

## **I. GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND COUNCILS**



## GENERAL ASSEMBLY

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the Organization of American States, and is composed of the delegations of all the member states, which have the right to be represented in it and are entitled to vote. The definition of the mechanisms, policies, actions, and mandates of the Organization originates in the General Assembly. Its functions are set forth in Chapter IX of the Charter, Article 57 of which states that it meets each year, at the time stipulated in its Rules of Procedure and at a venue chosen according to the rotation principle. Under special circumstances and with the approval of two thirds of the member states, the Permanent Council may convoke a special session of the General Assembly. All member states have the right to be represented in the General Assembly and each is entitled to one vote.

As the inter-American agenda has expanded in recent years, so, too, has the number of items included on the agenda of the General Assembly.

### **Thirty-fifth regular session**

The thirty-fifth regular session was held on June 5-7, 2005 in Fort Lauderdale, in the United States of America. Presiding was Her Excellency, Condoleezza Rice, United States Secretary of State. The Assembly adopted 5 declarations and 97 resolutions. The Proceedings of the General Assembly are published in the document of that name (OEA/Ser.P.XXXV-O.2), which is divided into two volumes: Volume I, containing the certified texts of the declarations and resolutions adopted, and Volume II, which contains the verbatim texts of the plenary sessions, summary minutes of the General Committee, and other documents pertaining to this session.

### **Declarations**

*Declaration of Florida: Delivering the Benefits of Democracy* [AG/DEC. 41 (XXXV-O/05)]: The General Assembly declared that the Organization of American States should continue building on the ideals and commitments of the OAS Charter and the Inter-American Democratic Charter, working together to advance shared political and economic values to make this a Hemisphere of democratic, stable, and prosperous nations. The Declaration reaffirms that the Secretary General may bring to the attention of the Permanent Council, in the exercise of the authority conferred on him by the OAS Charter and pursuant to the Inter-American Democratic Charter, those situations that could require action under the said Charters. The Permanent Council is instructed, for the purpose of facilitating regional cooperation to strengthen representative democracy and good governance, to consider, in cooperation with governments, in an ongoing manner, initiatives to support these areas, in accordance with the provisions of the Inter-American Democratic Charter and with the circumstances surrounding democratic processes in the region. The Working Group to Negotiate the Social Charter of the Americas and a Plan of Action is encouraged to ensure that its work may serve effectively to strengthen existing OAS instruments on democracy, integral development, and the fight against poverty. The Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), in cooperation with the relevant cooperative hemispheric networks, is instructed to formulate strategies to combat poverty, illiteracy, low levels of human development, social problems, and environmental degradation.

*Declaration of the General Assembly on the Situation in Bolivia* [AG/DEC. 42 (XXXV-O/05)]: The General Assembly calls upon the actors in the Bolivian political process to surmount the present crisis promptly, through dialogue, in a peaceful fashion, and with respect for human rights, in accordance with applicable constitutional provisions, preserving democracy and guaranteeing the unity of Bolivia and it

expressed the readiness of the Organization of American States to provide all cooperation that may be requested by the legitimate Bolivian authorities, to facilitate dialogue as a means of surmounting the crisis and guaranteeing the preservation of democratic institutions.

*Declaration: “Support for Nicaragua”* [AG/DEC. 43 (XXXV-O/05)]: The General Assembly expressed its concern regarding the situation that gravely affects the democratic system in Nicaragua, places at Nicaragua’s disposal the experience of the OAS with a view to strengthening the democratic institutional framework, and emphasized the importance of the Permanent Council continuing its direct monitoring of developments in Nicaragua, pursuant to the Inter-American Democratic Charter.

