is perpetrated by any person, including, among others, rape, sexual abuse, torture, trafficking in persons, forced prostitution, kidnapping and sexual harassment in the workplace, as well as in educational institutions, health facilities or any other place; and

c. that is perpetrated or condoned by the state or its agents regardless of where it occurs.

CHAPTER II
RIGHTS PROTECTED

Article 3
Every woman has the right to be free from violence in both the public and private spheres.

Article 4
Every woman has the right to the recognition, enjoyment, exercise and protection of all human rights and freedoms embodied in regional and international human rights instruments. These rights include, among others:
a. The right to have her life respected;
b. The right to have her physical, mental and moral integrity respected;
c. The right to personal liberty and security;
d. The right not to be subjected to torture;
e. The right to have the inherent dignity of her person respected and her family protected;
f. The right to equal protection before the law and of the law;
g. The right to simple and prompt recourse to a competent court for protection against acts that violate her rights;
h. The right to associate freely;
i. The right of freedom to profess her religion and beliefs within the law; and
j. The right to have equal access to the public service of her country and to take part in the conduct of public affairs, including decision-making.

Article 5

Every woman is entitled to the free and full exercise of her civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights, and may rely on the full protection of those rights as embodied in regional and international instruments on human rights. The States Parties recognize that violence against women prevents and nullifies the exercise of these rights.

Article 6

The right of every woman to be free from violence includes, among others:

a. The right of women to be free from all forms of discrimination; and

b. The right of women to be valued and educated free of stereotyped patterns of behavior and social and cultural practices based on concepts of inferiority or subordination.
CHAPTER III
DUTIES OF THE STATES

Article 7

The States Parties condemn all forms of violence against women and agree to pursue, by all appropriate means and without delay, policies to prevent, punish and eradicate such violence and undertake to:

a. refrain from engaging in any act or practice of violence against women and to ensure that their authorities, officials, personnel, agents, and institutions act in conformity with this obligation;

b. apply due diligence to prevent, investigate and impose penalties for violence against women;

c. include in their domestic legislation penal, civil, administrative and any other type of provisions that may be needed to prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women and to adopt appropriate administrative measures where necessary;

d. adopt legal measures to require the perpetrator to refrain from harassing, intimidating or threatening the woman or using any method that harms or endangers her life or integrity, or damages her property;

e. take all appropriate measures, including legislative measures, to amend or repeal existing laws and regulations or to modify legal or customary practices which sustain the persistence and tolerance of violence against women;

f. establish fair and effective legal procedures for women who have been subjected to violence which include, among others, protective measures, a timely hearing and effective access to such procedures;

g. establish the necessary legal and administrative mechanisms to ensure that women subjected to violence have effective access to restitution, reparations or other just and effective remedies; and

h. adopt such legislative or other measures as may be necessary to give effect to this Convention.
Article 8

The States Parties agree to undertake progressively specific measures, including programs:

a. to promote awareness and observance of the right of women to be free from violence, and the right of women to have their human rights respected and protected;

b. to modify social and cultural patterns of conduct of men and women, including the development of formal and informal educational programs appropriate to every level of the educational process, to counteract prejudices, customs and all other practices which are based on the idea of the inferiority or superiority of either of the sexes or on the stereotyped roles for men and women which legitimize or exacerbate violence against women;

c. to promote the education and training of all those involved in the administration of justice, police and other law enforcement officers as well as other personnel responsible for implementing policies for the prevention, punishment and eradication of violence against women;

d. to provide appropriate specialized services for women who have been subjected to violence, through public and private sector agencies, including shelters, counseling services for all family members where appropriate, and care and custody of the affected children;

e. to promote and support governmental and private sector education designed to raise the awareness of the public with respect to the problems of and remedies for violence against women;

f. to provide women who are subjected to violence access to effective readjustment and training programs to enable them to fully participate in public, private and social life;

g. to encourage the communications media to develop appropriate media guidelines in order to contribute to the eradication of violence against women in all its forms, and to enhance respect for the dignity of women;

h. to ensure research and the gathering of statistics and other relevant information relating to the causes, consequences and frequency of violence against women, in order to assess the effectiveness of measures to prevent, punish and eradicate violence against women and to formulate and implement the necessary changes; and

i. to foster international cooperation for the exchange of ideas and experiences and the execution of programs aimed at protecting women who are subjected to violence.
Article 9

With respect to the adoption of the measures in this Chapter, the States Parties shall take special account of the vulnerability of women to violence by reason of, among others, their race or ethnic background or their status as migrants, refugees or displaced persons. Similar consideration shall be given to women subjected to violence while pregnant or who are disabled, of minor age, elderly, socioeconomically disadvantaged, affected by armed conflict or deprived of their freedom.

CHAPTER IV

INTER-AMERICAN MECHANISMS OF PROTECTION

Article 10

In order to protect the right of every woman to be free from violence, the States Parties shall include in their national reports to the Inter-American Commission of Women information on measures adopted to prevent and prohibit violence against women, and to assist women affected by violence, as well as on any difficulties they observe in applying those measures, and the factors that contribute to violence against women.

Article 11

The States Parties to this Convention and the Inter-American Commission of Women may request of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights advisory opinions on the interpretation of this Convention.

Article 12

Any person or group of persons, or any nongovernmental entity legally recognized in one or more member states of the Organization, may lodge petitions with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights containing denunciations or complaints of violations of Article 7 of this Convention by a State Party, and the Commission shall consider such claims in accordance with the norms and procedures established by the American Convention on Human Rights and the Statutes and Regulations of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for lodging and considering petitions.
Article 13

No part of this Convention shall be understood to restrict or limit the domestic law of any State Party that affords equal or greater protection and guarantees of the rights of women and appropriate safeguards to prevent and eradicate violence against women.

Article 14

No part of this Convention shall be understood to restrict or limit the American Convention on Human Rights or any other international convention on the subject that provides for equal or greater protection in this area.

Article 15

This Convention is open to signature by all the member states of the Organization of American States.

Article 16

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

Article 17

This Convention is open to accession by any other state. Instruments of accession shall be deposited with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

Article 18

Any state may, at the time of approval, signature, ratification, or accession, make reservations to this Convention provided that such reservations are:

a. not incompatible with the object and purpose of the Convention, and

b. not of a general nature and relate to one or more specific provisions.
Article 19

Any State Party may submit to the General Assembly, through the Inter-American Commission of Women, proposals for the amendment of this Convention.

Amendments shall enter into force for the states ratifying them on the date when two-thirds of the States Parties to this Convention have deposited their respective instruments of ratification. With respect to the other States Parties, the amendments shall enter into force on the dates on which they deposit their respective instruments of ratification.

Article 20

If a State Party has two or more territorial units in which the matters dealt with in this Convention are governed by different systems of law, it may, at the time of signature, ratification or accession, declare that this Convention shall extend to all its territorial units or to only one or more of them.

Such a declaration may be amended at any time by subsequent declarations, which shall expressly specify the territorial unit or units to which this Convention applies. Such subsequent declarations shall be transmitted to the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States, and shall enter into force thirty days after the date of their receipt.

Article 21

This Convention shall enter into force on the thirtieth day after the date of deposit of the second instrument of ratification. For each state that ratifies or accedes to the Convention after the second instrument of ratification is deposited, it shall enter into force thirty days after the date on which that state deposited its instrument of ratification or accession.

Article 22

The Secretary General shall inform all member states of the Organization of American States of the entry into force of this Convention.

Article 23

The Secretary General of the Organization of American States shall present an annual report to the member states of the Organization on the status of this Convention, including the signatures, deposits of instruments of ratification and accession, and declarations, and any reservations that may have been presented by the States Parties, accompanied by a report thereon if needed.
Article 24

This Convention shall remain in force indefinitely, but any of the States Parties may denounce it by depositing an instrument to that effect with the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States. One year after the date of deposit of the instrument of denunciation, this Convention shall cease to be in effect for the denouncing state but shall remain in force for the remaining States Parties.

Article 25

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 send a certified copy to the Secretariat of the United Nations for registration and publication in accordance with the provisions of Article 102 of the United Nations Charter.
AG/RES. 1258 (XXIV-O/94)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN ECONOMIC 
AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, 
held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations of the Permanent Council concerning the annual report of 
the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) (AG/doc.3082/94); and 

HAVING CONSIDERED the annual report of the Inter-American Economic and Social 
Council (CP/CRO-393/94); and 

CONSIDERING:

That the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) held its Twenty-eighth Annual 
Meeting on April 21 and 22, 1994, and, consequently, was unable to meet the statutory deadline laid 
down in Article 34 of the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council;

That the General Assembly, through resolution AG/RES. 939 (XVIII-O/88) "Dates for Future 
Sessions of the General Assembly" provided that the organs, agencies, and entities should plan their 
annual meetings and conferences in such a way as to ensure the greatest possible coordination of their 
decisions and activities within the inter-American system; and

That through resolution AG/RES. 1155 (XXII-O/92), the General Assembly reiterated the 
recommendation to the Inter-American Economic and Social Council to plan its annual meetings and 
conferences in such a way as to ensure the greatest possible coordination of its decisions and 
activities with those of the General Assembly at its regular sessions,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the annual report of the Inter-American Economic and Social Council 
   (CIES).

2. To urge the Inter-American Economic and Social Council (CIES) to plan its annual 
   meetings and conferences in such a way as to ensure the greatest possible coordination of its 
   decisions and activities with those of the regular sessions of the General Assembly, in response to 
   the repeated recommendations made by the General Assembly, to enable the Permanent Council to 
   fulfill the functions entrusted to it in Article 90.f of the Charter of the Organization.
AG/RES. 1259 (XXIV-O/94)

REGULATIONS OF CITEL

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations of the Permanent Council on the annual report of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL);

HAVING CONSIDERED the annual report of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) (CP/CRO-392/94); and

CONSIDERING:

That the General Assembly, through resolution AG/RES. 1224 (XXIII-O/93), established the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission and approved its Statute;

That in accordance with Article 33 of its Statute, the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) is governed by its Statute, its Regulations, and the resolutions of the General Assembly;

That the first Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission, held from February 21 to 25, 1994, in Uruguay, in accordance with Article 5.f of its Statute, approved its Regulations; and

That in pursuance of Article 35 of the Statute, CITEL is required to submit its Regulations, together with its first Annual Report, to the General Assembly of the Organization of American States,

RESOLVES:

To take note of the annual report and the Regulations of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission (CITEL) attached hereto.
CHAPTER I
NATURE, ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP

Nature
Article 1

CITEL is governed by its Statute and these Regulations. The Regulations complement the Statute which was approved by Resolution AG/RES. 1224 (XXIII-O/93), and serve to provide more specific rules for the operation, administration, and procedures of CITEL for the achievement of its purposes and objectives.

In case of conflict between the Statute and these Regulations, the Statute shall take precedence.

The technical autonomy of CITEL established pursuant to the Statute, includes:

a. The capacity and competence to freely program its activities within the scope of Article 1 of the Statute;
b. A direct technical relationship with the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (hereafter "the Organization") notwithstanding its obligation to submit its Annual Report of activities to the Permanent Council of the Organization, so that the Council has the opportunity to present its observations and recommendations to the General Assembly pursuant to Article 90(f) of the Charter of the Organization;
c. Direct contact with the Secretary General of the Organization for all administrative and budgetary matters;
d. Competence to establish relations with other international organizations that participate in the development of telecommunications throughout the American States; and
e. Participation in the planning of technical assistance to CITEL members.

Organization
Article 2

CITEL fulfills its objectives through the following organs: the CITEL Assembly, the Permanent Executive Committee (COM/CITEL), the Permanent Consultative Committees, and the Secretariat. The organs shall include such committees, sub-committees, working groups and ad hoc groups as may be established in accordance with these Regulations.

Applications for Membership
Article 3

Any American State which is not a member of the Organization, must submit its membership request to the Secretary General, who shall transmit it to COM/CITEL for study and recommendation before it is considered by the CITEL Assembly and the General Assembly of the Organization.
Liaison

Article 4

Each Member State shall notify the Executive Secretary of CITEL, in writing, within thirty days of the termination of the Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly, the name of the institution and the person within the institution that will serve as the official liaison between CITEL and that Member State with respect to telecommunications. The person appointed shall serve as the official to whom and from whom, official correspondence shall be addressed and exchanged, including all notices, contributions to meetings, reports of meetings, and accreditation letters.

CHAPTER II
CITEL ASSEMBLY

A. MEETINGS

Regular Meetings

Article 5

CITEL shall endeavor to schedule the Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly, held every four years, during the first quarter of the year. The Regular Meetings shall be numbered consecutively.

Principle of Rotation

Article 6

In the application of the principle of rotation in selecting the country where a Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly is to take place, it is understood that the Regular Meeting shall not be held in the territory of a Member State if another Member State in which fewer meetings have been held should offer its territory for this purpose. Recognized regional affinities shall also be considered when applying the principle of rotation, e.g. North America, Central America, Andean, Caribbean Region, or other distinguishable regional affinities.

Special Meetings

Article 7

In special circumstances, at the initiative of the General Assembly of the Organization, on the recommendation of any Council of the Organization, or at the initiative of COM/CITEL, the CITEL Assembly may hold a Special Meeting to consider specific matters, if those matters are of such importance as to preclude waiting for the next Regular Meeting of the Assembly. COM/CITEL will convene and set the date and place for such Special Meeting, subject to available funding.
Alternative Site for the Meetings

Article 8

If for any reason a Regular or Special Meeting of the CITEL Assembly cannot be held in a selected country, it shall be held at the General Secretariat of the Organization, unless one of the Member States, with sufficient advance notice offers to host the Assembly, in which case COM/CITEL may agree to hold the meeting in that country.

Notice of Convocation of Meetings

Article 9

The Secretary General of the Organization, or by delegation, the CITEL Executive Secretary, shall transmit the notice of convocation of the CITEL Assembly Meeting and the invitations to the participants as soon as the country offering to host the Assembly confirms to the CITEL Secretariat the exact date, city and specific location for the meeting, and that it has available sufficient funds for that purpose. The country offering to host the Assembly shall provide this information to the Executive Secretary, no later than 60 days before the proposed date of the meeting.

B. PARTICIPANTS

Delegations

Article 10

Each head of delegation may delegate his duties to the alternate head, or if there is none, to any other member of his delegation. Each Member State shall endeavor to designate to its delegations representatives who are versed in telecommunications. Delegations shall have the right to participate with voice and vote, in all public and private meetings of the Assembly, including its committees, subcommittees, working groups and ad hoc groups, in accordance with these Regulations and any special Rules of Procedure adopted for such meetings.

Credentials

Article 11

Accreditation of the members of each delegation shall be made by the respective governments by means of written communications to the Executive Secretary, granting the delegates full powers to participate in the decisions on subjects included in the agenda of the sessions of the Assembly.

Order of Precedence

Article 12

At the informal session prior to the opening session of the Assembly, the delegations shall establish by lot an order of precedence to be used for the delegations’ location in the sessions room, in the voting process and in the use of the floor whenever the delegations are requested to give their opinions on some subject-matter. The host delegation shall not be included in the “by lot” procedure and shall hold last place in the order of precedence.
Permanent Observers to the Organization
Article 13

States that are Permanent Observers of the Organization shall enjoy the same status in the CITEL and any of its organs. They shall accredit their respective representatives to participate in the meetings of the CITEL Assembly, by means of a written communication addressed to the Executive Secretary.

The representatives of the Permanent Observers may attend the public sessions of the CITEL Assembly Meetings, and of its principal committees and, when invited by the corresponding presiding officer, the private sessions. With the permission of the presiding officer, Permanent Observers may speak at any meeting.

Observers from Organs of the OAS and from Inter-American intergovernmental regional organizations.
Article 14

Representatives of Inter-American specialized organizations and entities of the Organization, and Inter-American intergovernmental regional organizations may attend the CITEL Assembly as observers. With the permission of the presiding officer, those representatives may speak at the meeting or address the meeting in writing.

Observers from the United Nations
Article 15

Representatives of the United Nations and its specialized agencies may attend the Meetings of the CITEL Assembly as observers. With the permission of the presiding officer, they may speak at the meeting or address the meeting in writing.

Other Observers
Article 16

1. International and national organizations that are parties to agreements or arrangements establishing relations of cooperation with the Organization, its organs, organizations or agencies may also attend the CITEL Assembly, when such agreements or arrangements provide for the participation of observers, or in special cases, when COM/CITEL so decides.

2. Subject to COM/CITEL's approval, the following may send observers to the CITEL Assembly:

   a. American States that are not Members or Permanent Observers of the Organization who have asked to participate in the meeting.
   b. Non-American States that are Members of the United Nations or its specialized agencies who have asked to participate in the meeting.
c. International, regional, subregional and national agencies and organizations that are involved in telecommunications activities in the region who have asked to participate in the meeting.

The observers referred to in this Article may speak at the plenary session of the CITEL Assembly or at the sessions of its principal committees, only when invited to do so by the corresponding presiding officer, because of special interest or expertise in a specific topic of discussion. Alternatively, such observers may provide written statements on such topics when expressly authorized or requested to do so by the presiding officer.

Article 17

Any state or entity referred to in Article 16 that wishes to participate in a meeting of the CITEL Assembly as an observer, shall apply to attend, in writing, to the Chairman of COM/CITEL, at least 120 days before the anticipated opening of that meeting. The Chairman of COM/CITEL shall consult such applications with the members of COM/CITEL, and if they approve, the corresponding invitations shall be extended in accordance with Article 9.

Observer’s participation fee

Article 18

Distribution of documents of the meetings of the CITEL Assembly to the categories of observers identified in Articles 13, 14 and 15, shall be governed by the applicable principles, practices and rules of the Organization.

Distribution of documents of the meetings of the Assembly to the observers identified in Article 16, shall be conditioned upon payment of a fee to cover the administrative cost of that category of observer’s participation in the meeting. This fee called "a participation fee" shall be equivalent to 15% of the "contributory unit" corresponding to an Associate member.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, COM/CITEL may decide to exempt payment of the participation fee by any observer, covered by article 16, where CITEL is exempted from making similar payments to that observer, on the basis of reciprocity.

Guests

Article 19

Subject to COM/CITEL’s approval and in consultation with the government of the host country, any person or entity not covered in Article 16, that is a recognized authority or that has a particular interest in the field of telecommunications may attend the meetings of the CITEL Assembly as a guest. COM/CITEL will develop guidelines to determine qualifications for guests.

Article 20

Any person or entity that wishes to be invited to a CITEL Assembly Meeting as a guest, shall apply to the Chairman of COM/CITEL, in writing, not later than 120 days before the anticipated
opening of the CITEL Assembly Meeting. The Chairman of COM/CITEL shall consider the application with the members of COM/CITEL, and with their approval, the corresponding invitation shall be extended in accordance with Article 9, provided the government of the host country does not object to it.

**Article 21**

Guests may attend the plenary meetings and the meetings of the committees for the sole purpose of following the discussions. However, they may take part in committee discussions only if they are requested to do so by the Chairman of the Committee and there is no objection from any Member State present. Guests shall not receive copies of contributions, papers or reports of the proceedings, unless COM/CITEL decides to provide the documents to a guest when it approves an invitation.

**C. OFFICERS**

**Election of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen**

**Article 22**

The Assembly Chairman and both Vice-Chairmen shall be elected in the first plenary session, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Article 8 of the Statute. These officials will remain in office until the Assembly is adjourned.

**Duties of the Chairman of the CITEL Assembly.**

**Article 23**

The Assembly Chairman shall:

- Convoke plenary sessions;
- Establish the order of business of the sessions;
- Open and close the plenary sessions and direct their discussions;
- Grant the floor to the participants in the order in which they request it, giving precedence to representatives of the Member States when appropriate;
- Put the topics under discussion to a vote, and announce decisions taken;
- Rule on points of order being submitted to the Assembly for consideration;
- Establish the working committees, and
- Generally, ensure compliance with these Regulations.

When any speaker departs from the topic under discussion the Assembly Chairman may draw this to his attention. Likewise, during discussion of a topic, the Chairman may propose limitation of the time to be allowed to speakers, limitation of the number of times a participant may speak, closure of the list of speakers, or closure of discussion. He may also propose the suspension or adjournment of a session, or postponement of discussion of the matter under consideration.
Participation by the Assembly Chairman in Voting and Discussion

Article 24

The Assembly Chairman shall not participate from the chair in a substantive discussion, nor shall vote on any matter before the plenary sessions of the Assembly.

Duties of the Vice-Chairmen Acting as Chairman

Article 25

If the Chairman is absent from a session or from part of it, one of the Vice-Chairmen shall take his place, according to the order of precedence, and shall enjoy the same powers and duties as the Chairman.

Absence or Disability of the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen

Article 26

In the event of the absence or disability of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairmen of the CITEL Assembly, the Meeting shall be presided over by one of the Chairmen of the working committees, according to the order of numbering of those committees.

D. AGENDA

Agenda of the Regular Meetings

Article 27

COM/CITEL shall prepare a preliminary agenda for each Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly to be provided to the Member States for their consideration at least three months in advance of the anticipated opening of the Assembly.

In preparing the preliminary agenda, the COM/CITEL shall take into account the topics proposed by the governments of the Member States, those mandated by the General Assembly of the Organization, and may take into consideration those recommended by other organs of the Organization.

The Member States shall have thirty days to present their observations on the preliminary agenda to the Chairman of COM/CITEL. On the basis of these observations, COM/CITEL shall draw-up the agenda for the Assembly meeting.

The agenda so approved, may be amended or otherwise modified only during the Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly by a vote of two thirds of the participating Member States.

Agenda of Special Meetings

Article 28

The agenda of each Special Meeting of the CITEL Assembly shall be confined to the subject or subjects for which the Meeting was convoked. The procedures and time periods for the
preparation of the agenda of a Special Meeting shall be established in each case by COM/CITEL.

Reports and Proposals
Article 29

Generally, the CITEL Assembly shall consider two kinds of papers: reports and proposals. Reports shall be informative in nature, while proposals shall be submitted to the Assembly for its consideration. During an Assembly meeting, other forms of work or technical contributions may be solicited.

Article 30

Reports and proposals shall normally be presented to the Executive Secretary four months in advance of the date set for the opening of the CITEL Assembly, in order to permit their distribution to the Member States in the working languages, together with the report of COM/CITEL and the Secretariat. The Executive Secretary shall distribute these documents to the Member States by such means of communications that they are received not later than two months prior to the start of a meeting.

At the beginning of a meeting, the Assembly may establish a period of time in which additional proposals may be submitted to it for consideration.

