

# THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF AMERICAN STATES

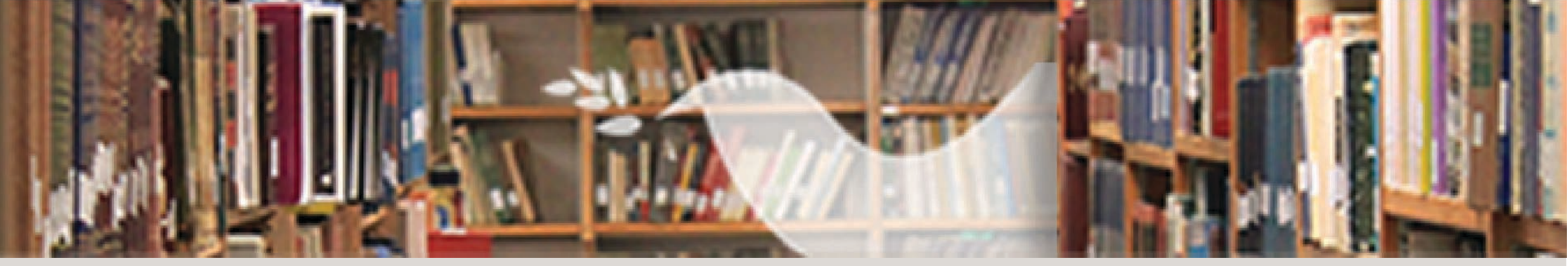
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MOTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH IN-  
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TENANCE OF PEACE, AND THE FIRST AND SECOND  
MEETINGS OF THE MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE  
AMERICAN REPUBLICS FOR CONSULTATION, AT PANAMA  
AND HABANA, TOGETHER WITH DOCUMENTS RELATING TO  
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## THE LIMA DECLARATION IN FAVOR OF WOMEN'S RIGHTS <sup>6</sup>

### WHEREAS:

Women, representing more than half of the population of America, demand full rights as an act of the most elementary human justice;

Women have participated effectively, with a high sense of responsibility, in the historical development of all the countries of America;

In the economic order women are a factor of primary importance, not only as producers but also as controllers and directors of the basic economy of the home;

They have amply demonstrated their ability in every phase of culture and human activity;

Their high sense of responsibility as mothers entitles them to the enjoyment of all of their rights; and

The women of America, before demanding their rights have assumed all of their responsibilities in the social order, thus setting the greatest example of conscientious patriotism,

The Eighth International Conference of American States

### AGREES:

I. To declare that women have the right:

- a. To political treatment on the basis of equality with men;
- b. To the enjoyment of equality as to civil status;
- c. To full protection in and opportunity for work;
- d. To the most ample protection as mothers.

<sup>1</sup> *Diario*, no. 7a, p. 439.

<sup>2</sup> *Diario*, *ibid*, p. 422.

<sup>3</sup> *Diario*, no. 8a, p. 547.

<sup>4</sup> *Diario*, no. 12, p. 759.

<sup>5</sup> *Diario de la Conferencia Interamericana de Consolidación de la Paz*, no. 12, p. 192.

<sup>6</sup> *Final Act*, p. 48.



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2. To urge the governments of the American Republics, which have not already done so, to adopt as soon as possible the necessary legislation to carry out fully the principles contained in this declaration, which shall be known as "The Lima Declaration in favor of Women's Rights".  
(Approved December 22, 1938).