*Declaration on the Question of the Malvinas Islands* [AG/DEC. 44 (XXXV-O/05)] The General Assembly welcomed the reaffirmation of the will of the Argentine Government to continue exploring all possible avenues for peaceful settlement of the dispute and its constructive approach towards the inhabitants of the Malvinas Islands. It reaffirmed the need for negotiations to begin, as soon as possible, on the sovereignty dispute, in order to find a peaceful solution to the controversy. Consequently, it decided to continue to examine the issue at subsequent sessions of the General Assembly.

*Declaration on Coordination of Volunteers in the Hemisphere in Response to Natural Disasters and the Fight against Hunger and Poverty. White Helmets Initiative: The Impact of the Energy Situation on the Development of Member States* [AG/DEC. 45 (XXXV-O/05)]: The General Assembly declared its renewed support for the White Helmets Initiative, and commitment to promote their cooperation, to share the experience acquired in crisis situations, and to seek the greatest possible efficiency in the development of emergency response mechanisms; to welcome the decision taken by the Governments of Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, and Uruguay, which have designated their respective focal points for the White Helmets Initiative; to recognize the progress made in the Regional Seminars for the Promotion and Dissemination of Volunteers for Humanitarian Assistance in Latin America and the Caribbean; and its concern that each country should identify its national, governmental, and nongovernmental capabilities, programs, and experiences for the fight against hunger and poverty and the handling of emergencies, including the participation of volunteer corps.

## **Resolutions**

At its thirty-fifth regular session, the General Assembly adopted major decisions on such issues as democracy, human rights, legal development, social development, hemispheric security, terrorism, corruption, civil society, anti-personnel-landmine clearing, natural disasters, trade, tourism, scholarships, women, children, and indigenous peoples. The General Assembly also adopted resolutions on issues being addressed by the organs, agencies, and entities of the Organization, as well as resolutions on administrative aspects of the General Secretariat.

AG/RES. 2061 (XXXV-O/05)	Place and Date of the Thirty-sixth Regular Session of the General Assembly
AG/RES. 2062 (XXXV-O/05)	Tribute to Assistant Secretary General Luigi R. Einaudi
AG/RES. 2063 (XXXV-O/05)	Free Trade and Investment in the Hemisphere (Report of the Permanent Council)
AG/RES. 2064 (XXXV-O/05)	The Role of the Legislative Branch in Combating Corruption and Impunity in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2065 (XXXV-O/05)	Seventh Inter-American Specialized Conference on Private International Law
AG/RES. 2066 (XXXV-O/05)	Dissemination of Information on the Inter-American System for the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights in Educational Institutions in the Countries of the Hemisphere