E. SESSIONS

Informal Meeting of Heads of Delegations
Article 31

Prior to the inaugural session, the heads of delegations of the Member States or their alternates shall meet informally, upon being called together by the Chairman of COM/CITEL, to agree on the various aspects concerning the organization of the work of the CITEL Assembly.

First Plenary Session
Article 32

The first plenary session shall be held as soon as possible after the CITEL Assembly Meeting has been inaugurated. At that session, the CITEL Assembly shall elect its officers, and establish the committees referred to in Chapter II section F of these Regulations. Immediately thereafter the working committees shall be installed and their respective officers elected.

Adoption of Decisions
Article 33

The CITEL Assembly shall adopt its decisions in the form of resolutions, recommendations and declarations, at its plenary sessions. The Secretariat shall distribute those decisions immediately after their adoption.
Article 34

Decisions with financial repercussions for the Organization shall include an estimate of the corresponding cost.

Public and Private Sessions

Article 35

Plenary sessions and meetings of the working committees shall be public sessions. However, if the chairman so provides or any representative so requests, the meeting shall be private, and shall so continue unless the members participating in the meeting decide otherwise.

Private sessions may only be attended by the heads of delegations of the Member States, the members of the delegations designated by those heads, and such Secretariat personnel as the Chairman of the respective body may expressly authorize in each case.

Article 36

All decisions taken by the CITEL Assembly in a private plenary session shall be announced at a subsequent public plenary session.

Article 37

No plenary, committee, subcommittee, ad hoc group, or working group session shall be held unless the place and time have been announced to participants sufficiently in advance to permit them to attend.

F. COMMITTEES

Steering Committee

Article 38

The Steering Committee is made up of the Chairman of the CITEL Assembly, who shall preside over it, the two Vice-Chairmen, and the Chairmen of the working committees.

The Chairman of the CITEL Assembly shall convene the Steering Committee whenever he deems it desirable for the best performance of the work of the Assembly.

The task of the Steering Committee is to resolve any difficulties that may arise regarding the functioning of the CITEL Assembly and to suggest appropriate solutions to the committees or to a plenary session. For the effective operation of the CITEL Assembly, it shall coordinate the work of the working committees.
Committee on Credentials

Article 39

The Committee on Credentials is composed of the representatives of three member states elected at the first plenary session of the CITEL Assembly. The Committee shall elect its chairman.

The Committee on Credentials shall examine the credentials of the delegations and submit a report to the CITEL Assembly forthwith.

Style Committee

Article 40

The Style Committee is composed of the representatives of four member states elected at the first plenary session of the CITEL Assembly, each of which shall represent one of the four languages.

The Style Committee shall receive the drafts of resolutions and recommendations adopted by committees before they are submitted to a plenary session for its consideration, and shall introduce in them such style changes as it deems necessary. If the Style Committee notes that a draft suffers from defects of form that it can not correct, the it shall raise the question with the committee concerned, or at a plenary session of the Assembly.

Drafting Committee

Article 41

The Drafting Committee for the working sessions of the Plenary meetings and for the Final Report of the Assembly, shall be designated during the first Plenary Session and shall be composed of the first four delegates by order of precedence who volunteer. The Drafting Committee shall draft the minutes of the meeting of the informal session, of each Plenary session, of the inaugural and closing sessions, as well as the Final Report. The Committee shall present to each Plenary Session a draft report of all preceding sessions.

Working Committees

Article 42

The CITEL Assembly shall establish such working committees as it deems desirable for consideration of the various topics on the agenda.

A working committee is made up of the delegations of the Member States that advise the Chairman of the CITEL Assembly before the first working meeting of the committee, that they wish to take part in that committee.

The installation meeting of each working committee shall be held with the delegations that up to the time of the meeting, have expressed their desire to form part of it.
Each working committee shall elect a chairman, and may also elect a vice-chairman and a rapporteur.

Each working committee shall study the topics assigned to it by the CITEL Assembly and shall present to the plenary session a report on its discussions, the draft resolutions or proposals considered, and its recommendations.

Subcommittees and working groups
Article 43

Each working committee may establish such subcommittees and/or working or drafting groups, as it considers advisable. A working committee may also authorize its Chairman to appoint to the subcommittees or groups, members who reflect the different views that have been expressed on the matters which the subcommittee or group is to consider.

Each subcommittee may establish such working or drafting groups as it may consider necessary. The Chairman of each such group shall present to the body that established it, its conclusions or recommendations.

Delegations that are not members of a subcommittee, working group, or drafting group, shall have the right to participate in the meetings of these bodies with voice but without vote.

G. QUORUM

Article 44

For Plenary Sessions, the presence of more than half of the Member States shall constitute a quorum.

For the committees, subcommittees, and working groups of the CITEL Assembly, the presence of more than half of the members of the body concerned shall constitute a quorum.

H. DEBATES AND PROCEDURES

Proposals and Amendments
Article 45

Proposals and amendments must be presented in writing to the Secretariat not later than the day before the session at which they are to be discussed or submitted to a vote, so that they may be distributed to the delegations. However, if the body that is required to deal with the matter does not object, its Chairman may authorize discussion of a proposal or amendment that was not distributed in time.

The delegation that presents a proposal shall indicate the working committee that should study a proposal or amendment, unless the proposal is one that is required to be submitted to a plenary session for discussion. In case of doubt, the Chairman of the Assembly shall decide.
Withdrawal of Proposals
Article 46

A proposal or an amendment may be withdrawn by its proponent before it has been put to a vote. Any delegate may present again a proposal or amendment that has been withdrawn.

Reconsideration of Decisions
Article 47

Proposals concerning decisions that have already been taken may be reconsidered, if a request to do so is made prior to the adjournment of the session at which the proposal was voted upon, or at the session immediately following. In the case of a motion for reconsideration, the floor shall be granted to one speaker to second the motion and to two other speakers to oppose it, after which the motion shall be submitted to a vote. For approval of such a motion, the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the body concerned is required. When the motion for reconsideration has been approved, the discussion and vote on the substance of the matter shall be governed by the applicable provisions of these regulations.

Points of Order
Article 48

During the discussion of a matter, any delegation may raise a point of order, which shall be decided upon immediately by the Chairman. Any representative may appeal the decision of the Chairman, in which case the appeal shall be put to a vote. When raising a point of order, a representative may not speak on the substance of the matter under discussion.

Suspension of Discussion
Article 49

The Chairman or any representative may make a motion that discussion be suspended. Only two representatives may speak briefly in favor of such a motion and two against it, after which it shall be immediately put to a vote.

Closing Discussion
Article 50

Any representative may make a motion that discussion be closed when he considers that a topic has been discussed sufficiently. This motion may be opposed briefly by two representatives, after which it shall be declared approved if it receives the vote of two-thirds of the delegations present at the session. The Chairman may limit the time allowed to speakers under this Article.

Suspension or Adjournment of a Session
Article 51

During the discussion of any topic, a representative may make a motion that the session be suspended or adjourned. Such motions shall be put to a vote immediately, without discussion. The
Chairman may limit the length of the remarks of the representative who proposes suspension or adjournment of the session.

**Order of Procedural Motions**

**Article 52**

Except as provided in Article 48, the following motions shall have precedence over all other proposals or motions, in the order set forth below:

- a. Suspension of the session;
- b. Adjournment of the session;
- c. Suspension of discussion of the topic under consideration.
- d. Close of the debate of the topic under consideration.

**General Provisions for All the Deliberative Bodies of the CITEL Assembly Meeting**

**Article 53**

The general provisions relating to discussion contained in this chapter shall be applicable to the plenary sessions, and to the committees, subcommittees, and working groups of the CITEL Assembly.

**I. VOTING**

**Voting on Proposals**

**Article 54**

After debate is closed, and if the proposals presented are not approved by consensus, those proposals, together with any proposed amendments, shall be put to a vote. Proposals shall be voted upon in the order in which they are presented, unless the respective body decides to the contrary. After the chairman has announced the start of the voting, no representative may interrupt it, except for a point of order relating to the manner in which the voting is being conducted. The process of voting and vote-counting shall end when the chairman announces the result.

**Abstentions**

**Article 55**

For the purpose of establishing the necessary majority, abstentions shall be counted as votes cast.

**Ties**

**Article 56**

In the event of a tie, the proposal voted on shall be considered to have been rejected.
Repeat Vote
Article 57

Should any doubt arise as to the results of a vote, any delegation may request that the vote be repeated immediately. The new vote shall be limited to the same delegations that took part in the original vote.

Voting on Amendments
Article 58

A motion is considered an amendment to a proposal if it merely adds to, deletes from, or revises part of a proposal. A motion that would totally replace the original proposal, or that it is not directly related to it shall not be considered as an amendment.

Article 59

When an amendment to a proposal is presented, the amendment shall be voted on first. When two or more amendments to a proposal are made, the vote shall be taken first on the one that departs furthest from the original text. The other amendments shall be voted upon in like order. In case of doubt in this regard, they shall be voted upon in the order of their presentation.

Article 60

When the fact that one amendment has been adopted necessarily implies the exclusion of another, the latter amendment shall not be put to a vote. If one or more of the amendments are adopted, the complete proposal as amended shall be put to a vote.

Article 61

If any delegation so requests, a proposal or amendment shall be put to a vote by parts. If any delegation is opposed to that request, the body concerned shall decide whether the voting should be by parts. If the request for voting by parts is accepted, the various parts of the proposal or amendment that are accepted shall be voted upon as a whole. If all the operative parts of a proposal or amendment are rejected, it shall be deemed that it has been rejected entirely.

J. ELECTIONS

Article 62

In cases where only one Member State or one person is to be elected, if no candidate obtains the vote of an absolute majority of the participating Member States on the first ballot, a second, or if necessary a third ballot shall be taken, limited to the two candidates receiving the largest number of votes. If after the third ballot no candidate has obtained the required majority, the election shall be suspended for a period of up to twenty-four hours. When the election is resumed, up to two additional ballots shall be taken. If neither of the two candidates is elected, the balloting procedure established in this article shall be started again, with respect to the candidates who are presented.
Article 63

When two or more elected posts are to be filled at the same time and under the same conditions, the candidates obtaining the vote of an absolute majority on the first ballot shall be declared elected. If the number of candidates obtaining such majority is less than the number of persons or members to be elected, there shall be additional ballots to fill the remaining posts, the voting being limited to the candidates who have received the most votes on the previous ballot, in such a way that the number of candidates will not be more than twice the number of posts remaining to be filled.

Article 64

In case of a tie among two or more candidates or Member States, as the case may be, who have received at least the required majority, if the number of places to be filled is less than the number of candidates or Member States who have received the same number of votes, another ballot shall be taken. If the tie is not broken in this second ballot, the elections shall be decided by lot.

K. DOCUMENTS

Summary Minutes
Article 65

Summary minutes shall be kept of the open plenary sessions and of the open committee meetings of the CITEL Assembly. The Secretariat of CITEL shall distribute the summary minutes to the delegations as promptly as possible. The delegations shall present to the Secretariat, within twenty-four hours following the distribution of the summary minutes, any corrections of style they consider necessary. The minutes so corrected and the appendices shall be published as part of the official documentation of the CITEL Assembly. The appendices of the summary minutes shall contain the complete statement of a delegation if the delegation so requests.

Summary of the Activities
Article 66

After the termination of the Assembly Meeting, the Secretariat shall prepare and distribute the final report of the Assembly, containing a summary of the activities carried out by it, which shall include background information on the Assembly; the list of officers of the Assembly and of the Committees, Subcommittees, Working groups and ad hoc groups; the official list of participants; a brief summary of the sessions held, and the decisions adopted by the Assembly in their final form. This document shall be prepared in the four official languages. For this purpose, the Secretariat may request the advice of the delegations to the Permanent Council of the Organization that represent the countries where those languages are spoken, and of COM/CITEL.
Filing of Documents
Article 67

The Secretariat shall be the custodian of the official documents and files of the meetings of the Assembly. The Chairman of COM/CITEL shall keep in his possession copies of all these documents and files.

CHAPTER III
THE PERMANENT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (COM/CITEL)

Length of Term
Article 68

The Officers and members of COM/CITEL shall occupy their positions until the election of the new members at the next Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly.

Appointment of Representatives of COM/CITEL
Article 69

The institution designated to act on behalf of each Member State elected to COM/CITEL, shall appoint a principal representative and an alternate representative, both of them specialized in telecommunications matters, and the Member State may replace them as it deems advisable. The names of the representatives shall be communicated in writing to the Executive Secretary as they are appointed.

Functions
Article 70

The functions of COM/CITEL are set out in Article 17 of the Statute.

Work Program
Article 71

At each installation session, COM/CITEL shall prepare its work program for the intervening period until its next meeting, and shall set the date and place for its meetings. COM/CITEL may establish technical committees, sub-committees, working groups and ad hoc groups to perform its functions.

Duties of the Chairman
Article 72

The Chairman of COM/CITEL is an ex officio member of all committees of CITEL and shall have the following duties in addition to those identified in the Statute:
a. To preside provisionally over the Regular and Special Meetings of the CITEL Assembly until the Chairman of the Assembly is elected;

b. To represent CITEL before other organs of the Organization, the governmental telecommunications entities of the CITEL Members, and other organizations that participate in telecommunications development activities in the American States;

c. To see that the functions of COM/CITEL as provided in Article 17 of the Statute are performed;

d. In cooperation with the Executive Secretary, to draw up the agendas for the meetings of COM/CITEL, in consultation with the other members;

e. To speak for COM/CITEL to the Secretary General of the Organization, and to communicate to him the decisions that COM/CITEL has adopted;

f. To communicate through the Executive Secretary with the governments of the Member States of CITEL and institutions interested in the objectives of CITEL regarding matters relating to the functioning of CITEL;

g. To represent CITEL, when the COM/CITEL so authorizes him, at public functions and at meetings of international organizations, with authority to delegate this representation to another member of COM/CITEL;

h. Through the Executive Secretary of CITEL, to present to the Secretary General of the Organization an annual progress report on the activities of CITEL to comply with Article 90(f) of the Charter of the Organization.

i. With the assistance of the Executive Secretary, to make known and to coordinate on behalf of COM/CITEL, the work of the technical committees, and working groups established by COM/CITEL and see that it is carried out;

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

Order of Succession

Article 73

In the event of temporary or permanent impediment of the Chairman of COM/CITEL to serve, the Vice-Chairman shall replace him. In the event of impediment of both, the eldest of the Chairmen of the Permanent Consultative Committees shall exercise the duties of the Chairmanship until the next Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly.
Headquarters of COM/CITEL

Article 74

The Member State elected to preside over COM/CITEL shall organize and maintain during its term, at its sole expense, and under the exclusive responsibility of the Chairman, an office composed of a full-time assistant to the Chairman, and all necessary technical and administrative personnel. In addition, that Member State shall provide premises for the office and for meetings, as well as other suitable work facilities for the best possible performance of COM/CITEL’s duties and responsibilities. For all purposes, the office shall be responsible exclusively to the Chairman of COM/CITEL, and shall not be dependent upon the General Secretariat of the Organization.

The Chairman of COM/CITEL shall maintain close cooperative and working relations with the Executive Secretary for purposes of coordination and liaison, as well as for the best possible performance of the various tasks of COM/CITEL. The Chairman of COM/CITEL shall send copies of all official correspondence sent or received by him to the Executive Secretary.

Article 75

When COM/CITEL establishes a technical committee, subcommittee, a working group, or an ad hoc group, that committee, subcommittee or group shall have its headquarters in the country selected to preside over it. As in the case of the headquarters of COM/CITEL, the country concerned shall provide, at its expense, the staff and the necessary facilities for the performance of its functions.

Article 76

Rules governing COM/CITEL meetings, quorum, voting and travel expenses are as contained in Articles 18 to 21 of the Statute.

CHAPTER IV
PERMANENT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES (PCCs)

A. ORGANIZATION AND OFFICERS

Article 77

The CITEL Assembly shall establish the Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs) that it considers necessary to attain the objectives defined in Article 3 of the Statute together with specific terms of reference for each PCC. A PCC shall continue in force until such time as the CITEL Assembly itself, or COM/CITEL deems its functions and purpose to be concluded. The names of the PCCs are listed in Annex 1 of these Regulations.

Each PCC shall be presided over by a Chairman who shall be the representative appointed by the government of the host country for the PCC. The PCC may establish a position of Vice Chairman to assist the Chairman in the performance of his duties. The country from which a Vice
Chairman is appointed, may host an additional meeting of the PCC in a given year, and in such case, will be responsible for providing meeting sites, personnel, and administrative support for the meeting.

**Duties of the Chairman of a PCC**

**Article 78**

The Chairman of a PCC shall:

a. Convene through the Executive Secretary the PCC at least once a year and designate the place and date for the meeting;

b. Direct the work of the PCC, prepare the material for meetings, as well as studies, decisions, and draft resolutions, and send them to the Chairman of COM/CITEL for information and to the Executive Secretary for processing.

c. Report PCC work results, in writing, every six months, to the Executive Secretary and to the Chairman of COM/CITEL.

d. Report to the CITEL Assembly on matters within the competence of the PCC.

**Chairman’s Office**

**Article 79**

The Member State elected to preside over a PCC shall organize, and maintain at its sole expense, and under the exclusive responsibility of the Chairman, an office composed of the necessary technical and administrative personnel. For all purposes, this office shall be responsible exclusively to the Chairman of the PCC and shall not be dependent in any way upon the General Secretariat of the Organization.

**Working groups and ad hoc groups**

**Article 80**

Each PCC may establish working groups and *ad hoc* groups in accordance with Article 93. Those groups shall submit reports of their activities to the PCC.

**B. PARTICIPATION IN THE PCC**

**Members**

**Article 81**

Each CITEL Member State may appoint a representative who is a specialist in telecommunications to a PCC in accordance with the method set out in Article 4. A Member State may remove or replace its representative by notifying the Executive Secretary, in writing, of its decision to do so.
Associate Members

Article 82

1. Associate membership on a PCC is open to any recognized operating agency, scientific or industrial organization or financial or development institution related to the telecommunications industry that has a legal personality, (hereinafter entity), provided that the entity's associate membership is approved by the corresponding Member State of CITEL.

2. The expression "corresponding Member State of CITEL" means the country where the entity was incorporated or has its principal office.

3. Any request from the entity to become an Associate Member of a PCC shall be sent to the Executive Secretary, who shall, in turn, advise the corresponding Member State which is a member of that PCC, and request appropriate action within a three month period. The corresponding Member State shall be responsible for review and approval of applications to participate.

4. The criteria and procedure for sponsoring an entity as Associate Member is a matter to be determined by each corresponding Member State. Such written criteria and procedures shall be filed with the Executive Secretary.

5. Notification of any action on the request shall be provided by the Chairman of the respective PCC to the entity making the request.

6. Before the first session of COM/CITEL in a given year, the corresponding Member State shall notify the Chairman of COM/CITEL in writing of the names of the agencies and organizations it has approved for Associate membership in each PCC to that date.

7. A list of all entities granted associate membership in each PCC shall be compiled and maintained by the Executive Secretary. The Executive Secretary shall provide the Secretary General of the Organization, all Member States of CITEL and the Chairmen of the PCCs with a copy of the list.

8. An entity shall cease to be an Associate Member in the event that approval is withdrawn by the corresponding Member State.

Participation of Associate Members

Article 83

Associate Members of a PCC may fully participate in all the activities of that PCC with voice but without vote. They may present technical papers and receive the documents of that PCC.

When authorized in writing by a duly designated governmental representative of a Member State which is a Member of a PCC, an Associate Member may in that PCC and on behalf of and in representation of that State: (1) vote, (2) submit papers, and (3) propose to include topics on the PCC Agenda. The authorization should be communicated in writing to the Executive Secretary before the opening of the meeting.
Associate Membership Fee

Article 84

Associate Members shall share in the costs of operation of the PCC in which it participates by voluntarily choosing a contributory level. The contributory level shall be based upon a "unit" scale. The smallest share shall be "one" unit. The monetary value of the unit, stated in U.S. dollars, shall be set by the CITEL Assembly, and shall cover membership pro-rated for one calendar year.

Funds derived from associate membership fees shall be allocated to the budget of the corresponding PCC and used as directed by the respective PCC Chairman to defray expenses of PCC meetings.

Associate Members who pay their fees within 90 days of billing shall be deemed active associate members. Those who do not pay within this time shall be deemed passive associate members, and shall have their membership privileges suspended until such time as their accounts are paid up to date.

Any Associate Member may renounce membership in any PCC by written notification of such intention to the Executive Secretary. Such renunciation will become effective 90 days from the date of notification. In such a case membership fees will be prorated on a yearly basis.

In case of renunciation, Associate Members shall be liable for their fees up until the effective date of renunciation, and likewise, those who are up to date in their fees, shall be considered active associate members up until that same effective date.

Observers

Article 85

Observers in the categories set out in articles 13, 14, and 16 may participate as observers to the PCCs under the same conditions which these Regulations prescribe for their participation in the meetings of the CITEL Assembly.

C. MEETINGS

Article 86

Each PCC shall meet at least once a year at a time and place determined by its respective Chairman. The meetings of a PCC shall be conducted in accordance with the provisions of these Regulations in relation to the CITEL Assembly, to the extent that those provisions may be applied.

Papers, studies, decisions, and draft resolutions of a PCC which require consideration of the CITEL Assembly shall be submitted to COM/CITEL at least four months before a meeting of the CITEL Assembly is held.
A PCC may hold private sessions restricting participation solely to Members and Associate Members. However, on the basis of reciprocity, observer organizations may be invited by the Chairman of the PCC concerned to attend these private sessions.

**Decisions**

**Article 87**

In the absence of consensus in the deliberations of the PCCs, draft resolutions shall be adopted in accordance with the voting rules set out in Article 94.

The approval of any PCC resolution will require the affirmative vote of at least one-third of all CITEL Member States.

**CHAPTER V**

**THE SECRETARIAT**

**Article 88**

The Secretariat shall be composed of the Executive Secretary, appointed by the Secretary General of the Organization, in consultation with the members of COM/CITEL, and the professional and administrative staff that the Secretary General appoints in accordance with the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

**The Executive Secretary of CITEL**

**Article 89**

The Executive Secretary of CITEL shall be a person highly versed in the subject matter. The post of Executive Secretary of CITEL is a position of trust, regulated by the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States.

