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AGREEMENT FOR CO-OPERATION BETWEEN THE  
INTER-GOVERNMENTAL MARITIME CONSULTATIVE  
ORGANIZATION AND THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES

(Signed in London by IMCO on October 2, 1974 and  
in Washington, D.C. by OAS on October 18, 1974)

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WHEREAS the Assembly of the Inter-Governmental Maritime Consultative Organization (hereinafter called "IMCO") and the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (hereinafter called "the OAS") have approved the conclusion of an Agreement establishing close collaboration between IMCO and the OAS;

NOW THEREFORE IMCO and the OAS have decided to conclude an Agreement for Co-operation and have agreed as follows :

ARTICLE I

Co-operation and consultation

1. With a view to facilitating attainment of the objectives of IMCO as set forth in its Convention and the objectives of the OAS as set forth in its Charter, IMCO and the OAS agree to maintain close co-operation and to consult regularly in regard to matters of common interest in the field of maritime transport and other maritime activities that may be within the competence of the two organizations.
2. Accordingly, when either organization proposes to initiate a programme or activity related to a subject in which the other organization has or may have a substantial interest, it shall consult the latter organization with a view to harmonizing their efforts as far as possible, taking into account the worldwide and continental responsibilities respectively of IMCO and the OAS. To this end, the two organizations agree to exchange information on their proposed programme budgets before they are approved by the respective governing bodies so as to provide an opportunity for making comments on items thereof as appropriate.

ARTICLE II

Reciprocal representation

1. IMCO may send observers to the meetings of the General Assembly of the OAS, the Inter-American Economic and Social Council and the Inter-American Council for Education, Science and Culture, who shall participate in those meetings in accordance with the rules of procedure of those organs.

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2. The OAS may send observers to the sessions of the main organs of IMCO, namely the Assembly, the Council, the Maritime Safety Committee, and, when necessary, the subsidiary bodies of these organs, who shall participate in those sessions in accordance with the rules of procedure of those organs.
3. IMCO and the OAS may also send observers to other meetings convened under their respective auspices to consider matters of common interest, in accordance with the corresponding rules of procedure.
4. IMCO and the OAS may each suggest topics on matters of common interest for possible inclusion on the agendas of the meetings convened by the other.

#### ARTICLE III

##### Exchange of information and documents

1. Subject to such arrangements as may be necessary for safeguarding confidential information and documents, IMCO and the OAS shall exchange those concerning all projected activities and all programmes of work that may be of interest to both organizations. IMCO and the OAS shall, at the request of either party, consult regarding the provision by either party of any specific information that may be of interest to the other.
2. With a view to ensuring maximum co-operation in the statistical and legislative fields and minimizing the burdens placed on national governments and other organizations from which such information may be collected, IMCO and the OAS undertake to avoid duplication between them with respect to the collection, compilation and publication of statistical and legislative information and to consult each other on the most efficient use of information, resources and technical personnel in the fields mentioned.
3. IMCO and the OAS recognize that it will sometimes be necessary to apply certain restrictions for the purpose of safeguarding confidential information furnished to them. It is therefore agreed that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed as requiring either of the parties to furnish information, the dissemination of which would, in the judgement of the party possessing the information, betray the confidence of any of its members, or of anyone from whom it has received such information, or interfere with the orderly conduct of its operations.

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## ARTICLE IV

Administrative and Technical  
co-operation between the Secretariats

1. The Secretariat of IMCO and the General Secretariat of the OAS shall maintain a close working relationship on matters of common interest.
2. IMCO and the OAS agree that the respective Secretariats shall consult each other where appropriate regarding the use of personnel, materials, services, equipment, facilities or joint undertakings of either organization in fields of common interest.
3. The Secretariat of IMCO and the General Secretariat of the OAS may make appropriate arrangements for co-operation in the use of training and research facilities and joint undertakings available to either organization for these purposes.

## ARTICLE V

Financing of special services

Where any assistance that is requested by either organization from the other under the terms of this Agreement involves substantial expenditure for the financing of special services, the Secretariat of IMCO and the General Secretariat of the OAS shall consult with a view to determining the most equitable manner of meeting such expenditure, in accordance with their respective budgetary procedures.

