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WHEREAS:

International tension exists between certain countries of the hemisphere;

The strengthening of the peace and security of the hemisphere is first among the purposes of the Organization of American States;

International order consists essentially of respect for and the faithful fulfillment of obligations derived from treaties and other sources of international law;

A fundamental principle of American international law is that no state or group of states has the right to intervene, directly or indirectly, for any reason whatever, in the internal or external affairs of any other state; and

The reaffirmation and the observance of the principle of nonintervention, incorporated in Article 15 of the Charter of the Organization of American States, are not designed or intended to encourage, assist, or defend, or to attack or undermine, in any sense, any specific regime, its fundamental aim being to safeguard the sovereignty and the independence of the states and the free determination of the peoples, as consecrated by centuries of historical development and experience,

The Fifth Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs

RESOLVES:

1. To call upon the peoples and the governments of the Americas to avoid, in a spirit of peace and good will, any attitude that might jeopardize peace and security in order to make possible the reestablishment of hemispheric harmony.



2. To recommend to all the member states of the Organization of American States the strict observance of the principle of nonintervention and rigorous fulfillment of the obligations derived from those juridical instruments of American international law that are in force and are designed to preserve the independence and the sovereignty of the states.