In addition to the functions established in the CITEL Statute, the Executive Secretary shall have the following duties:

a. To prepare the technical documents assigned to him by the organs of CITEL and the working documents for CITEL meetings;

b. To serve as Technical Secretary of the meetings of the CITEL Assembly and of COM/CITEL;

c. To see that the minutes, decisions, papers, and draft resolutions of all the organs of CITEL are in accordance with the provisions of the Charter of the Organization, the mandates of the General Assembly, the Statute of CITEL, and these Regulations;

d. To receive official correspondence relating to CITEL, to deal with it appropriately, and to handle communications regarding the work of the Secretariat, informing the
Secretary General of the Organization thereof. Copies of such correspondence shall be sent to the Chairman of COM/CITEL;

e. To carry out the decisions and tasks that the different organs of CITEL may request;

f. To cooperate with the Chairman of COM/CITEL in the preparation of the draft agenda for each CITEL Assembly Meeting, as well as in the preparation of the agenda for each COM/CITEL meeting;

g. To prepare documents, studies, and reports necessary for each CITEL Assembly and COM/CITEL meetings, taking into account the guidelines established in this regard by COM/CITEL;

h. Once COM/CITEL has decided upon the date and place for the regular and special meetings of the Assembly, to so inform the Member States immediately in writing;

i. To prepare notices of convocation for the meetings of all CITEL organs;

j. To cooperate with COM/CITEL in the preparation of the annual report of CITEL to be presented through the Secretary General to the Permanent Council of the Organization for its consideration;

k. To keep CITEL Member States permanently informed of technical activities in the field of telecommunications, in accordance with the instructions received from the Chairman of COM/CITEL and taking into account the information received by COM/CITEL;

l. To provide information on the resolutions and decisions of the CITEL Assembly on telecommunications matters to world or regional governmental or nongovernmental agencies specializing in telecommunications, for which purpose a periodic newsletter may be utilized;

m. To provide a periodic information service, with widespread coverage on the progress of telecommunications and their development in the American States;

n. To maintain custody of the files containing the official documentation of all the meetings of the CITEL organs;

o. To represent the Chairman of COM/CITEL at public or private functions and at meetings of international organizations, when the Chairman so decides;

p. After consultation with the Chairmen of the PCCs, to prepare and submit to COM/CITEL a biennial preliminary draft budget for the following two years taking into account the directions given by the previous CITEL Assembly Meeting. Also, to prepare for submission to COM/CITEL any adjustments to the second half of the biennial budget as may be required;
q. To supervise the staff of the CITEL Secretariat assuring the most effective use of personnel;

r. To prepare and distribute to Member States and Associate Members a publication containing the resolutions, recommendations, and declarations of the Assembly, COM/CITEL and the PCCs.

CHAPTER VI
GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. TRAVEL EXPENSES

Article 90

Travel expenses for staff members of the General Secretariat of the Organization attending any meeting of the CITEL organs, in order to be charged to CITEL’s budget, must be expressly provided for and approved in that budget.

B. WORKING METHODS OF CITEL

Schedule of meetings and agendas

Article 91

1. Meeting dates should be set well in advance.
   a. COM/CITEL shall set and distribute a calendar of proposed meetings for all CITEL organs, including specific dates and venue.
   b. The calendar of proposed meetings should be drawn up to minimize conflict with major activities of the ITU, and as appropriate, with regional meetings of related standards or development organizations.
   c. To the extent practicable, meetings of CITEL organs provided for in the Statute should be regularized. Additional meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the Chairmen.

2. Information about the calendar meetings and meeting notices should appear regularly in the “Newsletter”.

3. COM/CITEL shall prepare a draft preliminary agenda for each Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly one year in advance.

4. Chairmen of the PCCs, with the assistance of the Executive Secretary, shall send proposed agendas for the PCC meetings to all participants of the respective committees at least two months prior to the meeting.
Conduct of meetings and administrative support

Article 92

1. The Executive Secretary shall provide administrative support to prepare for, conduct, and followup on all the meetings of the CITEL Assembly, COM/CITEL and each of the PCCs in accordance with the budget and taking into account the level of support provided by the host country.

2. The Chairman’s reports and the technical contributions or proposals to be considered at each PCC Plenary meeting should be provided to all members and associate members at least one month prior to the meeting. Additional technical contributions may be submitted up to the date of the meeting at the discretion of the Chairman.

3. All documents for meetings of the CITEL Assembly and COM/CITEL are to be translated and distributed by the Secretariat to members in final reproducible form, if possible, in English and Spanish, at least two months prior to the meeting.

4. Members are encouraged to use facsimile and other modern means of communication to conduct business to the extent possible. This should be the normal way for working groups and ad hoc groups to work to minimize the number of meetings.

5. Seminars, ad hoc groups and working groups of each PCC should be scheduled in as much as possible, in conjunction with a relevant PCC Plenary meeting.

6. Members States or Associate Members who host seminars, ad hoc groups or working groups that meet independently of a regular PCC meeting, shall bear the costs of such meetings.

Working Procedures governing the activities of the PCCs

Article 93

1. The process that determines areas of priority interest among the participants involves holding seminars on topics of interests, and forming ad hoc groups to explore areas that may be subjects of permanent working groups. This process should be used at the PCC level.

2. Seminar and discussions on topics of interest should be held in conjunction with PPC meetings (preceding the PCC Plenary Meeting), at the establishment of any ad hoc groups or, if appropriate, any Working Groups on particular subjects.

3. Before any ad hoc group is created the scope of interest and terms of reference for such a group must be defined. A member of the PCC must be appointed to serve as Chairman, and at least two other members must commit to actively pursuing the mandate of such ad hoc group. Also, a Vice-Chairman could be appointed.

4. Ad hoc groups normally work for one or two years making periodic reports to the Chairman of the PCC. Upon recommendation of the ad hoc Group, the PCC may consider making the Group (and subject matter) a Working Group of the PCC.
5. A formal Working Group of a PCC will have a Chairman and one or more Vice Chairmen who shall be appointed by the PCC Chairman with at least 5 additional Administrations as members. All PCC members would be welcome to attend any meetings. However, only those that specifically register as members of the Working Group may be assured of getting working documents and they would be expected to be active in the work of the group.

6. A formal Working Group shall also have specific terms of reference with particular issues to be studied or questions to be addressed during a specific period of time (normally from 2 to 4 years).

7. The Working Group Chairman shall provide written reports on the progress of the work to the Chairman of the PCC at least 2 months prior to the PCC Plenary meeting each year. These reports are to be distributed to all members of the PCC by the Executive Secretary. Oral reports should be given at the PCC meetings by the Working Group chairmen.

8. Any proposed actions in the form of resolutions or recommendations from a Working Group to the PCC should be clearly identified and supported in the Working Group report. The report should state that the action being proposed has received approval from all the registered members of the Working Group who were active in the work.

9. The PCC Plenary shall adopt the Working Group recommendations or resolutions by consensus with at least one third of the members present; such actions may also be taken by correspondence provided that there are no negative responses.

10. The Statute and Regulations of CITEL allow each of the PCCs to change and adapt its work methods to most efficiently meet the needs of its members.

11. COM/CITEL shall routinely review the work programs of the PCCs and provide advice to the PCC chairmen regarding areas where there is overlap or redundancy and where more coordination among the PCCs is required. In this regard the chairmen of the PCCs should routinely coordinate to avoid duplication and to identify areas where formal cooperation between and among PCCs would be useful.

12. Additional study topics can also be addressed, but work is to be conducted by correspondence only. If a coordinator is appointed for a topic area, that person should assist in the distribution of working papers to the full PCC membership.

13. The Assembly may direct or choose to apply the above processes or any part thereof when they decide to instruct COM/CITEL to establish ad hoc or Working Groups.

C. VOTING RULES

Article 94

Where the Statute or these Regulations requires that a decision be taken and a consensus is not reached, there shall be a vote by secret ballot. The secret ballot rule may be suspended
temporarily on a case by case basis, provided that, before the secret vote is begun, a motion is made to suspend the rule, and an absolute majority of the participating member states approves that motion by a show of hands.

The Chairman may permit a delegate to explain his vote, either before or after the voting, and he may limit the time for such an explanation.

**D. RELATIONS WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

**Article 95**

With a view to maximizing cooperation and coordination in its activities and work, CITEL shall collaborate, through such agreements as it deems pertinent, with technical, governmental, nongovernmental and intergovernmental agencies engaged in activities similar to those contemplated in the objectives and functions of CITEL, set out in Article 3 of the Statute.

When the activities of CITEL are germane to the technical competence of an inter-American specialized organization, the subsidiary organs, agencies, and other entities of the inter-American System, CITEL shall request their cooperation in carrying out those activities.

**E. OTHER PROVISIONS**

**Entry into Force**

**Article 96**

These Regulations shall enter into force on the date of their approval by the CITEL Assembly and shall govern all meetings of all CITEL organs.

**Amendments to the Regulations**

**Article 97**

Proposals to amend these Regulations shall be submitted to the CITEL Assembly for adoption. Adoption of amendments shall be by an absolute majority of the participating Member States.

When COM/CITEL determines that an amendment is urgent, it may decide to apply that amendment provisionally pending final decision by the CITEL Assembly at its next Regular or Special meeting, in accordance with Article 17(g) of the Statute.

Amendments to these Regulations, once adopted by the CITEL Assembly, shall be presented to the General Assembly of the Organization at its next regular session for its information.

**Suspension of provisions from Chapter II**

**Article 98**

The provisions of Chapter II of these Regulations shall apply to all meetings of the CITEL Assembly. However, in exceptional circumstances, the Assembly may decide by a two-thirds
majority vote of the participating Member States to suspend temporarily any provision of Chapter II of these Regulations for the more efficient functioning of the Assembly. This suspension shall not contravene any provision of the Statute.

Unregulated matters
Article 99

Situations and matters not provided for in these Regulations shall be decided by COM/CITEL by an absolute majority vote of its members. Should COM/CITEL not be in session, they shall be dealt with provisionally by the Chairman, after consulting with the other members of the COM/CITEL, until COM/CITEL ratifies this decision at its next meeting. COM/CITEL shall report all decisions adopted under this Article, to the next Regular Meeting of the CITEL Assembly. No decision adopted under this Article can contradict the provisions of the CITEL Statute.
ANNEX

NAMES OF THE PCC

In reference to Article 77 of these regulations, CITEL has the following Permanent Consultative Committees (PCCs):

- Permanent Consultative Committee I: Public Telecommunication Services
- Permanent Consultative Committee II: Broadcasting
- Permanent Consultative Committee III: Radiocommunications
AG/RES. 1260 (XXIV-O/94)

PARTICIPATION OF CIES AND CIECC IN THE TRANSITION STAGE TO THE INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT (CIDI)

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

Resolution AG/RES. 1 (XIX-E/93) "Amendment of the Charter of the Organization of American States as Regards Technical Cooperation" (Protocol of Managua);

The General Policy Framework and Priorities: Partnership for Development [AG/RES. 1 (XX-E/94)] and the Mexico Commitment on a Partnership for Development and Struggle to Overcome Extreme Poverty [AG/DEC. 1 (XX-E/94)]; and

BEARING IN MIND:

Resolution CIECC/RES. 864/94 whereby CIECC mandated CEPCIECC to draft a proposal for adopting operating mechanisms and methods contributing to the successful start-up of the new system for a partnership for development, and instructed the inter-American committees "to determine possible contributions to the Strategic Plan to be formulated by the Inter-American Council for Integral Development";

Resolution CIES/RES. 484 (XXVIII-O/94) whereby CIES requested CEPCIES to identify, in consultation with all the appropriate bodies and the program areas associated with CIES, "all technical cooperation activities in the priority areas for CIDI, in order to develop recommendations for policies, programs and measures toward cooperation for integral development in the Economic and Social Area with a view to the formulation of the Strategic Plan";

The Report of the Permanent Council on the Strengthening of the OAS which recommends, inter alia, the establishment of a joint CEPCIES/CEPCIECC working group, until such time that CIDI is established, to draft proposals to facilitate adjustment of the tasks of the inter-American centers to the priorities agreed upon at the twentieth special session of the General Assembly;

The conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar to Evaluate and Reorient Horizontal Cooperation (CEPCIES/1827); and
CONSIDERING:

The advisability of studying and recommending measures toward reforming cooperation for development and ensuring the transition of CIES and CIECC to the new Inter-American Council for Integral Development, based on a comprehensive perspective,

RESOLVES:

1. To request that CEPCIES and CEPCIECC set up a joint working group as soon as possible to study and recommend measures needed in both Councils during the transition stage, until such time that CIDI has been established.

2. To instruct that joint working group to carry out the actions stipulated in:
   a. operative paragraph 4 of resolution CIECC/RES. 864/94, "CIECC Participation in Reforming Cooperation for Development";
   b. operative paragraph 3 of resolution CIES/RES. 484 (XXVIII-O/94), "Participation of CIES in the Reform of Cooperation for Development and the Preparation for the CIDI."

3. Also to direct that joint working group to consider:
   a. proposals whereby the work performed by the inter-American centers can be adjusted to incorporate the priorities specified in resolution AG/RES. 1 (XX-E/94) "General Policy Framework and Priorities: Partnership for Development";
   b. implementation of the conclusions and recommendations of the Seminar to Evaluate and Reorient Horizontal Cooperation, and the Declaration by the Caribbean countries at that seminar;
   c. any other action within the purview of CIES and CIECC that might help to launch the activities of CIDI.

4. To recommend that suitable coordination be established between the joint working group and the Permanent Council’s Working Group on the Strengthening of the OAS, and also with the Joint CEPCIES/CEPCIECC Working Group on the Development Problems of the Member States in the Caribbean Subregion.

5. To ask the joint working group to report on these matters to CIES at the latter’s high-level meeting this year and to CIECC at its next meeting, and to present a full report on its activities—accompanied by the observations of those Councils—through the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth regular session.
AG/RES. 1261 (XXIV-O/94)

ACTIVITIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN CENTERS AND THEIR ASSOCIATED PROJECTS

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on the Strengthening of the OAS (AG/doc.3093/94); and

CONSIDERING that by resolution AG/RES. 1234 (XXIII-O/93) it instructed the Permanent Council to continue the study on the activities of the inter-American centers and their associated projects, which had been requested in resolution AG/RES. 1154 (XXII-O/92), and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its twenty-fourth regular session,

RESOLVES:

1. To note the report on the Strengthening of the OAS submitted by the Permanent Council.

2. To note that the task entrusted to the Permanent Council in resolutions AG/RES. 1154 (XXII-O/92) and AG/RES. 1234 (XXIII-O/93) has been discharged.
AG/RES. 1262 (XXIV-O/94)

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

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the observations of the Permanent Council on the annual report of the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture (CIECC) (AG/doc.3082/94); and

CONSIDERING that the annual report of CIECC fully complies with the provisions of resolution AG/RES. 331 (VIII-O/78) and with the deadline established in Article 34.1 of the Rules of Procedure of the Permanent Council,

RESOLVES:

To note, endorse, and transmit to the Inter-American Council for Education, Science, and Culture the observations made by the Permanent Council regarding its annual report.
AG/RES. 1263 (XXIV-O/94)

HORIZONTAL COOPERATION

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN resolution CIES/RES. 482 (XXVIII-O/94) "Horizontal Cooperation"; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the results of the Seminar to Evaluate and Reorient Horizontal Cooperation in the Economic and Social Area,

RESOLVES:

To take due note of the conclusions and recommendations on the future of horizontal cooperation and the partnership for development contained in document CEP/CIES/1827/94 "Report of the Rapporteur of the Seminar to Evaluate and Reorient Horizontal Cooperation in the Economic and Social Area."
AG/RES. 1264 (XXIV-O/94)

SUPPORT OF CIDI AND CONVOCATION OF THE ELEVENTH INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE OF MINISTERS OF AGRICULTURE

(Resolution adopted at the eighth plenary session, held on June 9, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND that resolution AG/RES. 1 (XX-E/94) stated, when defining the specific sphere of action of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), that it should include a mechanism for coordination between CIDI and other institutions of the inter-American system responsible for cooperation activities;

CONSIDERING that among the priorities established by the General Assembly for the OAS, in general, and for CIDI, specifically, are, *inter alia*, the promotion of agricultural development, supporting education, encouraging the generation of productive employment, economic diversification, economic integration, trade liberalization and access to markets; scientific development and interchange and transfer of technology; rational use of natural resources and preservation of the environment;

REALIZING that the priorities, program guidelines and policies of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), as the specialized agency in the inter-American system for agricultural development, coincide with the priorities of the OAS and CIDI in the areas described above;

TAKING NOTE that IICA has requested the Secretary General of the OAS to convene the Eleventh Meeting of Ministers of Agriculture in accordance with resolution IICA/JIA/RES. 232 (VII-O/93), adopted at IICA’s Seventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Board of Agriculture and that this meeting will be financed by IICA and therefore will not imply expenditure by the Organization in accordance with Article 45 of the Rules of Procedure of the General Assembly;

RESOLVES:

1. To recommend to the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA) that it cooperate with the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) for the fulfillment of their common goals.

2. To support cooperative efforts between the OAS and IICA in carrying out joint development activities, including border development programs, and in coordinating human and financial resources to the extent possible for the Commitment on a Partnership for Development and Struggle to Overcome Extreme Poverty.

3. To authorize the Secretary General to convene the Eleventh Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Agriculture, during the third week of September, 1995.
AG/RES. 1265 (XXIV-O/94)

OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PERMANENT COUNCIL ON THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Observations and Recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights (AG/doc.3068/94) and the report the President of the Court presented to the Permanent Council; and

CONSIDERING:

That Article 53.f of the Charter of the Organization of American States vests in the General Assembly the power 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, agencies, and entities of the Organization;

That Article 65 of the American Convention on Human Rights provides that the Court shall submit, for consideration by the General Assembly of the Organization of American States, a report on its work during the previous year; and

That the Inter-American Court of Human Rights presented its annual report to the Permanent Council, which sent its observations and recommendations on the report to the General Assembly,

RESOLVES:

1. To welcome and transmit to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights the Permanent Council’s observations and recommendations on the annual report.

2. To thank the Government of Costa Rica for facilitating the acquisition by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights of the building it has occupied since June 1980 in San José, Costa Rica.

3. To urge the OAS member states that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the American Convention on Human Rights "Pact of San José," and to accept the compulsory jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

4. To provide the Inter-American Court of Human Rights with the support it needs to perform the high functions assigned to it in the American Convention on Human Rights.

5. To express to the Inter-American Court of Human Rights its recognition of the work done in its 15 years of operation, and to urge it to continue performing its important work.
6. To entrust the General Secretariat with the task of organizing, through its offices in the member states, seminars for publicizing the work being done by the Court and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in defending and promoting human rights.

7. To thank and congratulate Dr. Rafael Nieto Navia, President of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, on the occasion of his imminent retirement after 12 consecutive years of work, for his outstanding and brilliant performance in human rights advocacy in the Hemisphere.
AG/RES. 1266 (XXIV-O/94)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN JURIDICAL COMMITTEE

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Observations and Recommendations of the Permanent Council on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee (AG/doc.3077/94) and the presentation of that document by the Chairman of the Committee, Dr. José Luis Siqueiros; 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, inter alia, 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, agencies, 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 recommend to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that, in light of the growth in regional trade, it continue its study on the most appropriate mechanisms to facilitate international action by individuals and corporate entities, in accordance with its resolution CJI/RES.I-6/94.

3. To urge the Inter-American Juridical Committee, in accordance with its resolution CJI/RES.II-14/93, to retain on its agenda, in the manner it itself has suggested, the study of "Securities Markets: Standard Framework of the Principles Considered Essential to the Regulation of the Markets in the American Hemisphere."

4. To urge the Inter-American Juridical Committee to give high priority to its continuing study of all aspects of the legal dimension of integration and free trade agreements, in particular methods for settling disputes, pursuant to resolution CJI/RES.I-4/94, to encourage the Committee
to cooperate in these matters with the Special Committee on Trade, and to take note of its resolution CJI/RES.II-15/93 whereby it eliminates the topic "Legal Obstacles to Integration" from its agenda.

5. To request the Inter-American Juridical Committee, in accordance with its resolution CJI/RES.II-17/93, to continue its studies on improving the Administration of Justice in the Americas and to seek cooperation in this matter with governmental, intergovernmental and nongovernmental institutions working in this field.

6. To recommend to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that it retain study of the Right to Information on its agenda.

7. To urge the Inter-American Juridical Committee to continue its studies on Democracy in the Inter-American System, given that this is one of the basic topics on the Organization's agenda.

8. To recommend to the Permanent Council that if at all possible, it establish the scope and modalities of the cooperation it requests from the Inter-American Juridical Committee in carrying out tasks relating to Environmental Law.

9. To note, with satisfaction, the meeting the Inter-American Juridical Committee organized with legal advisors and consultants of ministries of foreign affairs of various OAS member states, and to encourage the Juridical Committee to continue to hold such meetings, with the support of the General Secretariat.

10. To reiterate the importance of the Course on International Law organized by the Inter-American Juridical Committee in collaboration with the General Secretariat.

11. To recommend to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that, in compliance with Article 32 of its Statutes and Article 108 of the OAS Charter, it continue, with the assistance of the General Secretariat, to coordinate its activities with the juridical activities carried out by international organizations at the regional and global levels, and particularly regional and subregional agencies for integration, the United Nations, the Hague Conference on Private International Law, and the International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT).

12. To take note of the agenda adopted by the Inter-American Juridical Committee for its next regular session.

13. To recognize the work of the Inter-American Juridical Committee in preparing various reports and drafts that served as a basis for the texts of the conventions adopted at the Fifth Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law, and to urge the Juridical Committee to continue to participate in the technical preparations for future inter-American specialized conferences on private international law.