## ARTICLE VI

Implementation of the Agreement

The Secretary-General of IMCO and the Secretary General of the OAS may enter into such administrative arrangements for the implementation of this Agreement as may be found desirable in the light of the two organizations' experience.

## ARTICLE VII

Notification to the United Nations and  
filing and recording

1. In accordance with its Relationship Agreement with the United Nations, IMCO will inform the United Nations of the terms of this Agreement.
2. On the coming into force of this Agreement in accordance with the provisions of Article X it will be communicated to the Secretary-General of the United Nations for filing and recording.

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ARTICLE VIII  
Revision of the Agreement

This Agreement shall be subject to revision by agreement between IMCO and the OAS.

ARTICLE IX  
Denunciation of the Agreement

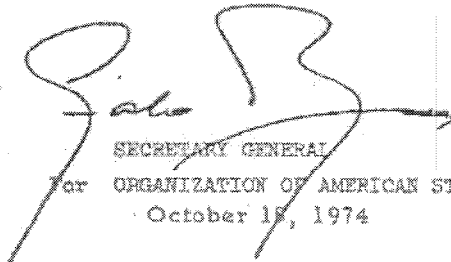
IMCO or the OAS may denounce this Agreement by giving six months' notice to the other party.

ARTICLE X  
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force upon its signature by the Secretary-General of IMCO and the Secretary General of the OAS once the legal requirements of both organizations have been fulfilled.



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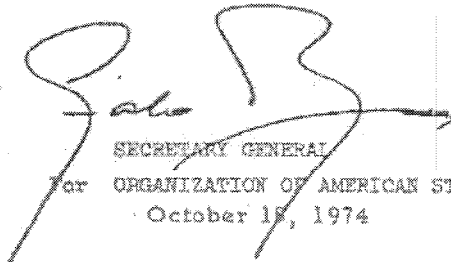
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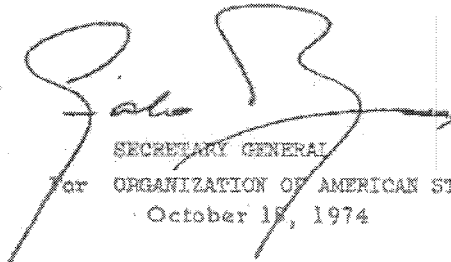
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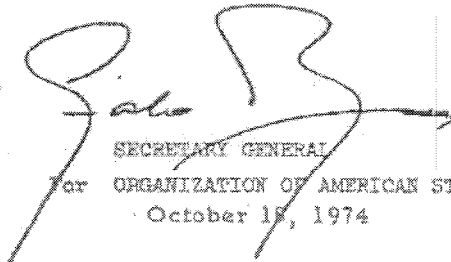
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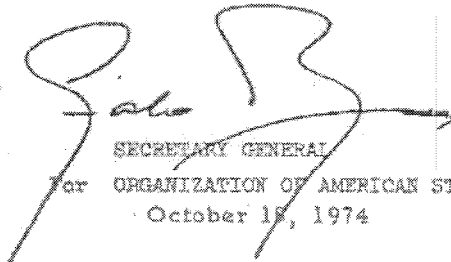
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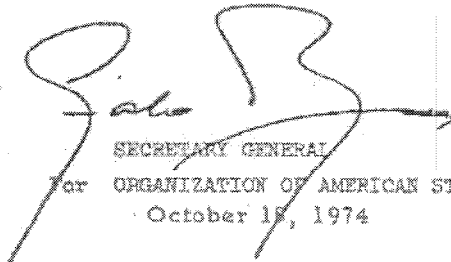
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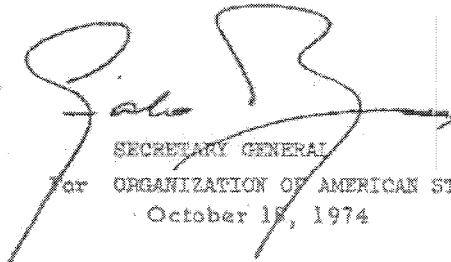
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