



EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
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PERFECTION AND COORDINATION OF INTER-AMERICAN PEACE
INSTRUMENTS ¹

WHEREAS:

The juridical measures to prevent war in America are scattered in numerous treaties, conventions, pacts and declarations which it is necessary to coordinate into an organized and harmonious unified instrument;

The Mexican project of a Peace Code represents an appreciable effort to meet the need for such coordination, for which reason the Montevideo Conference recommended it for the consideration of the American Governments. It was also taken up by the American Scientific Congress at Mexico City ² and was referred by the Conference for the Maintenance of Peace to the Committee of Experts, who approved the idea of codification and introduced important modifications into the project before reporting on it to this Conference;

The American Governments, in spite of the recommendation of the Montevideo Conference, have not expressed their opinions and proposals with regard to the subject matter of the Code, opinions and proposals which are indispensable for a successful and efficient organization of measures to prevent war in America;

In the desire to improve American peace machinery, interesting projects containing excellent suggestions and points of view have been presented to this Conference, and there have been considered at the same time the technical rules and the dictates of experience. Among these projects should be mentioned that on the Consolidation of American Peace Agreements presented by the Delegation of the United States, by which there would be built up a process of pacific solution of differences between American States through the consolidation in a single instrument of the regulations contained in the eight treaties now in force;

Once the opinion of the governments has been determined regarding the revised project of the Peace Code and with respect to the other projects mentioned, this matter must pass to an organization of a technical character, in order that this organization may undertake the work of coordination, taking into account the points of view of each State, the principles of American Law and the harmonizing of each of these with the legal systems of a universal character or tendency,

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RESOLVES:

I. That the Mexican project of a Peace Code, together with the ante-project of the Committee of Experts, the project of the United States of

¹ *Final Act*, p. 38. For the text of the Mexican Peace Code, as submitted to the Seventh Conference, see *supra*, p. 50.

² For information regarding this Conference, see *infra*, Appendix A, no. 89.