14. To express its appreciation to the Inter-American Juridical Committee for the work accomplished during the period covered by its report and for its prompt attention to the requests of the Permanent Council, and to urge it to continue carrying out its important functions, taking into account the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council.
15. To urge the member states to continue to cooperate with and support the Inter-American Juridical Committee and to provide it with the resources it needs in order to better carry out its functions.
AG/RES. 1267 (XXIV-O/94)

LEGAL DEVELOPMENT OF INTEGRATION

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on Legal Obstacles to Integration (AG/doc.3088/94); and

CONSIDERING:

That integration among the countries of the Hemisphere is one of the objectives of the inter-American system, to which end the OAS Charter provides that the member states shall orient their efforts and take the necessary measures to accelerate the integration process;

That both the "Declaration of Asunción" and the "Santiago Commitment to Democracy and the Renewal of the Inter-American System," adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth and twenty-first regular sessions, respectively, reaffirm that objective and accord it special priority;

That, as stated in resolution AG/RES. 1209 (XXIII-O/93), adopted by the General Assembly in Managua in June 1993, integration is a means of creating new economic and social circumstances to help reduce extreme poverty suffered by broad sectors of the region's population and strengthen democracy in the Hemisphere; and

That the Organization of American States is promoting greater cooperation and linkage among the subregional and regional integration mechanisms and organizations, as well as with other institutions involved in the development of the American nations, and that for this purpose it has been conducting certain legal studies designed to enhance the major efforts being undertaken by those mechanisms, organizations, and institutions,

RESOLVES:


2. To recommend to the Permanent Council that it continue with the tasks entrusted to it in resolutions AG/RES. 1104 (XXI-O/91), AG/RES. 1163 (XXII-O/92), and AG/RES. 1209 (XXIII-O/93), and that, within the context of those resolutions, it identify legal areas that might be addressed by concrete projects carried out in cooperation with the regional and subregional integration institutions or with other institutions of the Hemisphere that share that inter-American goal.
3. Further, to recommend to the Permanent Council that it duly coordinate matters relating to the legal development of integration and activities being carried out by other organs and entities of the Organization in the area of economic integration, such as the Inter-American Juridical Committee and the Special Committee on Trade.

4. To urge those regional and subregional organizations for integration and institutions working in development in the Hemisphere that have not yet replied to the questionnaire sent to them (CP/doc.2353/93 of March 4, 1993) to do so at this time, so that the meeting referred to in operative paragraph 5 of resolution AG/RES. 1209 (XXIII-O/93) may be held.

5. To ask the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly on the implementation of this resolution at its next regular session.
AG/RES. 1268 (XXIV-O/94)

REITERATION OF THE REQUEST FOR COMMENTS
AND OBSERVATIONS ON THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT
TO ARTICLE 34 OF THE
AMERICAN CONVENTION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the note from the Permanent Mission of Nicaragua to the Organization of American States concerning resolution AG/RES. 1211 (XXIII-O/93) (AG/doc.3059/94); and

CONSIDERING:

That in that note the Government of Nicaragua stated that "to date only a few member states have offered their observations";

That the General Assembly, in resolution AG/RES. 1211 (XXIII-O/93), decided to ask the Secretary General to forward to all OAS member states the proposed amendment to the American Convention on Human Rights and to submit within a reasonable period of time their comments on the proposed amendment to Article 34 of that Convention;

That a number of member states have already presented their comments and observations on the matter to the Secretary General; and

That, given the importance of this topic, it would be advisable for a significant number of member states to submit their comments and observations on this matter,

RESOLVES:

To again ask those OAS member states that have not yet done so to forward to the Secretary General, within a reasonable period of time, their comments and observations on the proposed amendment to Article 34 of the American Convention on Human Rights.
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the annual report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights (CP/CAJP-940/94) and its special reports on the situation of human rights (CP/CAJP-941/94, CP/CAJP-942/94, and CP/CAJP-943/94), as well as the observations and recommendations made by the Permanent Council of the Organization regarding those reports (AG/doc.3078/94 and addenda);

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the presentation of those reports by the Chairman of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights; and

CONSIDERING:

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

That the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights was established by the Fifth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, held in Santiago, Chile, in 1959, and that its principal function is to promote the observance and protection of human rights and to serve as a consultative body of the Organization for such matters;

That the ideal of a free human being, unfettered by fear or poverty, can only be fulfilled if conditions are established which permit all individuals to enjoy their economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as their civil and political rights;

That international protection of human rights reinforces or complements the protection afforded by the domestic laws of member states, and is based upon the attributes of the human being;

That one of the aims of the Organization is to promote and consolidate representative democracy while respecting the principles of nonintervention and self-determination;

That the effective exercise of representative democracy is the best guarantee that human rights will be fully respected;

That the member states recognize the inextricable link between human rights, democracy, and development;
That special attention should be given to progressive improvement of the promotion and protection system established under the American Convention on Human Rights; and

That the United Nations has declared 1994 the International Year of the Family;

TAKING NOTE of the resolution on "Human Rights and Terrorism" adopted by the United Nations Commission on Human Rights during its fiftieth session;

RECALLING the outcome of the World Conference on Human Rights, held in Vienna in 1993; and

BEARING IN MIND that the position of High Commissioner for Human Rights has been established within the United Nations,

RESOLVES:


2. To receive and endorse the recommendations and observations which the Permanent Council presented for consideration by the General Assembly (AG/doc.3078/94 and addenda), and to transmit them, along with those contained in this resolution, to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

3. To take note of the comments and observations of the member state governments regarding the annual report, the special reports of the Commission, and the steps the governments are taking to strengthen the promotion, observance, and protection of human rights.

4. To take note of the progress made in the effective observance of human rights in the region, especially the steps being taken by member states to enhance the promotion, observance, and protection of human rights in their own countries; and at the same time to express concern over the continuing existence of serious human rights violations.

5. To call upon the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to continue giving special importance to the dialogue with member states in connection with the reports on the situation of human rights in the countries of the Hemisphere.

6. To reiterate the importance of applying the mechanism for reaching friendly settlements among the parties concerned within the framework of respect for human rights, in accordance with the provisions of the American Convention on Human Rights and the Statute and Regulations of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

7. To reaffirm that all human rights are universal, indivisible, interdependent, and interrelated; that, therefore, their promotion and protection in an equitable and global manner is the responsibility of all member states; and that, consequently, no right should be ignored under the pretext that full enjoyment of other rights has not been attained.
8. To urge the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to continue to pay special attention to the promotion of economic, social, and cultural rights.

9. To call upon the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to provide cooperation and assistance, within the framework of strengthening democratic systems, and at the request of the State concerned, in promoting and protecting human rights, in coordination with other organs, agencies, and entities of the inter-American system, where appropriate.

10. To urge those member states that have not yet done so to sign, ratify, or accede to, as appropriate, the various inter-American instruments for the promotion and protection of human rights and, when applicable, to accept the competence of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to receive and examine communications from states concerning other states in accordance with Article 45.1 of the American Convention on Human Rights, and to recognize as binding the jurisdiction of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.

11. To recall the importance for the inter-American human rights promotion and protection system of the advisory opinions and findings issued by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights, particularly for the interpretation and application of the American Convention on Human Rights, and to invite the parties to contentious proceedings before the Court to continue to abide by its decisions, as provided in Articles 67 and 68 of that Convention.

12. To emphasize that the incorporation of new rights and freedoms into the system envisioned in the American Convention on Human Rights, and any other amendment thereto, must conform to its Articles 31, 76, and 77.

13. To reiterate that it is important that the member state governments continue to extend the necessary guarantees to nongovernmental human rights organizations and their members, so that they may continue their activities in accordance with the constitution and laws of each country.

14. To urge the member states to take or continue taking, as applicable, the measures needed to guarantee the integrity, independence, and autonomy of their judiciaries.

15. To take note of the efforts made by the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in response to the serious human rights situation in Haiti, and to reiterate the need to place the Commission in a position to implement fully the recommendations issued by the ad hoc Meeting of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of resolutions MRE/RES. 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, and particularly on-site visits to that country.

16. To reaffirm that member states should take steps aimed at recognizing women’s rights, especially those designed to eliminate violence directed against women by virtue of their gender, and to urge member states to cooperate with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Commission of Women in this regard.

17. To reaffirm the importance of the issue of disability and human rights, and the fact that the full enjoyment and exercise of the basic rights of persons with disabilities should be ensured accordingly.
18. To reiterate the need to respect the principle of nondiscrimination and to safeguard the legal and social equality of persons carrying the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS); and to urge the member states to provide such persons with the appropriate treatment and to take the necessary educational and public health measures to prevent the spread of that disease and others like it while fully respecting the human rights of those afflicted.

19. To urge member states to guarantee protection of the human rights of migratory workers and their families, of groups of the population that are disenfranchised or minorities, and of victims of racial discrimination; and to urge them to bring about conditions that will foster greater harmony and tolerance between those groups and the rest of society.

20. To reiterate its appeal to member states to continue with and expand upon the appropriate measures to ensure observance of internationally recognized principles regarding the protection and humane treatment of refugees and those seeking asylum, and to reaffirm the need for member states to cooperate in the important work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

21. To emphasize the urgent need to strengthen mechanisms and programs for the defense and protection of children in the Hemisphere, and to call upon the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Children’s Institute to cooperate with the member states in this regard.

22. To urge member states that have not yet done so to comply with the request that they report to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights on the social, cultural, and economic situation in their respective countries.

23. To reiterate its most vehement condemnation of terrorism in any shape or form and by any agent, and to repudiate the grave consequences of such acts, which are designed to destroy human rights and fundamental freedoms; and to recommend that the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights continue providing information in the areas envisioned in paragraph (c) of resolution AG/RES. 1112 (XXI-O/91) under “Recommendations to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights,” for which it shall take into account, among other background information, that provided by the member states.

24. To express its deep sorrow regarding all the innocent victims of terrorism and of other indiscriminate and arbitrary acts of violence, which cannot, and should not be justified under any circumstance.

25. To express its support for and solidarity with those member states that are engaged in peace processes, while fully observing the provisions that guarantee the rule of law.

26. To reiterate its interest in a prompt conclusion of the drafting of a legal instrument dealing with the rights of indigenous peoples and communities.

27. To reiterate the recommendation to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights that in its annual report the Commission should provide an overall appraisal of how human rights
have fared in all member states, taking into account the information supplied by the member states, among other sources.

28. To reiterate the recommendation made to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in resolution AG/RES. 1112 (XXI-O/91) to continue to include in its annual report its activities to promote and extend the observance of human rights in the member states.

29. To ask the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to report, in accordance with Article 63.b of its Regulations, on action taken with regard to the Permanent Council’s observations and recommendations transmitted through the General Assembly.

30. To urge those member state governments that have not yet done so to incorporate the subject of human rights at the different levels of their educational systems, in accordance with their domestic law; and to recommend that dissemination of information about the various facets of human rights be made a priority objective of each state’s educational policy.

31. To recommend to the Inter-American Juridical Committee that it continue including conferences and seminars publicizing various aspects of human rights issues in its annual courses on international law.

32. To urge member states to continue to cooperate with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights as it conducts on-site visits, in keeping with applicable provisions, because of their importance for the protection and promotion of human rights.

33. To thank the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for the information provided on the outcome of the World Conference on Human Rights and its potential impact on the development and strengthening of human rights in the inter-American system.

34. To endorse the objectives proposed by the United Nations in observance of the International Year of the Family.

35. To welcome the establishment by the United Nations of the post of High Commissioner for Human Rights, and to urge member states and the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights to give the High Commissioner their fullest possible cooperation in carrying out his important tasks.

36. To recognize, on the thirty-fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, its important, arduous, and constant efforts to effectively protect and promote human rights in the Hemisphere.

37. To urge member states to continue supporting and collaborating with the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and to provide it with sufficient resources with which to properly carry out its work.

38. To reiterate the recommendation issued in the Program of Action for Strengthening the OAS in the Area of Human Rights [AG/RES. 1112 (XXI-O/91)] to the General Secretariat, the Permanent Council, and the Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly that, when preparing
the Organization's program-budget, they give priority to the allocation of sufficient resources to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
AG/RES. 1270 (XXIV-O/94)

RESPECT FOR INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

DEEPLY disturbed by the testing, production, sale, transfer, and use of certain conventional weapons which may be deemed to be excessively injurious or to have indiscriminate effects; and

CONSIDERING:

That violations of international humanitarian law are intolerable and warrant vigorous condemnation by the international community, as stated in the Declaration on the Protection of War Victims adopted at Geneva on September 1, 1993;

That the norms and fundamental principles of humanitarian law constitute universally recognized values that must be observed;

That the Organization’s member states should publicize humanitarian law in their respective countries;

That international solidarity to protect the victims of conflicts must be strengthened, and that the peaceful initiatives of the Organization of American States to prevent such conflicts or to ease tensions within the framework of the OAS Charter and international law must be supported; and

That all the of the Organization’s member states are parties to the four 1949 Geneva Conventions;

RECALLING the final report of the International Conference on Victims of War, held in Geneva from August 30 through September 1, 1993,

RESOLVES:

1. To urge all the member states that are parties to the 1949 Geneva Conventions but that have not yet signed its two 1977 Additional Protocols to the Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which may be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects (October 10, 1980) and the Convention on the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict (May 14, 1954), to consider doing so.

2. To urge all states that are already parties to Additional Protocol 1, and those which have not yet signed, but intend to do so, to consider the possibility of issuing the declaration set forth in its Article 90.
3. To urge all member states to do their utmost to guarantee the security of personnel engaged in humanitarian activities, so as to ensure protection and assistance for all victims without exception, in particular, by respecting the Red Cross emblem.

4. To recommend that the OAS Secretary General continue to cooperate with the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), in publicizing international humanitarian law and the work of the ICRC among member states of the Organization.
AG/RES. 1271 (XXIV-O/94)

NONDISCRIMINATION AND TOLERANCE

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

That Article 3.k of the Organization of American States Charter reads: "The American States proclaim the fundamental rights of the individual without distinction as to race, nationality, creed, or sex";

That Article II of the American Declaration of the Rights and Duties of Man provides that "[a]ll persons are equal before the law and have the rights and duties established in this Declaration, without distinction as to race, sex, language, creed or any other factor";

That on December 20, 1993 the United Nations General Assembly adopted resolution 48/128, entitled "The Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance," thereby reaffirming that freedom of thought, conscience, religion, and convictions is a human right which stems from the inherent dignity of the human being and which must be guaranteed to all persons without discrimination;

That despite recognition of the universal scope of human rights, acts of racial or religious discrimination, xenophobia, and intolerance continue to occur, thereby threatening the dignity, peaceful coexistence, and respect which should exist between individuals, groups, and nations; and

That racism and discrimination in their various forms undermine the principles and practices of democracy as a way of life and a form of government and unequivocally seek the destruction thereof;

RESOLVES:

1. To strongly condemn all forms of racism, racial or religious discrimination, xenophobia, and intolerance.

2. To declare that such conduct constitutes a violation of human rights, particularly those pertaining to racial equality and religious freedom.

3. To call on the various organs, agencies, and entities of the OAS to adopt timely and effective measures to foster tolerance and eliminate racist and discriminatory behavior.

4. To urge member states to strengthen their policies, programs, and measures to prevent and avoid all forms of racism, racial or religious discrimination, xenophobia, and intolerance.
AG/RES. 1272 (XXIV-O/94)

ENHANCEMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE IN THE AMERICAS

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND that one of the basic objectives of the Organization is the strengthening of the democratic system of government; and

CONSIDERING:

That one way of attaining that objective is to enhance the administration of justice; in terms of both training for magistrates and lawyers and support for the different national legal systems; and

That the Inter-American Juridical Committee has been conducting studies on the subject that provide a broad base for further study from a wider perspective,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Permanent Council to study the various ways of enhancing the administration of justice in the Americas and to present a preliminary report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth regular session.
AG/RES. 1273 (XXIV-O/94)

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

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

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/RES. 1214 (XXIII-O/93)]; and

CONSIDERING:

That through resolutions AG/RES. 774 (XV-O/85), AG/RES. 838 (XVI-O/86), AG/RES. 891 (XVII-O/87), AG/RES. 951 (XVIII-O/88), AG/RES. 1021 (XIX-O/89), AG/RES. 1039 (XX-O/90), AG/RES. 1040 (XX-O/90), AG/RES. 1103 (XXI-O/91), AG/RES. 1170 (XXII-O/92), and AG/RES. 1214 (XXIII-O/93), 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 the program of cooperation between the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Organization of American States (OAS) is an important endeavor towards the development of refugee rights in the region and the search for solutions to refugee problems;

That the magnitude and complexity of the present problems of refugees and displaced persons and the enormous difficulties involved in confronting refugee protection are still a cause for concern;

That the Special Envoy of the Secretaries General of the Organization of American States and the United Nations in Haiti continues to pursue efforts for the full restoration of democracy and, thus, end the political crisis in this country;

That the deteriorating human rights situation in Haiti and the exodus of Haitians seeking refuge in countries of the region warrant humanitarian concern;

That in recent years some countries have experienced a limited but steady number of persons seeking refuge and asylum who have been admitted in accordance with the fundamental principles of international law; and

That 1994 marks the Tenth Anniversary of the Adoption of the Declaration of Cartagena de Indias on Refugees, which contains certain principles for international protection of and assistance to refugees and has greatly contributed to promoting lasting solutions,
RESOLVES:

1. To renew its support for the continued cooperation between the Organization of American States and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in matters of mutual concern, recommending that future activities focus on analyzing the causes that give rise to movements of refugees and displaced persons as well as on identifying innovative solutions to these problems.

2. To emphasize the importance of international solidarity and cooperation and the need for all member states to cooperate with the UNHCR in search of lasting solutions to refugee problems.

3. To welcome the ratification by the governments of The Bahamas and Saint Vincent and the Grenadines of the 1951 Convention and the 1967 Protocol on the Status of Refugees, thus bringing to 25 the total number of States in the Americas party to these international instruments, and to urge member states that have not yet done so to ratify these instruments.

4. To reaffirm the support of member states for UNHCR’s efforts towards the reunification of refugee families as an integral part of its international protection and assistance functions.

5. To call on member states and the international community to cooperate with the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in dealing with the problem of Haitians who leave their country, at great risk to their lives, and to cooperate in processing such migrants for refugee status, to offer temporary protection, or to resettle those who qualify as refugees, in accordance with their domestic policy and pursuant to prevailing international norms.

6. To call upon member states to support and participate actively in the UNHCR initiative to commemorate the Tenth Anniversary of the 1984 Declaration of Cartagena de Indias on Refugees, so as to promote and strengthen, in accordance with their domestic law, the principles enshrined in said Declaration, which have been applied successfully in Latin America, notably within the context of the International Conference on Central American Refugees (CIREFCA).
AG/RES. 1274 (XXIV-0/94)

BUDGETARY PROCEDURES

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on Budgetary Procedures (AG/doc.3081/94); and

CONSIDERING that resolution AG/RES. 1232 (XXIII-O/93) instructed the Permanent Council to initiate, in coordination with the General Secretariat, a study on procedures that should be adopted for improved preparation, execution, and review of the program-budget of the Organization, to consider as well a study of financing mechanisms and procedures for the Organization, and to report to the twenty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly on progress achieved,

RESOLVES:


2. To extend the mandate given to the Permanent Council through resolution AG/RES. 1232 (XXIII-O/93) and ask it to make sure it receives the proper priority.
AG/RES. 1275 (XXIV-O/94)

MODIFICATION OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT'S STAFF COMPENSATION SYSTEM

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on a New System of Salary and Benefits for the Staff of the OAS General Secretariat (AG/doc.3094/94), and resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94), entitled "Modification of the General Secretariat's Staff Compensation System," adopted by the Permanent Council on May 24, 1994, together with the "Detailed Provisions on Conversion to the UN Common System," which is incorporated by reference into that resolution;

RECALLING:

That, under Article 53 of the OAS Charter, the General Assembly is the "supreme organ of the Organization" and, as stated in resolution AG/RES. 591 (XII-O/82), the General Assembly "has within its powers final authority over the general action and policy of the Organization, the budget of the Organization, and the general standards that should govern the operations of the General Secretariat" and "determining the general salary policy for the personnel of the General Secretariat of the Organization is the exclusive responsibility of the General Assembly under Article 52 [now Article 53] of the Charter"; and

That, by resolution AG/RES. 1230 (XXIII-O/93), "[t]aking into account the importance of the Comparative Study on Salary and Benefits as well as the Study on the 50% Regular Fund Budgetary Limit on Personnel Costs to ensure a thorough and complete consideration of the agreement of the Secretary General with the staff on a new system of salary and emoluments," the General Assembly authorized the Permanent Council "to continue the study of this matter with the objective of reaching a final decision as promptly as possible"; and

CONSIDERING:

That, pursuant to its mandate in resolution AG/RES. 1230, the Permanent Council, through its Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs, completed a study of the General Secretariat's staff compensation system in light of the compensation systems in force in similar organizations, and based on that study, the Permanent Council adopted resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94); and

That, under operative paragraph 6.b of resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94), implementation of the modifications contained therein is subject to "[a]doption by the General Assembly of the following measures: (i) a resolution ratifying this resolution and derogating all prior decisions of the General Assembly and the Permanent Council, as well as all corresponding administrative provisions,
which are inconsistent with the terms of this resolution; (ii) a resolution providing the necessary funds for implementing this resolution for the second year of the 1994-95 biennium in accordance with the 'Detailed Provisions on Conversion to the UN Common System'; and (iii) all other resolutions necessary for implementation of this resolution.

RESOLVES:

1. To ratify resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94), together with the "Detailed Provisions on Conversion to the UN Common System," and by this ratification, to adopt and confirm all the provisions contained therein.

2. To derogate, effective January 1, 1995, all prior decisions of the General Assembly and the Permanent Council, as well as all corresponding administrative provisions which are inconsistent with the terms of resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94); however, such derogation shall not take effect unless the corresponding conditions set out in that resolution are satisfied, and such derogation shall not be construed in any way that might permit any staff member to receive simultaneously the salary and benefits provided under the General Secretariat’s current compensation system and the salary and benefits provided under the compensation system as modified by resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94); nor shall such derogation be construed in a manner that might permit application of the modifications set out in resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94) that may be inconsistent with the terms and conditions set out in the "Detailed Provisions on Conversion to the UN Common System."

3. To instruct the Permanent Council to adopt, ad referendum to the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly, the necessary changes in the General Standards and all other regulatory provisions requiring General Assembly approval for the implementation of resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94); adoption of those provisions by the Permanent Council shall be construed as satisfying the requirements of Article 6.b(iii) of Resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94).

4. To recognize that this General Assembly has included within the program-budget resolution for the second year of the 1994-95 biennium the necessary funds for implementing resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94), subject to the terms and conditions in that program-budget resolution and in accordance with the "Detailed Provisions on Conversion to the UN Common System."