AG/RES. 2067 (XXXV-O/05)	Human Rights Defenders: Support for the Individuals, Groups, and Organizations of Civil Society Working to Promote and Protect Human Rights in the Americas
AG/RES. 2068 (XXXV-O/05)	Meeting of Ministers of Justice or of Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas
AG/RES. 2069 (XXXV-O/05)	Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Juridical Committee
AG/RES. 2070 (XXXV-O/05)	Inter-American Program for the Development of International Law
AG/RES. 2071 (XXXV-O/05)	2006: Inter-American Year of the Fight against Corruption
AG/RES. 2072 (XXXV-O/05)	Promotion of the International Criminal Court
AG/RES. 2073 (XXXV-O/05)	American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
AG/RES. 2074 (XXXV-O/05)	Standards for the Preparation of Periodic Reports Pursuant to the Protocol of San Salvador
AG/RES. 2075 (XXXV-O/05)	Strengthening of Human Rights Systems Pursuant to the Plan of Action of the Third Summit of the Americas
AG/RES. 2076 (XXXV-O/05)	Follow-Up on the Inter-American Convention against Corruption and Its Program for Cooperation
AG/RES. 2077 (XXXV-O/05)	Strengthening Mechanisms for Policy Dialogue for Integral Development
AG/RES. 2078 (XXXV-O/05)	Strengthening Technical Cooperation for Integral Development
AG/RES. 2079 (XXXV-O/05)	Strengthening Substantive Policy Dialogue in the Framework of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development
AG/RES. 2080 (XXXV-O/05)	Study of the Relationship Between Trade, Debt, and Financing
AG/RES. 2081 (XXXV-O/05)	Poverty, Equity, and Social Inclusion: Follow-Up to the Declaration of Margarita
AG/RES. 2082 (XXXV-O/05)	Microcredit and Microfinancing for Job Creation and Poverty Alleviation, and Instruments for Furthering Social Cohesion and Community Participation
AG/RES. 2083 (XXXV-O/05)	Strengthening of Micro, Small, and Medium-Sized Enterprises
AG/RES. 2084 (XXXV-O/05)	Report of the Second Inter-American Meeting of Ministers of Culture and Highest Appropriate Authorities
AG/RES. 2085 (XXXV-O/05)	Report of the First Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development
AG/RES. 2086 (XXXV-O/05)	Report of the Second Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Education
AG/RES. 2087 (XXXV-O/05)	Report of the First Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Science and Technology
AG/RES. 2088 (XXXV-O/05)	XIV Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor
AG/RES. 2089 (XXXV-O/05)	XIX Inter-American Travel Congress
AG/RES. 2090 (XXXV-O/05)	Continuing Participation in the Inter-American Council for Integral Development by Member States That Have Not Ratified the Protocol Of Managua
AG/RES. 2091 (XXXV-O/05)	Support for and Follow-Up to the Summits of the Americas Process
AG/RES. 2092 (XXXV-O/05)	Increasing and Strengthening Civil Society Participation in OAS Activities and in the Summits of the Americas Process
AG/RES. 2093 (XXXV-O/05)	Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities Responsible for Policies on Decentralization, Local Government, and Citizen Participation at the Municipal Level in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2094 (XXXV-O/05)	Inter-American Convention against the Illicit Manufacturing of and Trafficking in Firearms, Ammunition, Explosives, and Other Related Materials

AG/RES. 2095 (XXXV-O/05)	Meeting of the Permanent Council with Representatives of the Legislatures of the Americas
AG/RES. 2096 (XXXV-O/05)	Appointment of Women to Senior Management Positions at the OAS
AG/RES. 2097 (XXXV-O/05)	Multilateral Evaluation Mechanism (MEM) of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission: Report on Its Third Evaluation Round
AG/RES. 2098 (XXXV-O/05)	Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Drug Abuse Control Commission
AG/RES. 2099 (XXXV-O/05)	Strengthening of the Inter-American Commission of Women
AG/RES. 2100 (XXXV-O/05)	Support for the Activities of and Preparations for the Fourth Regular Meeting of the Assembly of the Inter-American Telecommunication Commission
AG/RES. 2101 (XXXV-O/05)	XIX Pan American Child Congress
AG/RES. 2102 (XXXV-O/05)	Cooperation Between the Organization of American States and the United Nations System, the General Secretariat of the Central American Integration System, and the General Secretariat of the Caribbean Community
AG/RES. 2103 (XXXV-O/05)	Public Presentation of the Candidates Proposed for the Positions of Secretary General and Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States
AG/RES. 2104 (XXXV-O/05)	Consolidation of the Regime Established in the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty Of Tlatelolco)
AG/RES. 2105 (XXXV-O/05)	Support for Action against Antipersonnel Mines in Ecuador and Peru
AG/RES. 2106 (XXXV-O/05)	Support for the Program for Comprehensive Action against Antipersonnel Mines in Central America
AG/RES. 2107 (XXXV-O/05)	The Americas as a Biological- and Chemical-Weapons-Free Region
AG/RES. 2108 (XXXV-O/05)	The Proliferation of and the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects
AG/RES. 2109 (XXXV-O/05)	Disarmament and Nonproliferation Education
AG/RES. 2110 (XXXV-O/05)	Inter-American Convention on Transparency in Conventional Weapons Acquisitions
AG/RES. 2111 (XXXV-O/05)	Inter-American Support for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty
AG/RES. 2112 (XXXV-O/05)	Special Security Concerns of the Small Island States of the Caribbean
AG/RES. 2113 (XXXV-O/05)	Transparency and Confidence- and Security-Building in the Americas
AG/RES. 2114 (XXXV-O/05)	Natural Disaster Reduction and Risk Management
AG/RES. 2115 (XXXV-O/05)	Addressing Extreme Poverty, Inequality, and Social Exclusion as a Means of Strengthening Hemispheric Security
AG/RES. 2116 (XXXV-O/05)	Fighting Transnational Organized Crime in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2117 (XXXV-O/05)	Follow-Up to the Special Conference on Security
AG/RES. 2118 (XXXV-O/05)	Fighting the Crime of Trafficking in Persons
AG/RES. 2119 (XXXV-O/05)	Promotion and Strengthening of Democracy
AG/RES. 2120 (XXXV-O/05)	Presentation of Candidates for Membership on the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
AG/RES. 2121 (XXXV-O/05)	Access to Public Information: Strengthening Democracy
AG/RES. 2122 (XXXV-O/05)	Program for Democratic Governance in the Americas
AG/RES. 2123 (XXXV-O/05)	Promotion of Corporate Social Responsibility in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2124 (XXXV-O/05)	Promotion of Women's Human Rights and Gender Equity and Equality

