

# THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OF AMERICAN STATES

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CONVENTIONS, RECOMMENDATIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND  
MOTIONS ADOPTED BY THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH IN-  
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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-  
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## THE INTER-AMERICAN COURT OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE <sup>1</sup>

### WHEREAS:

The establishment of an Inter-American Court of International Justice is closely linked with the problems of peace in America, because justice is one of the elements that insures the free exercise of rights and serves to maintain a feeling of continental harmony between the American States, based on the predominance of juridical standards;

Due to the universal character of the principles of law and the natural desire that a tribunal of justice should settle, in accordance with the various juridical systems of the American continent, the difficulties that may arise, the establishment of this judicial organization meets with sympathetic consideration on the part of nearly all the States of this Hemisphere, notwithstanding that the majority of these States continue to be members of the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague, which has a more extensive jurisdiction; and

If at present it is not possible to realize the establishment of this institution to administer justice in America the idea and the purpose of creating it when those conditions imperatively demand its establishment should not be abandoned, but on the contrary the American States should reaffirm their intention and determination to achieve this end, by keeping in mind their unanimous aspiration of creating an Inter-American Court of International Justice, in which all the States of the Continent and all its juridical systems shall be represented,

<sup>1</sup> *Final Act*, p. 52.

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The Eighth International Conference of American States  
DECLARES:

That it is the firm purpose of the States of the American Continent to establish an Inter-American Court of International Justice, whenever these States may recognize the possibility of doing so with complete assurance of success; and that in the meantime the study of an adequate statute on which international justice in America may rest should be encouraged.

(Approved December 22, 1938).