5. To reaffirm the supreme authority of the General Assembly in deciding all matters of general action and policy in the Organization, including the general standards, the budget, and the system of compensation (classification of posts, salaries, and benefits) pursuant to Article 53 of the Charter and pertinent resolutions interpreting this supreme authority in these matters [AG/RES. 591 (XII-O/82)].
6. To instruct the Secretary General to include resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94) and the "Detailed Provisions on Conversion to the UN Common System" as an appendix to this resolution for publication with all the resolutions of this twenty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly.
APPENDIX

CP/RES. 631 (989/94)

MODIFICATION OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT'S STAFF COMPENSATION SYSTEM

THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES,

CONSIDERING:

That the member states, the Secretary General, and the staff have expressed dissatisfaction with the present system of establishing salary and benefits for the staff of the General Secretariat;

That Article 53 of the OAS Charter establishes that the General Assembly is the "supreme organ of the Organization"; and Resolution AG/RES. 591 (XII-O/82) establishes that the General Assembly "has within its powers final authority over the general action and policy of the Organization, the budget of the Organization, and the general standards that should govern the operations of the General Secretariat . . . [and] determining the general salary policy for the personnel of the General Secretariat of the Organization is the exclusive responsibility of the General Assembly under Article 52 [now Article 53] of the Charter";

That Article 118 of the Charter authorizes the Secretary General to "fix [the] remuneration" of the staff of the General Secretariat "in accordance with such general standards and budgetary provisions as may be established by the General Assembly";

That by Resolution AG/RES. 1230 (XXIII-O/93), the General Assembly authorized the Permanent Council, "[t]aking into account the importance of the Comparative Study on Salary and Benefits as well as the Study of the 50% Regular Fund Budgetary Limit on Personnel Costs to ensure a thorough and complete consideration of the agreement of the Secretary General with the staff on a new system of salary and emoluments, . . . to continue the study of this matter with the objective of reaching a final decision as promptly as possible";

That the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs of the Permanent Council has studied the present salary system in detail for the purpose of complying with Resolution AG/RES. 1230;

That Article 125 of the OAS Charter states that "[i]n selecting the personnel of the General Secretariat, first consideration shall be given to efficiency, competence, and integrity; but at the same time, in the recruitment of personnel of all ranks, importance shall be given to the necessity of obtaining as wide a geographic representation as possible"; and that in order to satisfy increasing demands for professional services and compete equally with other international organizations recruiting in accordance with similar requirements from the same talent pool, it is in the best interest
of the Organization to implement and maintain in the General Secretariat a transparent, equitable, and just system of compensation;

That the United Nations has developed a comprehensive system of compensation, including classification standards and methods, salaries, and benefits ("the UN Common System"), which has been adopted in whole or in part by many international organizations;

That for computing the salary levels of its staff, the United Nations currently applies the Noblemaire principle, which uses as a basis the civil service salaries paid by an OAS member; and

That the Chairman of the Retirement and Pension Committee has advised that, in the opinion of that Committee, the Retirement and Pension Plan is solid, functions effectively and efficiently, and should not be changed,

RESOLVES:

1. To replace the General Secretariat's current salary system with the salary system of the United Nations as a general standard under Articles 53 and 118 of the OAS Charter.

2. To replace the General Secretariat's current benefit system with the benefit system established by the United Nations General Secretariat in a way that permits, if the staff of the OAS General Secretariat so desires, retention of the OAS retirement and pension system and adoption of the other UN benefits while preserving an overall equivalency in the value of benefits between the two systems.

3. To instruct the Secretary General to replace the classification standards and method of classification with those used by the United Nations.

4. To instruct the Secretary General to report to the Permanent Council on those measures which are necessary in order to institutionalize the OAS General Secretariat's participation in the UN Common System, including representation on the UN's Consultative Committee on Administrative Questions, so as to ensure that the compensation system of the OAS General Secretariat is consistent at all times with the United Nations Common System.

5. To instruct the Secretary General to revise the proposed program-budget for the second year of the 1994-95 biennium so as to include the funds necessary for implementation of this resolution, and to include the corresponding amounts in the proposed program-budgets for future years.

6. To implement this resolution effective January 1, 1995, subject to the following conditions, all of which must be met prior to implementation:

a. Notification by the Secretary General to the Permanent Council by November 30, 1994, of all potential liabilities in relation to: (1) the implementation of the salary policy for the staff of the General Secretariat as adopted by the General Assembly and put into effect by the Secretary General for the years 1983 through the end of 1994;
(2) compliance with Resolution AG/RES. 1230 (XXIII-0/93); and (3) the authority of the corresponding bodies of the Organization to adopt and implement the provisions set out in this resolution.

On the basis of the information provided by the Secretary General, the Permanent Council will decide, in view of, among other considerations, the inability of the member states to pay more for personnel costs than the amount estimated for implementation of those salaries and benefits described in this resolution: (1) to terminate without liability any or all obligations undertaken under this resolution; (2) to modify the terms and conditions for implementation of the increases in salary and benefits provided hereunder; or (3) to implement this resolution as provided herein.

b. Adoption by the General Assembly of the following measures: (i) a resolution ratifying this resolution and derogating all prior decisions of the General Assembly and the Permanent Council, as well as all corresponding administrative provisions, which are inconsistent with the terms of this resolution; (ii) a resolution providing the necessary funds for implementing this resolution for the second year of the 1994-95 biennium in accordance with the "Detailed Provisions on Conversion to the UN Common System"; and (iii) all other resolutions necessary for implementation of this resolution.

c. Certification by the Secretary General to the Permanent Council that the alignment of classifications and grades of posts within the General Secretariat to be implemented effective January 1, 1995, conforms to the classification standards and methods in force in the United Nations.

d. Presentation by the Secretary General to the Permanent Council of a study on staff benefits as further specified in the "Detailed Provisions on Conversion to the UN Common System" annexed hereto.

e. Presentation by the Secretary General to the Permanent Council of the results of a written staff referendum which demonstrates to the Council's satisfaction that a majority of the staff accepts the new salary, classification, and benefits system in accordance with the terms and conditions stated in the text of this resolution and with the "Detailed Provisions on Conversion to the UN Common System" annexed and incorporated as an integral part of this resolution.

7. To implement the foregoing provisions in accordance with the "Detailed Provisions on Conversion to the UN Common System," which are annexed hereto and incorporated into this resolution.
DETAILED PROVISIONS ON CONVERSION
TO THE UN COMMON SYSTEM

I. THE DESK AUDIT AND BENEFITS STUDIES

A. The Audit of GS/OAS Positions in Accordance with United Nations Classification Standards and Methods

There shall be an audit of all positions for the purpose of classifying them according to the United Nations classification system. The General Secretariat has already been authorized to undertake this study pursuant to the guidelines approved by the Permanent Council—consistent with UN classification standards. This study should be completed and presented to the Secretary General by November 30, 1994, and its findings implemented beginning January 1, 1995. To ensure availability of financial and human resources with which to conclude the audit study not later than November 30, 1994, the Secretary General is authorized immediately to spend the necessary funds, taking into consideration the amount of the estimate provided to the CAAP by the Assistant Secretary for Management when the terms of reference were approved, from available quota arrears to accomplish such an audit. The terms of reference approved by the Permanent Council for the audit of positions are hereby amended to include the requirement of a certification to the Secretary General, which in turn will permit him to certify to the Permanent Council that the alignment of classifications and grades of posts within the Secretariat to be implemented January 1, 1995, conforms to the classification standards and methods in force in the United Nations.

B. Implementation of United Nations Benefits

The Secretary General is requested to contract externally, using available payments of arrears, a detailed comparative study of the OAS Retirement and Pension Plan and that of the United Nations for the purpose of determining their relative value. The Terms of Reference for the study will be agreed to by the Secretary General and the Staff Association, with the participation of the Retirement and Pension Committee, and approved by the Permanent Council, by July 30, 1994. Any difference between the two plans will be used to effect a corresponding adjustment in other benefits available to GS/OAS Staff; however, in making that adjustment, reductions in all other UN benefits will be considered prior to consideration of any reductions in the UN dependency benefits. This study will be completed by October 30, 1994, and its findings reported to the Secretary General, who, following consultations with the Staff Association and the Permanent Council, will prepare a package of benefits having overall equivalency with those of the United Nations General Secretariat for implementation beginning January 1, 1995.

For budgetary purposes, the financial cost of parity with respect to 1995 benefits shall be determined by applying to estimated OAS salaries for that year the proportion between the financial amounts budgeted for salaries and benefits in the United Nations.

The amount resulting from the aforementioned computation will be the financial ceiling to which the member states are bound in 1995.
C. Reporting Requirements During Conduct of Studies

The Secretary General will present progress reports to all regular meetings of the Permanent Council on the audit and the comparative study mentioned in Section B; and will present a final report to the Permanent Council no later than the first week of December 1994.

II. EFFECTIVE TRANSITION DATE

The transition to the salary, benefits, and classification systems described in this document will be effective January 1, 1995, on the basis of the completion and implementation of the audit and the studies described in Part I above. That date is hereinafter referred to as the Effective Transition Date (the "ETD").

In the event that the salaries and the dependency benefits conferred under this resolution cannot be paid out beginning January 1, 1995, solely because of a delay in satisfying the condition set out in operative paragraph 6(c) of the resolution, the monies budgeted for payment of those salaries shall be deposited in a Special Fund to be used to pay those salaries to staff retroactive to January 1, 1995, once that condition is satisfied. In the event that the other benefits conferred under this resolution cannot be paid out beginning January 1, 1995, all current OAS General Secretariat benefits will remain in force during 1995 and until such time as the obstacles which prevented their replacement with those of the United Nations are eliminated. GS/OAS dependency allowances are exempted from this provision, since UN dependency benefits will be paid in conformity with the principle of maintaining full equivalency within total compensation.

Failure to implement the UN benefits system by the ETD for failure to complete the study required under paragraph 6(d), or for any other reason, will not delay implementation of the salary and classification system and the UN dependency benefits conferred under the resolution; nor will it create any right to retroactive payment of any difference between the value of the United Nations benefits and those of the GS/OAS.

III. TRANSITION TO UN SALARY SCALES: PLACEMENT OF STAFF AT THE CORRESPONDING LEVEL ON UN SCALES

Pursuant to the UN system, there shall be separate salary scales for professional and general services personnel. For professional personnel, there shall be two scales: one for personnel with primary dependents; and one for personnel without a primary dependent.

Salaries of professional personnel at GS/OAS headquarters will include the UN post adjustment for Washington; salaries for general services personnel at OAS headquarters will be based on the UN standard for Washington, D.C. Alignment of classifications, grades, and salaries of all personnel away from headquarters will conform to UN standards.

The transfer of GS/OAS staff members to the UN salary scale will proceed as follows: once the grade of the staff member in accordance with the UN classification system is determined under
the audit, the staff member will be placed in that grade. The step he occupies in that UN grade will be the step level that reflects the same number of years of service in grade which was reflected by his step level in the grade he occupied under the OAS classification system immediately prior to the January 1, 1995, Effective Transition Date ("ETD"). For those staff members who are at the last step of their grade in the GS/OAS system on December 31, 1994, and who on that date will have been frozen at that step for more than one year, the General Secretariat will count each year they were so frozen as a year of service in grade.

As a result of the transition, no staff member shall suffer a reduction in his December 31, 1994, basic salary or his OAS remuneration on that date—which, for a staff member at headquarters, equals the sum of his basic salary and COLA; and, for a staff member stationed away from headquarters, equals the sum of his basic salary and post adjustment. The protection against reductions in the sum of basic salary and post adjustment for staff members stationed away from headquarters shall not apply, however, to reductions in post adjustments which may occur under the UN system after the ETD due to changes other than an increase in UN basic salary.¹

As a result of the transition, no staff member shall suffer a reduction in his pensionable remuneration as of December 31, 1994.

IV. REVISION OF THE GENERAL STANDARDS AND STAFF RULES

The revisions necessary for bringing both the General Standards of the General Secretariat and the Staff Rules governing personnel matters into line with the UN Common System as it pertains to personnel matters and with other stipulations of this resolution will be completed and forwarded to the Permanent Council for approval no later than November 30, 1994. This Council decision will be implemented subject to final approval by the General Assembly in the second quarter of 1995. The General Secretariat is authorized to contract externally, using collections of quota arrears, for legal and support services, equipment, and supplies necessary for completion of those revisions in accordance with the terms of this paragraph.

¹. Thus, a headquarters staff member whose total basic salary and post adjustment under the UN salary system ("UN Remuneration") on the ETD for his grade and step is less than the total of his December 31, 1994, OAS remuneration ("OAS remuneration") will have his new remuneration under the UN Common System frozen at the level of his OAS remuneration until such time as the UN remuneration for his grade and step equals his OAS remuneration. Similarly, any staff member stationed away from headquarters whose UN remuneration for his grade and step on the ETD is less than the total of his OAS remuneration will have his new remuneration under the UN Common System frozen at the level of his OAS remuneration until the UN remuneration for his grade and step equals his OAS remuneration; however, the staff member's frozen OAS remuneration level may be reduced to reflect downward adjustments in the UN post adjustment for that staff member's duty station due to factors other than an increase in UN basic salary after the ETD. During the period in which a staff member's remuneration is frozen as a result of the transition, he shall receive no additional payments to reflect changes in his step level on the UN salary scales or to reflect increases in the cost of living at his duty station.
V. FUNDING FOR THE 1994-95 BIENNium

In presenting his proposal for a revised program-budget for the second year of the 1994-95 biennium, the Secretary General will include in his proposal up to US$9.0 million, the amount estimated for implementation of the new salary and benefits system based on the UN Common System in accordance with this resolution. In order to finance the appropriations corresponding to the second year of the 1994-95 biennium, the Secretary General will include all available miscellaneous income, including projections through December 31, 1995, as well as US$2.9 million of accrued interest on loans made to the Regular Fund from the Special Multilateral Funds in 1981 and 1982.

VI. SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE

A. Structure of the Secretariat: Distribution of Positions by Category, Type of Appointment, and Grade

1. The New Structure

In future years, there will be a reasonable distribution of positions in all grades within a new organizational structure to be approved by the General Assembly. The new structure of the General Secretariat will include staffing ceilings for each grade with the aim of providing for a staffing structure commensurate with the mission of the Organization and with due consideration given to the opportunity for career advancement.

The new organizational structure will be introduced no later than December 31, 1997. The Secretary General will present quarterly to the Permanent Council, no later than the end of the first month of each quarter, a tabulation of the grade structure of all OAS personnel by category (professional and general services) and type of appointment (career, contract, and trust).

2. Positions of Trust

In 1996, the Permanent Council will prepare recommendations on the number and percentage of trust positions within the General Secretariat for consideration by the General Assembly.

3. Directors of the Offices of the General Secretariat in the Member States

Before December 31, 1997, the Secretary General will adopt the necessary procedures to comply with UN practices governing the appointment and qualifications of staff members who serve as Directors of Offices of the General Secretariat in the Member States.

4. Locally Recruited Personnel

A new category, local professional personnel, will be established in keeping with UN practice and local labor practices. Inasmuch as they are not available for assignment outside the country of employment, neither locally hired general services staff nor local professional personnel will be
eligible for international career service status unless they fulfill the requirements set forth in the General Standards for such status and are assigned to posts outside their respective home countries.

B. The Fifty-percent Guideline

There shall be a balance between program and administrative costs in the regular budget of the Organization. The 50% guideline will remain as a desirable target, and account will be taken of specific funds.

C. Reporting to the Permanent Council on Developments in the UN Common System and Proposed Changes to the GS/OAS System and Future Audits

1. Reports to the Permanent Council on Changes in the UN Common System

Promptly after each semi-annual Meeting of the Consultative Committee Dealing with Administrative Questions ("CCAQ") concerning personnel matters, the Secretary General will report to the Permanent Council on all developments with respect to salary, benefits, and classification in the UN Common System. All proposed changes in compensation policies and practices—classification, salary, and benefits—must be reported promptly to the Permanent Council.

2. Future Audits

The Secretary General will include in the proposed program budget the necessary funds for an audit of classifications of all posts, which will be conducted at least once every four or six years and completed no later than six months prior to the Preparatory Committee’s review of the proposed budget for the subsequent biennium, in accordance to Article 34 of the General Standards.

D. Changes in the Staff Rules

Following adoption of the revised Staff Rules pursuant to Section IV of this document, the Secretary General shall inform the Permanent Council of any changes or modifications of the Staff Rules; and any such change or modification having budgetary implications shall enter into force only with the Permanent Council’s approval.

E. Funding of Salaries and Benefits

Beginning with the 1996-97 biennium, the Secretary General will prepare the annual program-budget for all personnel costs on the basis of the results of the audit of position classifications, as adjusted annually pursuant to the UN Common System, and in keeping with Article 34 of the General Standards. The proposed budgets will also include funds for cost-of-living adjustments for GS/OAS pensioners equivalent to adjustments made for regular personnel pursuant to the UN system, as of January 1, 1995. These adjustments will apply to the pensions of the Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General as well.
AG/RES. 1276 (XXIV-O/94)

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

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on the Evaluation of the Offices of the General Secretariat in the Member States (AG/doc.3084/94);

CONSIDERING that resolution AG/RES. 1174 (XXII-O/92) instructed the General Secretariat to present annual reports to the Permanent Council on the operation of its offices in the member states, including the respective budgets and the execution thereof, and requested the Permanent Council under Article 90.f of the Charter, to consider those reports and present to the General Assembly such observations and recommendations as it deemed necessary; and

BEARING IN MIND resolution AG/RES. 1231 (XXIII-O/93) extending the mandate given to the Permanent Council in resolution AG/RES. 1174 (XXII-O/92) to the twenty-fourth regular session,

RESOLVES:


2. To extend the mandate given to the Permanent Council through resolution AG/RES. 1174 (XXII-O/92) and to ask the Council to have the Working Group on Strengthening of the OAS study and recommend the necessary measures to the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 1277 (XXIV-O/94)


(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Program-Budget of the Organization for the 1994-95 biennium and the Proposed Adjustments to the 1995 Budget of the Regular Fund (AG/CP/Sub.AAP-310/94), presented by the Secretary General;

The CEPCIECC decision on the program-budget for the CIECC area for the 1994-95 biennium (CEPCIECC/doc.1151/93);

Resolution CIES/RES. 476 (XXVII-O/93) on the program-budget for the CIES area for the 1994-95 biennium;

The report of the Preparatory Committee on the proposed adjustments to the Program-Budget of the Organization for 1995;

The February 25, 1994 decision of the Permanent Council on the terms of reference for the audit of all posts in the General Secretariat of the Organization; and

Permanent Council resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94) on modification of the General Secretariat’s staff compensation system; and

CONSIDERING:

That, thus far, the following pledges have been received to finance during 1995 the corresponding portions of the 1994-95 Program-Budget: FEMCIECC: US$754,900; CEC: US$111,500; CMP: US$240,200; and

That, pursuant to Article 59.b of the Charter, the Preparatory Committee transmitted to the General Assembly a report with its recommendations on the proposed adjustments to the Program-Budget of the Organization for the year 1995 submitted by the Secretary General (AG/CP/Sub.AAP-310/94),
RESOLVES:

I. BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

1. To approve and authorize the Program-Budget of the Organization for the fiscal period starting January 1, 1995, through December 31, 1995, and the following budgets for the corresponding funds:

   a) Regular Fund                              US$ 83,952,900
   b) Special Development Assistance Fund (SDAF) 12,000,000
   c) Special Multilateral Fund of CIECC (FEMCIECC) 10,586,000
   d) Special Account for Culture (CEC)           972,000
   e) Mar del Plata Account (CMP)                 3,365,000

for a total appropriation of US$110,875,900, as shown in Table A.

2. To approve the specific levels of appropriation by chapter, program, and subprogram, presented by the Preparatory Committee in its review of the proposed adjustments to the 1995 budget of the Regular Fund submitted by the Secretary General (AG/CP/Sub.AAP-310/94) and reviewed by the Third Committee (Administrative and Budgetary Matters), with the recommendations, instructions, or mandates detailed below in each case:

   1995
   (US$1,000)

CHAPTER 1 - GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND OTHER ORGANS 11,156.0

10A General Assembly (twenty-fifth regular session) 342.3
10B Administrative Tribunal                         49.1
10D Board of External Auditors                     141.6
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2. To reiterate to the General Secretariat that, in accordance with AG/RES. 1154 (XXII-O/92), action is to be taken in the 1994-95 biennium, and to be fully in effect at the end of it, so that the salaries and wages of employees of inter-American centers who are nationals of the country in which a center is located are not financed with resources from any funds of the OAS.
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CHAPTER 6 - OFFICES OF THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT IN THE MEMBER STATES

60G Offices of the General Secretariat in the Member States 7,189.4

CHAPTER 7 - SECRETARIAT FOR LEGAL AFFAIRS 1,536.9

70A Office of the Assistant Secretary 694.3
70B Development and Codification of International Law 298.1
70C General Legal Services 411.2
70G Secretariat of the Administrative Tribunal 133.3

CHAPTER 8 - SECRETARIAT FOR MANAGEMENT 8,979.3

80M Office of the Assistant Secretary 227.7
80N Financial Services Department 1,854.7
80P Program-Budget Department 1,100.3
80Q Material Resources Department 2,532.6
80R Human Resources Department 1,374.9
80S Management Systems Office 1,151.8
80T Seed Fund 737.3

CHAPTER 9 - COMMON SERVICES 19,144.6

90A Representation Expenses 30.9
90B Central Computer Equipment 434.9
90C Equipment and Supplies 307.2
90D Building Management and Maintenance 5,329.3
90E Insurance 292.4
90G Recruitment and Transfers 270.7
90H Terminations and Repatriations 1,097.1
II. FINANCING OF THE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

1. To set the quotas with which the governments of the member states will finance the second year, 1995, of the part of the 1994-95 Program-Budget of the Organization corresponding to the Regular Fund, in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 1073 (XX-O/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 1995 budget of the Regular Fund with the quotas of the member states, estimated interest income and miscellaneous income, rental income from space in the General Secretariat Building, and the administrative and technical support contributions from the voluntary funds and the specific funds, shown under section III.B.2, General Provisions, and in section B of Table A.

3. To authorize funding for the voluntary funds’ portion of the Program-Budget of the Organization for 1995 as follows:

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4. SDAF appropriations for 1995

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

5. CIECC appropriations from voluntary funds for 1995

To instruct CEPCIECC to adjust, as soon as possible, appropriations to the level of available financing, in accordance with the criteria established in resolution AG/RES. 457 (IX-O/79).

To instruct the General Secretariat to provide the necessary funding, up to US$150,000, from the FEMCIECC Reserve Subfund, for the "Committee of Entrepreneurs on Innovation and Technology Transfer" project.

III. GENERAL PROVISIONS

A. BUDGETARY

1. Salary system

To approve the sum of up to US$9,000,000 for the implementation of the new compensation system, effective January 1, 1995, in accordance with Permanent Council resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94) and the detailed provisions attached thereto.