AG/RES. 2125 (XXXV-O/05)	Study of the Rights and the Care of Persons under Any Form of Detention or Imprisonment
AG/RES. 2126 (XXXV-O/05)	Prevention of Racism and All Forms of Discrimination and Intolerance and Consideration of the Preparation of a Draft Inter-American Convention
AG/RES. 2127 (XXXV-O/05)	Promotion of and Respect for International Humanitarian Law
AG/RES. 2128 (XXXV-O/05)	Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
AG/RES. 2129 (XXXV-O/05)	Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Report of the Inter-American Court of Human Rights
AG/RES. 2130 (XXXV-O/05)	The Human Rights of All Migrant Workers and Their Families
AG/RES. 2131 (XXXV-O/05)	Situation of the Inter-American Indian Institute
AG/RES. 2132 (XXXV-O/05)	Strengthening of the National Human Rights Systems of the Member States and Support for the Work of Defenders of the People, Defenders of the Population, and Human Rights Attorneys or Commissioners (Ombudsmen)
AG/RES. 2133 (XXXV-O/05)	Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy Cases of International Abduction of Children By One of Their Parents
AG/RES. 2134 (XXXV-O/05)	Persons Who Have Disappeared and Assistance to Members of Their Families
AG/RES. 2135 (XXXV-O/05)	Support for and Monitoring of Activities Related to the World Summit on the Information Society
AG/RES. 2136 (XXXV-O/05)	Observations and Recommendations on the Annual Reports of the Organs, Agencies, and Entities of the Organization
AG/RES. 2137 (XXXV-O/05)	Support for the Work of the Inter-American Committee against Terrorism
AG/RES. 2138 (XXXV-O/05)	Fourth Biennial Report on Fulfillment of Resolution AG/RES. 1456 (XXVII-O/97), "Promotion of the Inter-American Convention on the Prevention, Punishment, and Eradication of Violence against Women, 'Convention of Belém Do Pará'"
AG/RES. 2139 (XXXV-O/05)	Draft Social Charter of the Americas: Renewal of the Hemispheric Commitment to Fight Extreme Poverty in the Region
AG/RES. 2140 (XXXV-O/05)	Internally Displaced Persons
AG/RES. 2141 (XXXV-O/05)	Inter-American Program for the Promotion and Protection of the Human Rights of Migrants, Including Migrant Workers and Their Families
AG/RES. 2142 (XXXV-O/05)	The Americas as an Antipersonnel-Land-Mine-Free Zone
AG/RES. 2143 (XXXV-O/05)	Protecting Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms While Countering Terrorism
AG/RES. 2144 (XXXV-O/05)	Promotion of Hemispheric Cooperation in Dealing with Gangs
AG/RES. 2145 (XXXV-O/05)	Denying MANPADS to Terrorists: Control and Security of Man-Portable Air Defense Systems (MANPADS)
AG/RES. 2146 (XXXV-O/05)	Extradition of and Denial of Safe Haven to Terrorists: Mechanisms for Cooperation in the Fight against Terrorism
AG/RES. 2147 (XXXV-O/05)	Strengthening Democracy in Haiti
AG/RES. 2148 (XXXV-O/05)	Combating the Commercial Sexual Exploitation and Smuggling of and Trafficking in Children in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2149 (XXXV-O/05)	Right to Freedom of Thought and Expression and the Importance of the Media

