

STATUTES OF THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMITTEE
ON NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION (IACNDR)

(Adopted by the OAS General Assembly through Resolution AG / RES. 2955 (L-O / 20), on October 20, 2020)

CHAPTER I
NATURE AND PURPOSE

Article 1

The Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction (hereinafter “the IACNDR”) is an entity of the Organization of American States (hereinafter “the OAS” or “the Organization”), established by the General Assembly through resolution AG/RES. 1682 (XXIX-O/99).

Article 2

The purpose of the IACNDR is to act as the principal forum of the Inter-American system for analyzing issues related to natural and other disasters, including the prevention and mitigation of their effects, in coordination with the governments of member states; competent national, regional, and international organizations; and nongovernmental organizations.

The IACNDR also seeks to harmonize efforts and to facilitate the exchange of information on the actions taken and ongoing, as well as on the response plans of the institutions of the inter-American system, sub-regional and international partners, OAS member states and permanent observers in response to natural and other disasters.

The IACNDR seeks to strengthen hemispheric actions to achieve maximum international cooperation in support of national and/or regional efforts for timely prevention, preparedness, early warning, response, vulnerability reduction, emergency care, mitigation, rehabilitation, and reconstruction.

The IACNDR shall provide advisory services to the Inter-American Emergency Aid Fund (FONDEM) in all matters pertaining to emergency aid, including social, humanitarian, material, technical, and financial assistance to member states pursuant to the Statutes of that Fund.

The IACNDR shall provide advisory and coordination services under the Inter-American Convention to Facilitate Disaster Assistance.

Article 3

The IACNDR is governed by these Statutes. Its activities shall be carried out in accordance with the OAS Charter and the mandates handed down by the OAS General Assembly and Permanent Council.

CHAPTER II STRUCTURE

Article 4: Composition

The IACNDR shall comprise the Chair of the OAS Permanent Council, the Secretary General of the OAS, the Assistant Secretary General of the OAS, the President of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Director General of the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO), the Secretary General of the Pan American Institute of Geography and History (PAIGH), the President of the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), the Director General of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Director General of the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD), the Chair of the Inter-American Defense Board (IADB), and the Executive Secretary of the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM).

Article 5: The Chair and its functions

The Secretary General of the OAS, or, in his absence, his respective representative, is Chair of the IACNDR and, in that capacity, performs the following functions:

- a. Convenes the IACNDR;
- b. Represents the IACNDR before the other organs and agencies of the OAS;
- c. Directs and coordinates the meetings organized by the IACNDR with other agencies responsible for or associated with matters related to the prevention and mitigation of the effects of natural disasters;
- d. Coordinates performance of the IACNDR's functions;
- e. Invite member states with voice but without vote and, when necessary, invites permanent observers, and representatives of national, sub regional, regional, and international organizations and mechanisms to participate in IACNDR meetings with voice but without vote.^{1/}
- f. Submits and presents an annual report on its activities to the Permanent Council.
- g. Assists in coordinating the cooperation among OAS member states, when invited to do so by the interested parties, and assists states affected by a natural disaster in notifying OCHA.
- h. Performs such duties as required under Article VII of the Statutes of the Inter-American Emergency Aid Fund (FONDEM), and
- i. Solicits voluntary contributions for the purposes established in this Statutes and in accordance with article 13.

1. Said organizations could include, among others, the United Nations, the World Bank, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), **International Federation of the Red Cross (IFRC)** ...

CHAPTER III MEETINGS

Article 6

The IACNDR shall meet at least twice a year. At the discretion of the Chair, more frequent meetings may be called.

Article 7

The necessary quorum for a meeting of the IACNDR shall be more than half its members.

Article 8

Should the Secretary General of the OAS be absent from all or part of a meeting of the IACNDR, the other members present shall decide by a majority of votes on a replacement to direct its discussions during his or her absence.

Article 9

A member of the IACNDR may, under special circumstances, appoint another high-level officer of the agency to which he or she belongs to represent it at those meetings that the member cannot attend.

Article 10

Each member of the IACNDR shall have the right to one vote. The Committee shall do everything possible to adopt decisions and recommendations by consensus. Should it not be possible to adopt decisions and recommendations by consensus, the Committee shall adopt them by a majority vote of the members.

Article 11

The IACNDR shall meet at the Headquarters of the General Secretariat of the OAS, except when it decides on an alternative venue or format for its meetings, which could be virtual.

CHAPTER IV SECRETARIAT SERVICES

Article 12

The General Secretariat of the OAS shall provide secretariat services to the IACNDR, in accordance with the resources allocated in the Regular Fund program-budget of the Organization and other resources.

CHAPTER V FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Article 13

The IACNDR through the Secretary General, and without prejudice to the individual competence of its members, shall solicit voluntary contributions from member states and permanent observer states of the Organization and from other member states of the United Nations, as well as from individuals, or public or private institutions, whether national or international, and/or seek to establish the necessary specific and trust funds, pursuant to the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the General Secretariat of the Organization to assist OAS member states consistent with article 2.

In addition to financial contributions obtained pursuant to the foregoing paragraph, for purposes of emergency aid under Article V of the FONDEM Statutes, financial resources shall be made available pursuant to Article IV.b of the FONDEM Statutes for such purposes.

CHAPTER VI AMENDMENTS AND ENTRY INTO FORCE

Article 14

These Statutes may be amended by the General Assembly either at its own initiative or at the request of the IACNDR.

Article 15

These Statutes shall enter into force on the date of their adoption by the OAS General Assembly.

FOOTNOTES

1. ... Republic of Venezuela properly notified the Secretary-General of its denunciation of the Charter in accordance with Article 143 of the Charter of the Organization of American States and the Charter ceased to be in force with respect to the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela which ceased to belong to the organization on 27 April 2019.

Antigua and Barbuda did not support resolution CP/RES 1124 (2217/19) of April 9, 2019 which sought to appoint Mr. Gustavo Tarre as the National Assembly's Representative to the OAS and did not accept the credentials of the officials intending to represent the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela at the 49th and 50th Regular Sessions of the General Assembly.

Therefore Antigua and Barbuda notifies all member states and the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States that, as it did at the 49th Regular Session of the General Assembly, and until further notice, it will not consider itself bound by any declaration or resolution of the 50th Regular Session of the General Assembly or any future declarations or resolutions of any Council or organ of the Organization that includes the participation of any person or entity purporting to speak for or act on behalf of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela and in which 18 votes are attained with the participation of a purported representative of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

2. ... of its withdrawal from the Paris Agreement to the United Nations on November 4, 2019. The withdrawal will take effect one year from the delivery of the notification.

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4. ...the United States opposes the GCM and related processes. Unfortunately, the Global Forum on Migration and Development (GFMD) has in recent years served as a vehicle to advance the aims of the GCM. As a result, the United States in 2018 suspended its participation in and contributions to the GFMD.

7. ... Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the World Bank, the Andean Corporation for Development (CAF), the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI), International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Labor Organization (ILO), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the White Helmets Initiative, Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), the Coordination Center for the Prevention of Natural Disasters in Central America (CEPREDENAC), the Andean Committee for the Prevention and Attention to Disasters (CAPRADE) and the Meeting of Ministers and High Level Authorities of Integral Risk Management of MERCOSUR (RMAGIR).