To instruct the General Secretariat not to transfer or obligate under any other object of expenditure, either in whole or in part, the amount of up to US$9,000,000 mentioned in the above paragraph and approved exclusively for the new compensation system.

Should the Permanent Council, in accordance with resolution CP/RES. 631 (989/94), decide that the new compensation system will not take effect during 1995, the sum of up to US$9,000,000 approved for that purpose will be available to finance the 1996-97 Program-Budget, in accordance with the resolution that the General Assembly approves on this matter.

Should implementation of the new compensation system in 1995 not require the full amount of the approved funds, any unused balance will be retained to finance the same purpose under the Program-Budget for 1996-97.

2. Personnel limits

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

b. To maintain as a desirable goal the 50% guideline for personnel costs under Object 1, including the specific funds.
c. To instruct the Secretary General to ensure that in executing the budget, transfers and reassignment of personnel should be carried out in such a manner as not to adversely affect the approved programs or to require the appointment of additional staff under the Regular Fund.

3. Transfers 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% of the total allocated to the chapter from which the funds are taken, or of 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 every six months of transfers made in accordance with this provision, and shall give appropriate justification.

4. Fellowships

To instruct the General Secretariat to undertake a study that covers all aspects of the Fellowship Program, including, insofar as possible, external sources of financing, and to submit the findings to the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly.

To instruct the General Secretariat not to transfer to or obligate amounts approved for fellowships under any other object of expenditure.

Fellowship Guidelines: The General Secretariat shall modify the guidelines and procedures for the fellowship program to reduce costs and optimize its resources thereby increasing the number of fellowships granted:

a. To recommend to the General Secretariat that it increase the number of fellowships awarded and to ensure equitable geographic distribution and the availability of programs in the four official languages so that nationals of all member states have reasonable access to fellowship programs.

b. To instruct the General Secretariat to consider the caliber and level of specialization of the universities and institutions of higher learning to which it will grant fellowships, taking especially into account relative costs. The programs offered shall reflect the training needs and the priority areas of interest as defined by the member states. Universities and institutions of higher learning in all member states shall be considered while at the same time seeking a better geographical distribution.
5. **Travel**

To reiterate to the General Secretariat that it shall pay the travel expenses of government officials from member states only when they are travelling on behalf of the Organization, in accordance with what the Permanent Council has stated in this regard at its meeting of September 22, 1993.

6. **Support in connection with unexpected political developments or mandates (30L)**

To authorize the General Secretariat to provide financial support of up to US$500,000 to this subprogram for the 1994-95 biennium, from unused appropriations from this biennium so that, via a special revolving fund, the Organization can respond immediately to mandates or unexpected political developments.

7. **Secondment of staff members to other international organizations or government entities**

Effective January 1, 1995, all staff members of the General Secretariat on secondment to other international organizations and government entities shall be reinstated at the General Secretariat.

Should the Secretary General decide as of this date, to allow a staff member to be on secondment at other international organizations or government entities, he shall agree previously with such entities that the General Secretariat must be reimbursed for the cost of salaries and benefits of the staff member as well as any other expenses incurred in relation to such secondment.

8. **Recruitment, terminations, and repatriations**

To reiterate to the General Secretariat the authorization to finance out of the Working Capital Subfund of the Regular Fund the sum of up to US$900,000 for each year of the biennium for the recruitment, termination, and repatriation of employees in positions of trust directly related to the change of administration. These funds shall be used solely for this purpose.

The General Secretariat shall present to the Permanent Council in 1995, a report on the use of these funds.

9. **Use of unobligated appropriations of the CIECC area as of December 31, 1993**

To ratify the authorization given by CEPCIECC to the General Secretariat to establish a mechanism that will allow for the use of balances on appropriations, as of December 31, 1993, corresponding to the 1992-93 biennium, for activities that were previously approved by CEPCIECC [RES. CEPCIECC-249/93 (XLV-O/93)], and therefore:
a. To extend the deadline to register obligations for FEMCIECC, CEC, and CMP from December 31, 1993, until March 31, 1994.

b. To decide that the unobligated appropriations from FEMCIECC, CEC, and CMP, as of March 31, 1994, will be applied to strengthen the 1994 programming of their respective Regional Programs, after deduction of the 10% assigned to the reserve subfunds of their respective accounts, and that CEPCIECC would be given responsibility for the programming of those resources. Likewise, the obligated funds not spent as of June 30, 1994, shall be used to strengthen the approved 1995 programming of their respective Regional Programs, after deduction of the 10% assigned to the reserve subfunds of their respective accounts and delegating the programming of those resources to the CEPCIECC.

c. Also to decide that the funds specified in the foregoing paragraphs should be allocated first to completing the financing of the projects included in the 1994 programming, should the funding available be less than the total programmed; second, to increasing the participation of each country in approved multinational projects and national activities, in the proportions indicated in resolution CIECC-771/88 (II.3.d), and in approved regional activities; and, last, to financing new activities or national projects related to the approved multinational projects.

10. **Resolution AG/RES. 1220 (XXIII-O/93), "Establishment of the Special Committee on Trade (CEC)"

To authorize the Permanent Council to study, with the support of the General Secretariat, the budgetary implications of the mandates given to the Special Committee on Trade (CEC) during its first meeting, held at the headquarters of the General Secretariat, May 16-18, 1994.

11. **Resolution AG/RES. 1217 (XXIII-O/93), "Education for Civic Participation and Democracy"

To recommend to the General Secretariat that, insofar as possible it provide economic and technical support to member states interested in incorporating education for democracy into the curricula at all levels and modalities of their education systems.

12. **Resolution AG/RES. 1227 (XXIII-O/93), "OAS Support for Development of Small Member States of the Caribbean"

To instruct CEPCIES and CEPCIECC to provide, from the reserve subfunds of FEMCIECC and SDAF, the necessary resources for compliance with the recommendations contained in documents CIES/4640 and CIECC/doc.1381/93 adopted by resolutions CIES/RES. 469 (XXVII-O/93) and
CIECC/RES. 847/93, including the costs of the VIII Joint CIES/CIECC Policy, Programming and Coordination Meeting for the Caribbean, to be held in Belize in 1995.

B. FINANCIAL

1. Payment of quotas and contributions

a. To reiterate that, in accordance with the provisions of Article 77 of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat, assessments to the Regular Fund are annual and are due on the first day of the corresponding financial year.

b. To remind member states that are not up-to-date in the payment of their assessments to the Regular Fund, as established in the preceding paragraph, that they must work out a payment schedule for their annual assessments with the Secretary General, during the first quarter of the respective financial year, in keeping with the financial obligations of the Organization.

c. To reiterate that the Secretary General must report, by April 30 each year, to the Permanent Council on the schedule of payments agreed upon for the corresponding fiscal year.

d. To terminate the mandate established in resolution AG/RES. 1137 (XXI-O/91) concerning the review of the impact of non-contribution by member states to the voluntary funds on delivery of technical assistance, and to request the Permanent Council’s Working Group on the Strengthening of the OAS to address this matter.

2. Contribution for technical supervision and administrative support from fiduciary and specific funds

To authorize the General Secretariat to obtain, beginning in 1995, for technical supervision and administrative support, a contribution equal to 10% of the total of the fiduciary and specific funds which it receives, which contribution is to be used as a source of financing for the Regular Fund budget.

The provisions of the foregoing paragraph shall not apply with respect to funds for humanitarian activities, such as FONDEM and the Special Emergency Fund for Haiti, or for activities arising from the application of resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-O/91) on representative democracy, pending the outcome of the study of this matter by the working group to study the financing of these activities.
3. Financing of *Américas* magazine in 1994-95

a. To provide that in order to augment the financial support for the magazine, the General Secretariat shall seek contributions from private organizations and institutions and acknowledge these contributions in the magazine in a way which is appropriate and consistent with the franking privilege accorded to the magazine.

b. To determine that the editorial policy of the magazine, as an official publication of the OAS, should give particular attention to promoting the activities of the Organization outlined in Article 116 of the Charter.

c. To authorize the use of all revenues generated from the sale of the magazine in 1994-95 to finance, to the extent possible, its operating expenses.

d. To instruct the General Secretariat to submit an annual report to the Permanent Council on the use of these revenues.

C. OTHERS

*CIES budget 1995 - Regular Fund - plurinational projects*

To decide that, as recommended by the Secretary General, funding for the plurinational projects on Cooperation in the Fight Against Critical Poverty and on Environmental Conservation should, after approval by CEPCIES, be met from the Regular Fund amount approved under Plurinational Projects and from the Reserve Subfund of the Special Development Assistance Fund (SDAF).
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QUOTAS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE VOLUNTARY FUNDS, 1995

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AG/RES. 1278 (XXIV-O/94)

JUDGMENT N° 124 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL OF THE OAS

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the note from the Secretary General on the decision of the Administrative Tribunal relating to Judgment N° 124 (AG/doc.3103/94); and

CONSIDERING that, according to Article 53 of the Charter, the General Assembly is the supreme organ of the Organization and has among its principal powers those of determining the general action and policy of the Organization, determining the structure and functions of its organs, approving the Program-Budget of the Organization, and fixing the quotas of the member states,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Secretary General to recommend to the Permanent Council of the OAS, before July 1, 1994, those measures of an administrative and budgetary nature which he considers relevant in order for the Council to act upon, no later than July 30 of the present year, the decisions referred to in Judgment N° 124 of the Administrative Tribunal of the Organization.
AG/RES. 1279 (XXIV-O/94)

STRENGTHENING OF THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL

(Resolution adopted at the ninth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING HEARD the report of the Chairman of the Board of External Auditors; and

CONSIDERING:

That the Chairman of the Board of External Auditors has observed that due to reductions in staff, the Office of the Inspector General no longer has the number of personnel required to perform the wide range of internal auditing functions required within the General Secretariat;

That the Chairman of the Board of External Auditors has reported that the Office of the Inspector General, as currently organized, lacks the structural independence required for the conduct of the internal audit function in accordance with current auditing practices and conventions;

That the Chairman of the Board of External Auditors has recommended that the Office of the Inspector General dedicate more resources to the auditing of accounts at headquarters as well as to the General Secretariat's personnel practices; and

That the entire auditing system may require further analysis in light of the changing responsibilities of the Organization,

RESOLVES:

To instruct the Permanent Council, in light of the observations of the Chairman of the Board of External Auditors, to analyze the structure and functions of the auditing systems of the Organization, especially the Office of the Inspector General, and, based on that study, to present a report to the General Assembly at its next regular session, with recommendations for increasing the scope and number of internal audits carried out by the Office of the Inspector General and for providing it with the resources and structural independence necessary for conducting those audits in accordance with current internal auditing practices and conventions.
AG/RES. 1280 (XXIV-O/94)

PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the promotion of democracy (AG/doc.3092/94);

CONSIDERING that, in operative paragraph 3 of resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-O/91), it instructed the Permanent Council to devise a set of proposals that would serve as an incentive to preserve and strengthen democratic systems; and

REAFFIRMING that one of the aims enshrined in the Charter of the Organization is to promote and consolidate representative democracy, based on solidarity and inter-American cooperation as well as respect for the principle of nonintervention,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the report of the Permanent Council on the promotion of democracy and congratulate it on its work.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue the study on preparation of a set of proposals that will serve as an incentive to preserve and strengthen democratic systems and report to the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly.

3. To express its satisfaction to the Permanent Council with regard to adoption of the Work Plan of the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy, 1994-1995, in fulfillment of operative paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 1235 (XXIII-O/93).
AG/RES. 1281 (XXIV-O/94)

FINANCING OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES ARISING FROM THE APPLICATION OF RESOLUTION AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-O/91)

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the efforts made to carry out and finance special activities arising from the application of resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-O/91) (AG/doc.3066/94);

CONSIDERING the mandate assigned the Permanent Council to study all aspects relevant to the conduct and financing of special activities of the Organization resulting from the pertinent decisions of the General Assembly and the Ad Hoc Meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs, whose purpose is to assist member states in preserving and strengthening representative democracy, in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-O/91);

REITERATING the need to continue working toward the determination of clear and appropriate standards to carry out and finance the activities concerning the promotion and defense of democracy in the Hemisphere; and

RECOGNIZING the importance of the contribution and participation of the Permanent Observer States in activities sponsored by the Organization to promote, strengthen, and preserve democracy in the region,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the report submitted by the Permanent Council on the efforts to implement and finance the special activities of the Organization arising from the application of resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-O/91).

2. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue its study of the matter referred to in operative paragraph 2 of resolution AG/RES. 1248 (XXIII-O/93), in order to achieve a clear and exact definition of both the procedures and the measures which the Organization should adopt to implement and finance the special activities resulting from the application of resolution AG/RES. 1080 (XXI-O/91).

3. To ask the Permanent Council to submit its recommendations and conclusions on this matter to the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 1282 (XXIV-O/94)

STRENGTHENING OF THE OAS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

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

Resolution AG/RES. 1 (XIX-E/93) "Amendments of the Charter of the Organization as regards Technical Cooperation";

The General Policy Framework and Priorities: Partnership for Development [AG/RES. 1 (XX-E/94)] and the Commitment on a Partnership for Development and Struggle to Overcome Extreme Poverty [AG/DEC. 1 (XX-E/94)]; and

The Report of the Permanent Council on the Strengthening of the OAS (AG/doc.3093/94);

CONSIDERING:

That through resolution AG/RES. 986 (XIX-O/89), it mandated the Permanent Council to develop a Program of Action for the Strengthening of the OAS based on the premises agreed upon in the resolution "Strengthening of the OAS" (RTM/FOEA/RES. 1/89), adopted by the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of member states of the Organization;

That through resolution AG/RES. 1234 (XXIII-O/93), it mandated the Permanent Council to continue study of the topics mandated in resolution AG/RES. 986 (XIX-O/89) and still pending, and to report to the twenty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly;

That through resolution AG/RES. 814 (XVI-O/86) it established the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD);

That through resolution AG/RES. 1220 (XXIII-O/93) it established the Special Committee on Trade (CEC); and

That the Permanent Council expanded the mandate of the Working Group on the Strengthening of the OAS, pursuant to operative paragraph 7 of the Commitment on a Partnership for Development and Struggle to Overcome Poverty,
RESOLVES:

1. To take note of the Report on the Strengthening of the OAS presented by the Permanent Council.

2. To ask the Special Committee on Trade to undertake study of the topic, Trade, initially assigned to it.

3. To ask the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission to consider the topic still pending on Drug Abuse Control which had initially been assigned to the Working Group on the Strengthening of the OAS.

4. To ask the Permanent Council to consider the treatment that should be given to topics pending on Development Financing and External Debt, Regional Integration, Clandestine Arms Trade, and the Summit of Heads of State and Government.

5. To reiterate to the Permanent Council that it submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth regular session a detailed report on fulfillment of the new mandate entrusted to the Working Group on the Strengthening of the OAS, as well as any recommendations that it may deem pertinent, to facilitate the process of transition until such time that the Inter-American Council for Integral Development starts operating, in accordance with operative paragraphs 7 and 8 of the Commitment on a Partnership for Development and Struggle to Overcome Extreme Poverty [AG/DEC. 1 (XX-E/94)].
AG/RES. 1283 (XXIV-O/94)

CONSOLIDATION OF THE REGIME ESTABLISHED BY THE TREATY FOR THE PROHIBITION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

Resolution AG/RES. 1239 (XXIII-O/93) on the importance of achieving the full consolidation of the regime established in the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, within the framework of cooperation for security in the Hemisphere and regional contributions to global security;

That the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) was opened for signature in Mexico City on February 14, 1967, and that this was described as an event of historic significance in the efforts to prevent the proliferation of nuclear weapons and to promote international peace and security;

That in the preamble of the Treaty of Tlatelolco it was stated that military denuclearized zones are not an end in themselves, but rather a means for ultimately achieving general and complete disarmament;

That the preamble of the Treaty of Tlatelolco also embodies the principle that the prevention of proliferation of nuclear weapons calls for the establishment of an acceptable balance of mutual responsibilities and obligations between nuclear-weapon states and those which do not possess such weapons;

That the Treaty of Tlatelolco is open for signature to all the sovereign states of Latin America and the Caribbean and that its two additional protocols are open for signature by states that de jure or de facto are internationally responsible for territories located within the zone of application of the Treaty or are nuclear-weapons states;

BEARING IN MIND:

That current international conditions are more propitious for the consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty of Tlatelolco;

That on January 18, 1994, in Mexico City, Argentina and Chile ratified the Treaty of Tlatelolco and submitted the Statement of Waiver 1, of Article 28 of the Treaty and participated as
full members in the Eight Special Session of the General Conference of the Agency for the Prohibition of Nuclear weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (OPANAL);

That on May 30, 1994 - also in Mexico City - Brazil ratified the amendments to the Treaty of Tlatelolco and presented the Statement of Waiver applicable to paragraph one in Article 28 of the Treaty, thus complying with that Government's commitment to accede fully to the Treaty of Tlatelolco in order to make a positive contribution to the work of the Organization;

That the Treaty of Tlatelolco is thus already in force for twenty-eight sovereign states of the region;

That the Government of Cuba has declared that, in pursuit of regional unity, it would be ready to sign the Treaty of Tlatelolco once all the states of the region have assumed the undertakings of that Treaty;

That the signing of the Treaty of Tlatelolco by the Government of St. Kitts and Nevis (Mexico City, February 18, 1994) demonstrates the determination of the countries of the Caribbean to bring about the total prohibition of nuclear weapons in the region, and reaffirms the region's dedication to international peace and security; and

That the aforesaid dedication to international peace and security was underscored at the Seminar on Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy and Nonproliferation, held in Bariloche, Argentina, from April 18 to 21, 1994.

RESOLVES:

1. To welcome with satisfaction the specific measures taken by a number of countries for consolidation of the regime of military denuclearization established by the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

2. To note with particular satisfaction the full accession of Argentina, Brazil, and Chile to the Treaty of Tlatelolco.

3. To urge all the states of Latin America and the Caribbean to adopt promptly the necessary measures to attain the full entry into force of the Treaty of Tlatelolco and, in particular, those states for which the Treaty is open for signature and ratification immediately, to carry out the corresponding formalities so that they may become parties to that international instrument, thus contributing to the consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty.

4. To renew their commitment to continue promoting the search for a genuine and nondiscriminatory regime of nonproliferation in all aspects.

5. To continue consideration of this matter at the twenty-fifth regular session.
AG/RES. 1284 (XXIV-O/94)

INFORMATION ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES AND REGISTER OF CONVENTIONAL ARMS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING the Declaration of Managua for the Promotion of Democracy and Development [AG/DEC. 4 (XXIII-O/93)] in which OAS member states declared:

"Their commitment to continuing and expanding dialogue on hemispheric security among the member states, in an integral and updated approach that takes account of the new international situation with a view to strengthening the peaceful tradition of the Hemisphere and actively contributing to international security and world peace";

BEARING IN MIND that in AG/RES. 1236 (XXIII-O/93) the Special Committee on Hemispheric Security was requested to give priority in its work program to increasing cooperation among member states, inter alia, "in the area of the transfer of conventional weapons, the promotion of openness and transparency";

HAVING SEEN the report of the Permanent Council on the activities of the Special Committee on Hemispheric Security (AG/doc.3098/94) which reaffirms the importance of continued efforts in this area;

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION the report of the Permanent Council on implementation of resolution AG/RES. 1237 (XXIII-O/93), "Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-building Measures in the Region" (AG/doc.3096/94), chapter IV of which ("Illustrative List of Measures that Could Be Taken to Build Confidence and Security") mentions, inter alia, measures pertaining to the exchange of information aimed at more active participation in the United Nations Register of Conventional Weapons and the instrument for the standardized international presentation of reports on military spending,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Secretary General, in the framework of strengthening cooperation between the OAS and the United Nations, to continue the work begun as a result of resolution AG/RES. 1238 (XXIII-O/93) to make arrangements with the Secretary-General of the United Nations to ensure that the General Secretariat of the OAS receives the information that the member states send to the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, along with the information on military expenditures.
2. To urge all member states to participate fully in the United Nations Register of Conventional Arms, as provided for in UN General Assembly resolutions 46/36 L and 47/52 L, including the supply of available background information regarding their military holdings built up from national sources and relevant policies.

3. To encourage member states to regularly supply the United Nations with information on their defense spending, in compliance with UN General Assembly Resolution 46/25.

4. To urge all member states to participate more fully in contributing to regional openness and transparency by exchanging data among OAS member states on the UN Register of Conventional Arms and the international standardized reporting of military expenditures that the United Nations requires.

5. To further promote openness and transparency among member states and demonstrate leadership at a regional level by having the Permanent Council, through the Special Committee on Hemispheric Security, regularly engage in discussions, consultations, and exchanges of data supplied to the UN Register and data on national policies, laws, and administrative procedures governing arms transfers and defense spending, as well as other issues of interest to member states in these areas.

6. To request the Secretary General and the Permanent Council to include the relevant information supplied by member states in the reports they present to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth regular session in connection with implementation of this resolution.

7. To transmit the present resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
AG/RES. 1285 (XXIV-O/94)

INTER-AMERICAN DEFENSE BOARD

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

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

Resolutions IV and IX of the Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace, held in Mexico City in 1945;

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

Resolutions AG/RES. 1121 (XXI-O/91), AG/RES. 1179 (XXII-O/92), and AG/RES. 1236 (XXIII-O/93) on Cooperation for Security and Development in the Hemisphere - Regional Contributions to Global Security;

Resolution AG/RES. 1180 (XXII-O/92) on Cooperation for Hemispheric Security based on which the Permanent Council established a Special Committee on Hemispheric Security;

Resolutions AG/RES. 1181 (XXII-O/92) and AG/RES. 1240 (XXIII-O/93) on the Inter-American Defense Board;

The Report of the Permanent Council on the Inter-American Defense Board (AG/doc.3095/94);

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That the strengthening of peace and security in the Hemisphere is one of the essential purposes of the OAS;

That the Organization has committed itself to contributing to and promoting regional security efforts to complement efforts being pursued at the international level for the strengthening of peace and security;

That sweeping changes which have taken place in the international system and the generalized process of democracy in the Hemisphere afford an opportunity for increased dialogue on matters of security and cooperation in this area among the states of Americas;
That the progressive shaping of an updated agenda for the Organization has included treatment of hemispheric security topics;

BEARING IN MIND:

That the Permanent Council has been entrusted, through its Special Committee, with continuing and intensifying its consideration of topics relating to hemispheric security from an updated and comprehensive perspective of security and disarmament;

The commendable work accomplished by the Special Committee on Hemispheric Security;

CONSIDERING:

The functions assigned to the Inter-American Defense Board by the resolutions of the Third Meeting of Consultation and the Ninth International Conference of American States;

That resolution AG/RES. 1240 (XXIII-O/93) reiterated the need to take a decision on the situation of the Inter-American Defense Board at the twenty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly;

That it is necessary to specify, classify and systematize the areas of competence and functions of the various institutions involved in the treatment of matters relating to hemispheric security; and

That Article 53 of the OAS Charter includes among the General Assembly's powers those of deciding on the general action and policy of the Organization and determining the structure and functions of its organs, agencies, and entities,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Permanent Council to conduct, through the Special Committee on Hemispheric Security, studies which will make possible the formulation of recommendations and any pertinent proposals drafted with a view to specifying, classifying, and systematizing the areas of competence and functions of the various institutions involved in hemispheric security topics.

