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ON PROBLEMS OF WAR AND PEACE**

**MEXICO, D.F.**

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12. The draft charter shall also provide for the establishment of an equitable system for the financial support of the Pan American Union and of all its related agencies.

*(Approved at the plenary session of March 6, 1945)*

X

TRIBUTE TO DR. L. S. ROWE

WHEREAS:

Dr. L. S. Rowe, Director General of the Pan American Union, has rendered outstanding services to the cause of continental harmony, to which he has nobly devoted his life in the years since, at the side of Elihu Root, he dedicated himself to its organization, consolidation, and success;

Dr. Rowe and his eminent fellow workers have thus won the gratitude of all the American nations, which are confident that he will continue his incomparable efforts on behalf of the Pan American cause,

The Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace

RESOLVES:

To place on record its special and heartfelt appreciation of the notable services rendered by Dr. L. S. Rowe and his eminent fellow workers to the furtherance of continental harmony and Pan Americanism.

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XI

DECLARATION OF MEXICO

The States of America, through their Plenipotentiary-Delegates meeting at the Inter-American Conference on Problems of War and Peace

DECLARE:

The American community maintains the following essential principles as governing the relations among the States composing it:

1. International Law is the rule of conduct for all States.
2. States are juridically equal.
3. Each State is free and sovereign, and no State may intervene in the internal or external affairs of another.
4. The territory of the American States is inviolable and also immutable, except when changes are made by peaceful agreement.
5. The American States do not recognize the validity of territorial conquests.
6. The mission of the American States is the preservation of peace and the maintenance of the best possible relations with all States.

7. Conflicts between States are to be settled exclusively by peaceful means.
8. War of aggression in any of its forms is outlawed.
9. An aggression against an American State constitutes an aggression against all American States.
10. The American States are united in their aspirations and common interests.
11. The American States reiterate their fervent adherence to democratic principles, which they consider essential for the peace of America.
12. The purpose of the State is the happiness of man in society. The interests of the community should be harmonized with the rights of the individual. The American man cannot conceive of living without justice, just as he cannot conceive of living without liberty.
13. Among the rights of man, the first is equality of opportunity to enjoy all the spiritual and material blessings offered by civilization, through the legitimate exercise of his activity, his industry, and his ingenuity.
14. Education and material well-being are indispensable to the development of democracy.
15. Economic cooperation is essential to the common prosperity of the American Nations. Want among any of their peoples, whether in the form of poverty, malnutrition, or ill health, affects each one of them and consequently all of them jointly.
16. The American States consider as necessary the equitable coordination of all interests to create an economy of abundance in which natural resources and human labor will be utilized to raise the standard of living of all the peoples of the Continent.
17. The inter-American community is dedicated to the ideals of universal cooperation.

*(Approved at the plenary session of March 6, 1945)*

## XII

### REAFFIRMATION OF THE PRINCIPLES OF THE ATLANTIC CHARTER

#### WHEREAS:

World peace and security depend on the moral integrity of all nations, large and small, in their international relations;

The American Republics fervently hope that the peace to follow the present conflict shall be founded on sound principles of equity and justice, of liberty and law;

These principles find their most faithful expression in the Atlantic Charter proclaimed August 14, 1941, by the President of the United