

THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF AMERICAN STATES

FIRST SUPPLEMENT

1933-1940

CONVENTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND
MOTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH IN-
TERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF THE AMERICAN STATES,
THE INTER-AMERICAN CONFERENCE FOR THE MAIN-
TENANCE OF PEACE, AND THE FIRST AND SECOND
MEETINGS OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE
AMERICAN REPUBLICS FOR CONSULTATION, AT PANAMA
AND HABANA, TOGETHER WITH DOCUMENTS RELATING TO
THE ORGANIZATION OF THE CONFERENCES AND INFORMA-
TION CONCERNING TECHNICAL PAN AMERICAN CONFER-
ENCES, COMMISSIONS AND OTHER BODIES

Collected and Edited in the
Division of International Law of the
Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

WASHINGTON

CARNEGIE ENDOWMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL PEACE

700 JACKSON PLACE, N. W.

1940

EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
OF AMERICAN STATES

LIMA

DECEMBER 9-27, 1938

RECEIVED
LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

2

DEFENSE OF HUMAN RIGHTS¹

WHEREAS:

Although the pacific and harmonious existence of the countries of the Americas, together with their conception of international relations, makes it unnecessary for them to adopt rules of warfare, America cannot be indifferent, from a humane point of view, to the sufferings caused by war, and to the desire to diminish them;

The waging of warfare on other continents is leading to the use of methods contrary to practices and regulations recognized by international law and by humane sentiments, such as the aerial bombardment of undefended cities and of non-combatant populations, resulting in the destruction of human lives and of works of art or other objects outside the scope of military operations; and

America, having received as part of its present foundation, cultural and spiritual elements from other continents, and contributing as it does to human welfare and culture, cannot, therefore, be indifferent to the destruction of any part of the intellectual and artistic legacy bequeathed by other epochs or created for it by this one,

The Eighth International Conference of American States

RESOLVES:

That the American Republics, which do not recognize war as a legitimate means of settling national or international controversies, express the hope

¹ *Final Act*, p. 41. See Resolution VI of the Panama Consultative Meeting of Ministers, *infra*, p. 329.



246 EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF AMERICAN STATES

that when recourse is had to war in any other region of the world, respect be given to those human rights not necessarily involved in the conflict, to humanitarian sentiments, and to the spiritual and material inheritance of civilization.

(Approved December 21, 1938).