2. To request the Permanent Council to report to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth regular session on the implementation of this resolution.
AG/RES. 1286 (XXIV-O/94)

INTER-AMERICAN PROGRAM OF ACTION FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report of the Permanent Council on the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection (AG/doc.3080/94);

RECALLING that the Charter of the Organization of American States stipulates in its preamble that "the historic mission of America is to offer to man a land of liberty and a favorable environment for the development of his personality and the realization of his just aspirations"; and

CONSIDERING:

That maintaining an ecological balance demands a new and more effective partnership among states within the subregion, region, and at world level;

That the Organization of American States is determined to strengthen cooperation among member states with a view to contributing to environmental protection and promoting sustainable development in the region;

That the General Assembly adopted the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection [AG/RES. 1114 (XXI-O/91)], and has been noting with satisfaction the Permanent Council's efforts to carry out the regional measures contained in the Inter-American Program of Action [AG/RES. 1183 (XXII-O/92) and AG/RES. 1241 (XXIII-O/93)];

That at its twentieth special session, the General Assembly adopted the General Policy Framework and Priorities: Partnership for Development, as well as the Commitment on a Partnership for Development and Struggle to Overcome Extreme Poverty;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That, in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 1241 (XXIII-O/93), the General Assembly requested the Permanent Council to study and decide on the advisability of updating the 1940 Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere, or of adopting a new Convention; and

That, through the referenced resolution AG/RES. 1241, the General Assembly asked the Permanent Council to continue monitoring and applying the measures envisaged in the Inter-American Program of Action in light of the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment
and Development (UNCED), with particular focus on the implementation of Agenda 21 and the deliberations of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development;

That the Permanent Council approved resolution CP/RES. 623 (980/94) "Environmental Protection - Fisheries,"

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Permanent Council for presenting the Report on the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection (AG/doc.3080/94), and to endorse the report's recommendations.

2. To note with satisfaction the efforts made by the Permanent Council to implement the regional measures contained in the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection.

3. To request that the Permanent Council evaluate the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection [AG/RES. 1114 (XXI-O/91)] and bring its activities up-to-date, in line with the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), with particular focus on the implementation of Agenda 21 and the General Policy Framework and Priorities: Partnership for Development, adopted at the twentieth special session of the OAS General Assembly held in Mexico, and any other instruments considered relevant to this undertaking.

4. To instruct the Permanent Council to take into account, when implementing its Program of Activities, the importance of effective coordination with other intergovernmental organizations and institutions that carry out programs related to the environment, and especially, the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development, in an effort to reconcile their activities.

5. To instruct the Permanent Council to establish the necessary institutional coordination with the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization and with regional intergovernmental organizations for the effective follow-up of all activities having an environmental impact that are carried out at the inter-American level.

6. To instruct the Permanent Council to support, through the Committee on the Environment, work under way to define future activities that must be carried out within the framework of the partnership for development and the struggle to overcome poverty—with special emphasis on the areas of increased capital flow, transferral of non-polluting technologies, and cooperation in ecology-oriented tourism—until such time that the Inter-American Council for Integral Development is set up, considering that the rational use of natural resources, environmental conservation and sustainable development are priorities which were approved by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session.

7. To urge the member states of the Organization that have not yet done so to ratify or accede to the Convention on Biological Diversity and the Framework Convention on Climatic Change adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.
8. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue to review the 1940 Convention on Nature Protection and Wildlife Preservation in the Western Hemisphere in light of the observations submitted and to be submitted by member-state governments, in response to the request from the General Assembly in operative paragraph 5 of resolution AG/RES. 1241 (XXIII-O/93).

9. To express its support for the efforts of the United Nations Conference on Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks Found within and outside Exclusive Economic Zones and to urge states to accept the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas.

10. To thank the Inter-American Juridical Committee for its resolution on "Update of the Document on the Development of an Environmental Law for the Americas" (CIJ/RES. 1-3/94), and to urge the Permanent Council to keep the Inter-American Juridical Committee informed, through its Committee on the Environment, of the work it is doing in the area of sustainable development and environmental protection.

11. To request that the Permanent Council report to the General Assembly at its next regular session on the implementation of this resolution.
AG/RES. 1287 (XXIV-O/94)

INSTRUMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING THE CHARTER PROVISIONS ON TECHNICAL COOPERATION

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolution AG/RES. 2 (XIX-E/93) "Implementation of the Charter Provisions on Technical Cooperation"; and

The Report of the Permanent Council on the Strengthening of the OAS (AG/doc.3093/94); and

CONSIDERING that Article 78 of the Charter states that each Council shall prepare its own statutes and submit them to the General Assembly for approval and it shall approve its own rules of procedure and those of its subsidiary organs, agencies, and committees,

RESOLVES:

1. To request the Permanent Council to continue preparing the Draft Statutes and Rules of Procedure of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), so as to transmit them to CIDI as soon as the Amendment of the Charter of the Organization as Regards Technical Cooperation, "Protocol of Managua", enters into effect, in keeping with Article 78 of the Charter.

2. To urge member states to submit their observations on the Draft Statutes of CIDI before August 1, 1994, as requested by the Permanent Council.

3. To instruct the Permanent Council to continue to comply with resolution AG/RES. 2 (XIX-E/93) in order to adopt the measures needed to implement the provisions of the Protocol of Managua, and to report on the matter to the General Assembly at its next regular session.
AG/RES. 1288 (XXIV-O/94)

CONFIDENCE- AND SECURITY-BUILDING MEASURES IN THE REGION

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The report of the rapporteur of the Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region, held from March 15 to 18, 1994 in Buenos Aires (SEGRE/doc.42/94 rev. 1); and

The Report of the Permanent Council on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 1237 (XXII-O/93) "Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-building Measures in the Region" (AG/doc.3096/94); and

RECALLING:

Its decision, 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;

Its resolutions AG/RES. 1121 (XXI-O/91) and AG/RES. 1123 (XXI-O/91) on the strengthening of peace and security of the Hemisphere, and resolutions AG/RES. 1179 (XXII-O/92) and 1180 (XXII-O/92) on cooperation for hemispheric security;

Resolution AG/RES. 1237 (XXIII-O/93), which convened the Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region;

RECOGNIZING:

That the strengthening of peace and security in the Hemisphere is one of the essential purposes of the OAS, and that socioeconomic development and cooperation among the member states are essential for the attainment of that goal;

That the regional and subregional integration processes, as well as the sharing of information and experiences and the enhancement of consultation and cooperation mechanisms, encourage the promotion of security and stability in the region;
That security- and confidence-building measures work toward preventing potential sources of conflict and thus contribute to efforts to strengthen peace and security;

The contributions made by the states of the Americas to global and regional security through arms control measures and consultations, including the OAS Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region, which was hosted by the Government of Argentina, and the generous offer made by the Government of Chile to host a Regional Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region in 1995; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the report and work done at the Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region, held in Buenos Aires, which has identified a series of proposed confidence- and security-building measures which merit due consideration,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the Report of the Permanent Council on the Implementation of resolution AG/RES. 1237 (XXIII-O/93) "Meeting of Experts on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region," underscore the positive work done at that Meeting, and to thank the Government of the Argentine Republic for its successful organization of the meeting.

2. To recognize the opportunity and the need for increased dialogue among the Hemisphere’s nations on security and cooperation topics on this subject, in light of the new international situation.

3. To continue, through the Special Committee on Hemispheric Security, the study of confidence-building issues and, inter alia, matters concerning the peaceful settlement of disputes and conflict prevention, in accordance with the principle that international law should be fully effective, and of the existing bilateral, regional, and subregional legal and political agreements.

4. To recommend to the member states that they implement confidence-building measures at the appropriate level and in any way they deem adequate, and regularly report to the appropriate bodies at the OAS on the implementation of the measures.

5. To instruct the Permanent Council to compile, through the Special Committee on Hemispheric Security for the purpose of following up on the Buenos Aires meeting, a comprehensive and systematic inventory of confidence-building measures used in the Hemisphere, with a view to disseminating and better understanding them, and facilitating their adoption and implementation at the bilateral, subregional, and hemispheric levels.

6. To pursue consultations within the OAS, based on the observations of the governments, so as to hold in 1995 a Regional Conference on Confidence- and Security-Building Measures in the Region, which Chile has offered to host.

7. To strongly encourage implementation of the recommendations contained in resolution AG/RES. 1179 (XXII-O/92) and other pertinent General Assembly resolutions.
8. To ask the Permanent Council to report to the twenty-fifth regular session of the General Assembly on the fulfillment of this resolution.

9. To transmit this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
AG/RES. 1289 (XXIV-O/94)

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its resolution AG/RES. 1244 (XXIII-O/93) 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. 1244 (XXIII-O/93),

RESOLVES:

1. To express satisfaction with the efforts 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 the two organizations and of the specialized agencies has been reinforced, and contacts and consultation between counterparts in these agencies have been maintained and increased.

3. To express satisfaction with the coordination mechanism which the Secretary General of the OAS has established in collaboration with the UN Secretary-General, to congratulate the Assistant Secretary General on the successful implementation of the mechanism, and to urge both organizations to cooperate even more effectively in the future.

4. To note with satisfaction that recommendations of the second OAS/UN General Meeting on cooperation between the two organizations are being implemented and in particular that the OAS-UN Sectoral Meeting on Disasters Management was held in April 1994.

5. To request the Secretary General to continue taking appropriate measures to deepen and expand cooperation and coordination between the OAS and the UN, and between their specialized agencies, within the context of their respective Charters.

6. To commend the Secretaries General of both organizations for their close cooperation in continuing to seek a firm and lasting solution to the crisis in Haiti.

7. To request the Secretary General of the OAS, in collaboration with the Secretary-General of the UN, to convene the third General Meeting on Cooperation between the OAS and UN systems to review and appraise progress on general areas of cooperation and make recommendations for future collaboration.
8. To take note of the report of the Permanent Council on the OAS/UN relationship and to approve its request for an extension of its mandate.

9. To recommend that consultations continue on an Agreement of cooperation between the General Secretariats of both organizations to be signed at a date to be determined.

10. To request the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth regular session, a report on the implementation of this resolution.
AG/RES. 1290 (XXIV-O/94)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE
CONTROL COMMISSION (CICAD)

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Observations and Recommendations of the Permanent Council on the
Annual Reports of the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization (AG/doc.3082/94); and

BEARING IN MIND:

That the General Assembly recognizes the importance of the Program of Action of Rio de
Janeiro, the Program of Action of Ixtapa, and the Inter-American Program of Quito;

That illicit drug use, production, and trafficking continue to be a major concern throughout
the region, despite the arduous struggle being waged by member states against this criminal activity,
which gives rise to various manifestations of social, economic, and political instability;

That the Organization of American States is called upon to strengthen cooperation among
member states as an essential part of the process for improving the effectiveness of regional efforts
to combat the illicit production and use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and traffic
therein,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note of, endorse, and transmit to the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control
Commission (CICAD) the observations and recommendations prepared by the Permanent Council
on its annual report.

2. To urge member states to adopt and apply as expeditiously as possible the measures
called for in the Program of Action of Rio de Janeiro, the Program of Action of Ixtapa, the Inter­
American Program of Quito, and the report on Strategies to Enhance the Effectiveness of Efforts to
Prevent the Illicit Production, Distribution and Use of Drugs and to Combat Illicit Traffic in Narcotic
Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in the Americas, in order to enhance the effectiveness of efforts
to put a stop to this severe problem in the Americas and worldwide, and especially, those aspects
which threaten the development, political stability, and welfare of member states and their peoples.

3. To urge the governments of those member states that have not yet ratified or acceded
to the 1988 United Nations Convention Against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic
Substances to take such action as may be necessary under their respective constitutional provisions
to do so, and also to consider the adoption and application of the "OAS Model Regulations to Control
Chemical Precursors and Chemical Substances, Machines and Materials" and the "OAS Model Regulations Concerning Laundering Offenses Connected to Illicit Drug Trafficking and Related Offenses."

4. To note with satisfaction CICAD's convocation of a Group of Experts to prepare Model Regulations to control arms and explosives related to drug trafficking.

5. To urge member states to give special attention in their national and local programs to promoting cooperation and the sharing of experiences among public and private organizations, especially in support of community-level activities designed to prevent the illicit use of drugs and traffic therein.

6. To request that the bodies, agencies, and institutions of the inter-American system continue to give special consideration in their programming to cooperation and coordination with CICAD in implementing measures to combat drug abuse and illicit drug traffic.

7. To thank the governments of member states and Permanent Observers, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, and the Inter-American Development Bank for their financial support to the CICAD Program and to urge them to continue and expand that support.
AG/RES. 1291 (XXIV-O/94)

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES OF THE EDITORIAL BOARD
OF AMÉRICAS MAGAZINE

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING seen the Report of the Permanent Council on the request of the Editorial Board of Américas magazine to develop the scope of its activities (AG/doc.3083/94);

CONSIDERING that resolution AG/RES. 1230 (XXIII-O/93) "Program-Budget of the Organization for the 1994-95 Biennium, 1994 Quotas and Pledges to the Voluntary Funds," operative paragraph III.B.2., instructed the Permanent Council to establish an Editorial Board of Américas magazine (CP/SA.955/93); and

BEARING IN MIND the need to establish guidelines to further develop and extend the scope of the activities of the Editorial Board of Américas magazine,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction the report of the Permanent Council on the request of the Editorial Board of Américas magazine to develop the scope of its activities.

2. To authorize the Editorial Board to define its mandate and scope of activities to include such elements as editorial policy, circulation, promotion and management oversight, bearing in mind the magazine's important role as a public information tool of the Organization of American States.

3. To instruct the Editorial Board to report regularly to the Permanent Council on its activities during the course of the year and to the General Assembly when it is deemed necessary by the Permanent Council.
AG/RES. 1292 (XXIV-O/94)

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT
OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES
AND THE GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE
CENTRAL AMERICAN INTEGRATION SYSTEM

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Resolutions AG/RES. 1 (XX-E/94) "General Policy Framework and Priorities: Partnership for Development" and AG/DEC. 1 (XX-E/94) "Commitment on a Partnership for Development and Struggle to Overcome Extreme Poverty"; and

The Agreement on Cooperative Relations between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System, signed on March 6, 1994; and

CONSIDERING:

That the Central American Integration System (SICA) is a subregional organization of the states of the Central American isthmus, created as an instrument to achieve the integration of Central America and thereby make it a region of peace, liberty, democracy, and development;

That the Charter of the Organization of American States provides for the establishment of cooperative relations between the General Secretariat of the OAS and specialized agencies, as well as international organizations;

That, in accordance with resolution AG/RES. 57 (I-O/71) and Article 3.h of the General Standards, the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States is authorized to enter into cooperation agreements with intergovernmental organizations;

That the OAS Charter enshrines the principle of integral development and recognizes that integration of the countries of the Hemisphere is one of the goals of the inter-American system,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its satisfaction with the Agreement on Cooperative Relations signed between the General Secretariat of the OAS and the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System (SG-SICA).
2. To request that the General Secretariat, in consultation with the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System, prepare and implement a program of cooperation, identifying specific areas of cooperation aimed at strengthening the process of the comprehensive integration of Central America.

3. To recommend that periodic meetings be held between the General Secretariats of both Organizations to coordinate and evaluate the fulfillment of the Agreement on Cooperative Relations and the aforementioned program of cooperation.

4. To request that the Secretary General present, at the next regular session of the General Assembly, a report on the implementation of this resolution.
AG/RES. 1293 (XXIV-O/94)

STRATEGIES AND PRIORITIES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DRUG ABUSE CONTROL COMMISSION (CICAD)

(Resolution adopted by the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the Report titled Strategies to Enhance the Effectiveness of Efforts to Prevent the Illicit Production, Distribution, and Use of Drugs and to Combat Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in the Americas, contained in document AG/doc.3065/94; and

CONSIDERING:

That illicit drug traffic and drug abuse in the region continue to be sources of grave concern and an increasing number of member states of the Organization find themselves more and more plagued by this problem;

That in 1986 the General Assembly created the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) to develop, coordinate, evaluate, and pursue measures prescribed in the Inter-American Program of Action of Rio de Janeiro Against the Illicit Use and Production of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances and Traffic Therein;

That the elimination of illicit drug traffic and drug abuse calls for a united front involving ongoing, priority activities that are part of each country’s respective government program, and based on principles of international solidarity and shared responsibility, with absolute respect for the sovereignty of each state and commensurate with its own reality;

That the General Assembly has supported CICAD’s initiative to evaluate the effectiveness of the strategies and priorities applied in the region and to enlist all the member states of the Organization in the evaluation process so as to enhance the effectiveness of drug abuse prevention and efforts to combat the illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the Americas;

That CICAD has approved the report on Strategies to Enhance the Effectiveness of Efforts to Prevent the Illicit Production, Distribution, and Use of Drugs and to Combat Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in the Americas, which includes conclusions and recommendations (AG/doc.3065/94), and at its sixteenth regular session, will examine a document that will steer the next stages of the process of evaluating the strategies, particularly the order of priorities that CICAD should follow and the most suitable financial and administrative structure for CICAD and its Executive Secretariat to have to ensure that these priorities are realized; and

That clearly defined priorities and adequate funding for actions to combat the use and production of narcotic drugs and traffic therein are essential for developing an effective strategy,
RESOLVES:

1. To note with satisfaction CICAD's analysis and the conclusions and recommendations it has approved, contained in the report on strategies and priorities presented in document AG/doc.3065/94, and congratulate CICAD on its initiative of assessing the strategies and priorities that need to be applied in the region if the Program of Action of Rio de Janeiro and the Program of Action of Ixtapa are to be effectively implemented.

2. To urge member states to give CICAD every possible support in its efforts to implement the measures contained in the document on Strategies to Enhance the Effectiveness of Efforts to Prevent the Illicit Production, Distribution, and Use of Drugs and to Combat Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in the Americas, approved at its fifteenth regular session with a view to finding an increasingly effective response to this scourge in the Hemisphere.

3. To exhort the international financial institutions and the donor countries to support efforts to implement the anti-drug measures that CICAD has adopted and any it may adopt in future.

4. To support CICAD's decision to adopt a policy declaration that reflects the member states' commitment to enhancing the effectiveness of efforts to prevent drug abuse, and to combat illicit traffic in narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in the Hemisphere and to hold its sixteenth regular session, attended by top-level officials responsible for combatting the drug problem in each of the Organization's member states and permanent observer states, for the purpose of considering the priorities for action and the administrative changes needed to give effect to the document's Conclusions and Recommendations.

5. To request CICAD to inform the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth regular session of the decisions taken on these matters at CICAD'S sixteenth regular session, as well as any other recommendation that emerges therefrom and that may require the attention of the General Assembly.
AG/RES. 1294 (XXIV-O/94)

PROBITY AND PUBLIC ETHICS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING PRESENT:

That the Charter of the Organization of American States indicates in its Preamble that "representative democracy is an indispensable condition for stability, peace and regional development" and that "juridical organization is a necessary condition for security and peace founded on moral order and on justice";

That in the Santiago Commitment to Democracy and the Renewal of the Inter-American System, the Foreign Ministers of the member states of the Organization declared their "determination to continue to prepare and develop a relevant agenda for the Organization, in order to respond appropriately to the new challenges and demands in the world and in the region;

That resolution AG/RES. 1159 (XXII-O/92) Corrupt International Trade Practices establishes that "corrupt practices can thwart the process of integral development by diverting resources needed to improve the peoples' economic and social conditions;

That in the Declaration of Managua for the Promotion of Democracy and Development [AG/DEC. 4 (XXIII-O/93)], the Foreign Ministers of the member states of the Organization declared their "support for the processes of modernizing administrative and political structures in those states that request it in order that governmental action may meet the increasing demands of their people for more effectiveness and more ethical governance);

That in the San José Declaration on Human Rights of January 22, 1993, the representatives of the Latin American and Caribbean countries, within the framework of the preparations for the world conference on human rights, declared that one of the obstacles to the effectiveness of human rights is corruption; and

That in the 1994 Declaration of Belém do Pará, the Foreign Ministers of the member states of the Organization called for "the study of measures, consistent with each country's legal system, aimed at fighting corruption, improving efficiency in the running of public affairs, as well as promoting transparency and integrity in the management of public funds" and resolved that "[s]uch action must be complemented by joint reflection as to the importance of public ethics and administrative integrity in strengthening and consolidating democracy in the Hemisphere";
CONSIDERING:

That the majority of the countries of the Hemisphere are now engaged in the process of modernizing their state structure, and that it therefore becomes essential for the management of political and administrative institutions to be not only effective but transparent;

That the modernization of government not only improves the efficiency, productivity, and quality of the agencies which provide public services but also contributes to improving democracy;

That the Inter-American Juridical Committee, aware of the importance of the problem of corruption, placed the subject of Juridical Focus on Corruption in the Americas on its agenda for the August 1994, session;

That the corruption phenomenon is a problem which affects developed as well as developing countries in various regions of the world and is in no way restricted to this Hemisphere; and

That the OAS, as a body of regional cooperation, constitutes an appropriate forum for discussing and reflecting upon the challenges which confront the countries of the region, as well as for the evaluation of juridical mechanisms for the prevention and control of problems which could be of concern to the member states,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Permanent Council to establish a working group to study the subject of probity and public ethics. That group will be charged with the compilation and study of national legislation in effect with regard to matters of public ethics, the discussion of experiences in the control and oversight of existing administrative institutions, the development of a checklist of crimes related to public ethics as defined in national laws, and the preparation of recommendations on juridical mechanisms to control the aforesaid problem, with full respect for the sovereignty of the member states.

2. To request member states to prepare comments on the subject and to collaborate with the working group so that it may better fulfill its functions and meet its objectives.

3. To request the Permanent Council to submit a report and present the recommendations of the working group to the General Assembly during its twenty-fifth regular session.
AG/RES. 1295 (XXIV-O/94)

URUGUAY ROUND

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING that reduction of barriers to international trade and investment, and stronger
and more effective trade rules are crucial for the economic development of the Hemisphere;

CONVINCED that the trade liberalization carried out by the countries of the Hemisphere
should be complemented by improved access for their exports to world markets;

REAFFIRMING the need for a balanced and integrated approach to environment, trade, and
development issues;

WELCOMING the successful completion of the Uruguay Round multilateral trade negotiations
and expressing appreciation for the good will and extended efforts of the GATT Contracting Parties
who worked so successfully to bring about this historic achievement,

RESOLVES:

1. To take note that the Uruguay Round will:
   - Make possible a more predictable, secure, and credible international trading
     system;
   - Stimulate economic development, investment, growth, and worldwide job
     creation;
   - Result in an unprecedented worldwide lowering of tariffs by nearly a third;
   - Provide meaningful, enforceable rules for agriculture;
   - Provide for trade in textiles to be fully integrated into the world trading system
     and subject textiles trade to the same discipline as other sectors;
   - Provide the framework for the elimination of non-tariff barriers which impair
     the free flow of goods;
   - Provide a more effective, multilateral means of resolving trade disputes within
     the new World Trade Organization;
- Extend the disciplines and rules of international trade to services and intellectual property;

- Provide increased market access for the products of the least-developed and developing countries to assure their full participation in the world trade system and improve their opportunities for significant increases in trade, especially in the agricultural sector, investment, income, and welfare, and

- Create a firm foundation for global prosperity in the twenty-first century.

2. To urge all member states to act promptly to ratify and implement the Uruguay Round Agreement so as to ensure that the new trade regime it embodies will take effect no later than January 1, 1995.

3. To express its hope that in view of issues identified by the chairman of the trade negotiations committee in his concluding remarks at Marrakesh, further progress toward international trade liberalization and better trade rules, as well as settlement of trade disputes, will proceed in accordance with WTO principles and agreements.

4. To ask all countries to respect the spirit of openness, cooperation, and mutual respect of the Uruguay Round in the implementation of its provisions.
AG/RES. 1296 (XXIV-O/94)

SITUATION OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE AMERICAN HEMISPHERE

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING resolution AG/RES. 1249 (XXIII-O/93), which instructed the Permanent Council to undertake an examination of current issues relating to the situation of the disabled in the Hemisphere so as to identify effective disability prevention and rehabilitation measures, and instructed the Permanent Council to explore, in close liaison with the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the possibility of creating a Unit devoted to the problems of the disabled;

CONSIDERING:

That, in Latin America and the Caribbean regions, there are more than 60 million persons with disabilities who, together with their families, suffer from the lack of economic or social integration;

That, in 1990, the Pan American Sanitary Conference instructed PAHO (Resolution XV), as the specialized agency for health within the inter-American system, to continue its cooperative efforts with member states and with local and international organizations to develop programs and activities for the prevention of disability and the full integration of the disabled into the society, and to obtain supplemental funds from multilateral and bilateral agencies to support national and regional programs on disability; and

That the Regional Program for Health and Rehabilitation of the Disabled is already functioning within PAHO to support member states in the formulation of policies and the development of programs aimed at promoting knowledge and understanding of the problems of disabilities and impairments, the prevention thereof, and the treatment of a large number of disabled persons,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend the Secretary General of the Organization on his constant concern to improve the quality of life of persons with disabilities in the Americas.

2. To urge the member states to cooperate in taking concrete actions to improve the health of disabled persons, to assimilate them into society with full exercise of their rights and duties, and to identify risks which lead to disability, and to prevent disabilities.
3. To urge those member states that have not yet done so to advise the Permanent Council before October 1, 1994 of any measures they may have taken to improve the situation of persons with disabilities.

4. To instruct the Permanent Council and the Secretary General to coordinate with the Pan American Health Organization and Inter-American Children's Institute, strategies and programs in order to avoid duplication of existing programs and programs proposed in the future.
AG/RES. 1297 (XXIV-O/94)

TERMINATION OF THE MANDATE OF THE WORKING GROUP TO STUDY
THE ENTERPRISE FOR THE AMERICAS INITIATIVE

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN the report of the Working Group of the Permanent Council to Study the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative (AG/doc.3089/94);

RECALLING the Permanent Council's decision of August 1, 1990 to create a working group to study the Initiative, and its report of April 11, 1991 (AG/doc.2690/91), submitted to the General Assembly by way of resolution CP/RES. 448 (851/91); resolution AG/RES. 1184 (XXII-O/92) "Enterprise for the Americas Initiative," and resolution AG/RES. 1251 (XXIII-O/93) "Implementation of resolution AG/RES. 1184 (XXII-O/92) "Enterprise for the Americas Initiative";

That the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean and Canada welcomed the Initiative, unanimously and with unequivocal political support, as a positive new approach to trade, investment, and external debt issues for promoting the region's comprehensive development and building a framework for equitable inter-American relations on qualitatively renewed bases, and that for these reasons the Organization actively supported and contributed towards the rapid development of the Initiative;

RECOGNIZING the contribution of the Permanent Council, by way of its working group, in keeping the member states informed of developments concerning the Initiative and of progress in current and new topics by publishing the bulletin INITIATIVE;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT that funding for the implementation of specific projects was approved by means of resolutions AG/RES. 1137 (XXI-O/91), AG/RES. 1177 (XXII-O/92), and AG/RES. 1230 (XXIII-O/93);

BEARING IN MIND that a Special Committee on Trade (CEC) has been established to serve as a hemispheric forum of high political and technical level specializing in trade matters and related issues [AG/RES. 1220 (XXIII-O/93)]; and

That the General Assembly, through resolution AG/RES. 1222 (XXIII-O/93), instructed the new Special Committee on Trade (CEC) to heed item 3 of resolution AG/RES. 1156 (XXII-O/92) "Support to the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative,"
RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Permanent Council for presenting the report of the Working Group to Study the Enterprise for the Americas Initiative and to note with satisfaction the efforts made by that Working Group to report on activities related to the Initiative, to support it, and to carry out activities in accordance with its mandates contained in the Plan of Action.

2. To transfer the mandate given to the Working Group in resolution AG/RES. 1251 (XXIII-O/93) on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 1184 (XXII-O/92), Enterprise for the Americas Initiative, to the new Special Committee on Trade.

3. To conclude the financial activities of the Working Group for which funding was approved by means of resolutions AG/RES. 1251 (XXIII-O/93) and AG/RES. 1230 (XXIII-O/93).
RECOGNITION OF AND SUPPORT FOR CIAV/OAS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND resolutions AG/RES. 675 (XIII-O/83), AG/RES. 702 (XIV-O/84), AG/RES. 770 (XV-O/85), AG/RES. 831 (XVI-O/86), AG/RES. 870 (XVII-O/87), AG/RES. 937 (XVIII-O/88), AG/RES. 993 (XIX-O/89), AG/RES. 1057 (XX-O/90), AG/RES. 1122 (XXI-O/91), AG/RES. 1191 (XXII-O/92), and AG/RES. 1202 (XXIII-O/93);

RECALLING the agreement signed by the Presidents of the Central American countries meeting in Tela, Honduras, August 7, 1989, to create an International Commission for Support and Verification (CIAV) under the auspices of the Organization of American States;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT the report presented by the Secretary General pertaining to resolution AG/RES. 1202 (XXIII-O/93) on the activities of CIAV/OAS;

RECOGNIZING:

The contribution that CIAV/OAS has made in verifying the rights and guarantees of the demobilized and of all those affected by the consequences of the conflicts and its participation in the arrangements organized by the Government of Nicaragua to promote human rights and the consolidation of peace;

The mediation work done by CIAV/OAS to settle differences among the various sectors of Nicaraguan society;

The mandate to the Organization to participate in the programs indicated by the Nicaraguan Government with a view to strengthening the democratic institutions of the State, particularly in the areas of the justice system, the police, elections, human rights, and education for peace;

The continuation of economic-social development projects such as help projects in housing and school construction that help create stable communities that provide gainful employment; and

CONSIDERING that the extension and broadening of the CIAV/OAS mandate contained in resolution AG/RES. 1202 (XXIII-O/93) requires additional resources,

RESOLVES:

1. To thank the Secretary General of the OAS for his report on the activities of CIAV/OAS in Nicaragua and to reiterate its recognition of the valuable work that it is doing.
2. To acknowledge the contribution that CIAV/OAS has made to the process of peace and economic and social development in Nicaragua.

3. To urge the member countries and permanent observers to continue to provide support for Nicaragua's recovery by cooperating in the consolidation and modernization of its institutions, and in particular, to contribute additional resources to carry out the mandate contained in resolution AG/RES. 1202 (XXIII-O/93).

4. To request the Secretary General to report to the General Assembly at its next regular session on compliance with this resolution.
AG/RES. 1299 (XXIV-O/94)

REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL SECURITY:
ANTI-PERSONNEL LAND MINES

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

NOTING:

The existence of as many as one million uncleared anti-personnel landmines located throughout the Americas, particularly in rural areas;

That anti-personnel landmines, in particular, are often indiscriminate in their effects and that the majority of people killed, maimed, or injured by these mines are civilians, many of whom are children;

RECOGNIZING that the presence of uncleared landmines inhibits the social and economic rehabilitation of communities in post-conflict periods and can impede the return of refugees and persons displaced by war or civil unrest to their homes;

NOTING the recognition of mine deactivation efforts in Central America contained in AG/RES. 1191 (XXII-O/92) and commending these and other efforts at mine clearing that are being carried out;

RECOGNIZING the important contribution to addressing the problem of landmines made by the 1980 Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May be Deemed to be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects;

CONVINCED that the forthcoming Review Conference on the 1980 Convention, to take place in Geneva in 1995, will provide an opportunity to strengthen the Convention;

CALLING UPON all member states who have not yet done so to take measures to become parties to the Convention so that this instrument will become universal;

REITERATING the commitment of the Organization of American States to promoting and making an effective contribution to regional security in ways which complement and reinforce efforts by the United Nations to strengthen and maintain global peace and security; and

TAKING NOTE of the efforts and progress made on this issue in other multilateral fora, in particular the work underway within the United Nations, including Resolution 48/75 of the United Nations General Assembly requesting the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit a comprehensive report on the problems caused by landmines and other unexploded devices,
RESOLVES:

1. To call upon those member states that have not already done so to take all measures necessary to become parties to the 1980 Convention and to participate actively at the Review Conference with an aim of fundamentally strengthening the Convention.

2. To build on their special experience in the Americas to give impetus to global efforts to deal with the question of land mines by recommending to the Special Committee on Hemispheric Security that it consider in its program of work the issue of land mines.

3. To encourage member states to provide the Secretary-General of the United Nations with information which could assist in the preparation of the report called for in UN General Assembly Resolution 48/75.

4. To report on progress on this issue at its twenty-fifth regular session.
AG/RES. 1300 (XXIV-O/94)

MEETING OF EXPERTS IN THE AREA OF ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND TECHNOLOGIES

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its decision, contained in the 1991 Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection, to use the OAS as a forum for rational, constructive, hemisphere-wide debate, free of recrimination, aimed at developing a specific regional approach in order to contribute to the implementation of the proposals of global scope that environmental protection requires, and to promote OAS participation in agreeing upon a regional position on other meetings and initiatives, whether regional or worldwide, on environmental protection;

HAVING SEEN:

Its resolution AG/RES. 1241 (XXIII-O/93) on the Inter-American Program of Action for Environmental Protection requesting the Permanent Council to continue monitoring and applying, through the Committee on the Environment, the measures envisaged in the Inter-American Program of Action in the light of the results of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED), with particular focus on the implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcome and decisions of the United Nations Commission on Sustainable Development (CSD), and recommending to the Permanent Council that it establish close coordination between its Committee on the Environment and the CSD; and

The report of the meeting on Hemispheric Technological Cooperation for Sustainable Development (CP/CMA/99/94);

CONSIDERING:

The importance of regional cooperation towards achieving the goal of sustainable development; and

That the issue of cooperation in environmentally sound technologies is considered a priority area for OAS member states;

RECOGNIZING the timeliness and necessity of increased dialogue on the regional applications of Agenda 21 to complement the global focus of the deliberations of the CSD;
BEARING IN MIND:

That the CSD has invited international, regional, and subregional intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system to prepare and submit to the UN Secretary-General reports on their activities related to sustainable development;

That, at the second session of the CSD, technology cooperation was studied as a cross-sectoral issue; and

That the issue of technology cooperation will be addressed once again at the third session of the CSD in May 1995; and

EMPHASIZING that environmentally sound technology is essential for building the capacity of member states to implement sustainable development practices,

RESOLVES:

1. To hold before its twenty-fifth regular session a meeting of experts in the area of environmentally sound technologies, taking into account, inter alia, the outcome and decisions adopted at the second session of the CSD with a view to furthering the efforts of the OAS towards the implementation of Agenda 21 at the regional level.

2. To instruct the Permanent Council, through its Committee on the Environment, to prepare the agenda and draw up the working guidelines for that meeting and ask the Secretariat to provide the necessary technical support for its preparation.

3. To request the Permanent Council to report to the twenty-fifth regular session on the fulfillment of this resolution and inform the CSD of its deliberations.
AG/RES. 1301 (XXIV-O/94)

COOPERATION WITH ALTERNATIVE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The report of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission (CICAD) on Strategies to Enhance the Effectiveness of Efforts to Prevent the Illicit Production, Distribution, and Use of Drugs and to Combat Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances in the Americas (AG/doc.3065/94); and

The observations and recommendations of the Permanent Council on the annual report of CICAD (AG/doc.3082/94);

CONSIDERING:

That the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission has adopted alternative development as a new priority line of action and has established a working group to prepare a plan of action in this area for the Commission;

That among the priorities for cooperation adopted by the General Assembly at its twentieth special session on Inter-American Cooperation for Development in Mexico City in February 1994 to guide the OAS system and the Inter-American Council for Integral Development was "combatting the production, traffic and illicit consumption of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related crimes";

That after extensive deliberation participants from sixteen member countries, six permanent observer countries and six international organizations attending the Meeting of Experts on Alternative Development in Lima, Peru, in September 1993, adopted a consensus working definition of alternative development;

AFFIRMING that alternative development strategies should be directed at preventing and eliminating illicit cultivation in such a way as to incorporate all social groups so engaged into sustainable, legitimate economic activities, using plans and programs that set in motion an overall process of socioeconomic development; and

BEARING IN MIND that the successful implementation of alternative development strategies will require a combination of adequate policies and programs at the national level and supportive actions on the part of the international community,
RESOLVES:

1. To urge bilateral donors, multilateral development banks and other development agencies which provide financial and technical assistance to incorporate support for the sustainable alternative development efforts of recipient countries into their socioeconomic development programs for such countries.

2. To ask CICAD to inform the General Assembly, by means of its report to the twenty-fifth regular session, of any obstacles to the effective realization of the preceding paragraph.

3. To request the Secretary General to ensure that all elements of the General Secretariat coordinate their activities directed at cooperation in the socioeconomic development of those member countries which are carrying out programs to eliminate or prevent illicit crop cultivation.

4. To request the Secretary General to transmit this resolution to the international financial institutions which support economic and social development programs in the Hemisphere and to the governments of the permanent observer states.
AG/RES. 1302 (XXIV-O/94)

REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION TO GLOBAL SECURITY: NONPROLIFERATION

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

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 regional organizations elsewhere in the world to join in the efforts of the Organization of American States; and

Its resolution AG/RES. 1121 (XXI-O/91) concerning curbing the proliferation of instruments of war and weapons of mass destruction, AG/RES. 1179 (XXII-O/92) concerning cooperation for security and development in the Hemisphere, AG/RES. 1239 (XXIII-O/93), and AG/RES. 1283 (XXIV-O/94) calling for the consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean;

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 limitation, human rights, the strengthening of democratic institutions, protection of the environment and the improvement of the quality of life for all are essential factors for the establishment of peaceful and more secure democratic societies;

That member states should fulfill their obligations in relation to disarmament and arms control and limitation, prevent all forms of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, avoid the excessive or destabilizing build-up and transfer of conventional weaponry, and resolve peacefully, in accordance with the Organization of American States and United Nations Charters and international law, 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 risk of increasing conflicts in regions of tension and endanger the environment; and

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;

COMMENDING the important contribution made, at the regional and global levels, to the cause of prohibition and nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction by the Treaty of Tlatelolco, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) safeguards, the 1972 biological and toxin weapons Convention, and the 1993 chemical weapons Convention;

REAFFIRMING the importance of the full implementation of resolution AG/RES. 1179 (XXII-O/92) on cooperation for security and development in the Hemisphere; and

TAKING NOTE of the rapporteur's report on nonproliferation and export controls of weapons, presented to the Permanent Council's Special Committee on Hemispheric Security,

RESOLVES:

1. To express the commitment of the Organization to effectively contribute to the efforts being made at the global level towards the strengthening of peace and security.

2. To urge all member states to:
   a. Support the efforts in the framework of the United Nations as well as the negotiations at the Conference on Disarmament contributing to the overall objective of general and complete disarmament under effective international control, in particular, those efforts aimed at the early conclusion of a Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty.
   b. Adhere, if not already parties, as appropriate, to existing internationally binding agreements on the prohibition or on the nonproliferation of weapons of mass destruction such as the 1967 Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco), the 1970 Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), the 1925 Geneva Protocol for Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, the 1972 Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, and Stockpiling of Bacteriological, Biological, Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction, and the 1993 Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on their Destruction.
   c. Prevent all forms of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and missiles capable of delivering them through the adoption of appropriate export controls.
on dual-use goods and technologies, taking into account their legitimate use for peaceful purposes.

d. Exchange information about their national policies, laws, and administrative procedures governing the transfer of dual-use technologies, materials and equipment which could be used in nuclear, chemical, biological, or missile weapons programs.

3. To note with satisfaction the decision taken by Argentina, Brazil, and Chile to ratify and waive into force the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean, and express as well its deep interest in the prompt implementation of these steps by all states that have not yet done so.

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 transmit this resolution to the Secretary-General of the United Nations.
AG/RES. 1303 (XXIV-O/94)

FOURTH BIENNIAL 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 tenth plenary session,
held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING resolutions AG/RES. 829 (XVI-O/86), AG/RES. 933 (XVIII-O/88); AG/RES. 1061 (XX-O/90), and AG/RES. 1192 (XXII-O/92);

REAFFIRMING:

The importance of the goal of the full and active participation of women in the national development process and the crucial role that effective coordination of policies and programs plays in the achievement of that goal;

The need to achieve effective access by women to decision-making positions at both national and international levels, which is a stated goal of the Plan of Action of the Inter-American Commission of Women "Full and Equal Participation of Women by the Year 2000";

CONSIDERING:

That the Secretary General has established a Task Force on Gender Issues which is working with the Permanent Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission of Women to develop an appropriate conceptual framework that will facilitate assessment of the effective inclusion of gender considerations in the planning and evaluation of technical cooperation activities; and

That in the General Secretariat women occupy 17% of the Q/D-2 positions, 29% of the P/D-1 positions and 11% of the N/P-5 positions,

RESOLVES:

1. To note with interest the fourth report of the Secretary General and to express appreciation for the presentation of such report, particularly as regards the establishment of the Task Force on Gender Issues and a Joint Group to develop internal standards and guidelines to deal with the issue of sexual harassment.

2. To ask the Secretary General to include information in his next report on the implementation of the recommendations of the Task Force on Gender Issues.
3. To further request that the Secretary General continue to increase the number of women in senior level positions in the General Secretariat and to report thereon to the Permanent Council by including gender statistics in the "New Salary and Benefits System of the OAS" (AG/doc.3094/94).
AG/RES. 1304 (XXIV-O/94)

COOPERATION BETWEEN THE OAS AND CARICOM

(Resolution adopted at the tenth plenary session; held on June 10, 1994)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING its resolution AG/RES. 1243 (XXIII-O/93) on cooperation between the OAS and CARICOM; and

HAVING SEEN the report of the Secretary General on the implementation of resolution AG/RES. 1243 (XXIII-O/93),

RESOLVES:

1. To express satisfaction with the effort made by the Secretary General to strengthen cooperation and coordination between the OAS and CARICOM.

2. To note with satisfaction that coordination between the Secretariats of both organizations has been reinforced and contacts and consultations have been made and increased.

3. To express satisfaction that a Memorandum of Understanding for Cooperation which was drawn up between the General Secretariat of the OAS and the Caribbean Community is being implemented and to congratulate the Assistant Secretary General for his efforts in its implementation.

4. To recommend that the Secretary General of the OAS, in consultation with the Secretary General of CARICOM, continue to carry out the recommendations in the Memorandum of Understanding.

5. To request the Secretary General to continue taking appropriate measures to deepen and expand cooperation and coordination between the OAS and CARICOM.

6. To request the Secretary General of the OAS to hold periodic meetings between the OAS and CARICOM for the purpose of reviewing and planning collaboration.

7. To request the Secretary General, in collaboration with the Secretary General of CARICOM, to hold an OAS-CARICOM General Meeting with representation from the agencies of the OAS and the associated regional institutions of CARICOM to include but not limited to the University of the West Indies and the Caribbean Development Bank for the purpose of developing collaborative activities and formulating agreements for specific cooperation.

8. To request the Secretary General, in collaboration with the Secretary General of CARICOM, to use the mechanism established for OAS-CARICOM cooperation to promote
agreements between the agencies of the OAS and the institutions associated with CARICOM to deepen and expand OAS-CARICOM collaboration.

9. To request the Secretary General to submit to the General Assembly at its twenty-fifth regular session a report on the implementation of the resolution.
AG/RES. 1305 (XXIV-O/94)

TRIBUTE

(Adopted at the tenth plenary session, held on June 10, 1994)

The Foreign Ministers and Heads Of Delegation of the member countries of the Organization of American States, meeting in Belém do Pará, for the twenty-fourth regular session of the General Assembly,

RECOGNIZING the outstanding work performed by Ambassador João Clemente Baena Soares in his capacity as Secretary General of the Organization, at a period marked by staggering and profound changes on the international scene; and

EMPHASIZING his contribution to the purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter of the OAS and to the ideals of peace, democracy, development, respect for the self-determination of peoples and for human rights, social justice and solidarity, that are the pillars of the inter-American system,

EXPRESS their profound gratitude to Ambassador Baena Soares for his ten years of service at the head of the Organization.