AG/RES. 2150 (XXXV-O/05)	Obligation of Member States to Respect the Rules and Principles of International Law Contained in the OAS Charter in order to Preserve and Strengthen Peace in the Hemisphere
AG/RES. 2151 (XXXV-O/05)	Delivering the Benefits of Democracy: Partnership for Integral Development
AG/RES. 2152 (XXXV-O/05)	Limitation of Military Spending
AG/RES. 2153 (XXXV-O/05)	Amendment to the Statute of the Justice Studies Center of the Americas
AG/RES. 2154 (XXXV-O/05)	Promotion of Regional Cooperation for Implementation of the Inter-American Democratic Charter
AG/RES. 2155 (XXXV-O/05)	Vote of Appreciation to the People and Government of the United States
AG/RES. 2156 (XXXV-O/05)	Modernization and Reorganization of the OAS General Secretariat
AG/RES. 2157 (XXXV-O/05)	Program-budget of the Organization for 2006, Quotas and Contributions to FEMCIDI for 2006



## **PERMANENT COUNCIL**

The Permanent Council, one of the organs by means of which the Organization accomplishes its purposes (Article 53 of the Charter), is directly answerable to the General Assembly. The Council is composed of one representative of each member state, especially appointed by the respective government with the rank of ambassador. Chapter XII of the Charter stipulates the functions and responsibilities of the Permanent Council, which takes up any matter entrusted to it by the General Assembly or the Meeting of Consultation of Ministers of Foreign Affairs. It serves provisionally as the Organ of Consultation, in accordance with the provisions of the Inter-American Treaty of Reciprocal Assistance (TIAR). The Permanent Council sees to the maintenance of friendly relations among the member states and assists them in the peaceful settlement of their differences. It acts as Preparatory Committee of the General Assembly, unless the latter decides otherwise.

### **Chair and Vice Chair**

The following ambassadors chaired the Permanent Council:

- July-September 2005, Chair: Ambassador Roberto Álvarez Gil, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic. Vice Chair: Ambassador Deborah-Mae Novell, Permanent Representative of Antigua and Barbuda
- October-December 2005, Chair: Ambassador Izben C. Williams, Permanent Representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis. Vice Chair: Ambassador Jorge Valero, Permanent Representative of Venezuela.
- January-March 2006, Chair: Ambassador Sonia M. Johnny, Permanent Representative of Saint Lucia. Vice Chair: Ambassador Marina Valere, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago.
- April-June 2006: Chair: Ambassador Ellsworth I. A. John, Permanent Representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; Vice Chair: Ambassador Marina Valere, Permanent Representative of Trinidad and Tobago.

The office of chair is held by each of the representatives, in turn, following the alphabetic order in Spanish of the names of their respective countries. The office of vice chair is filled in the same way, following reverse alphabetic order. These positions are held for a three-month term, which begins automatically on the first day of each quarter.

### **Presentations**

In the course of the year, the Secretaries General, the Acting Secretary General, and the Assistant Secretary General addressed the Permanent Council on a number of occasions to talk about facilitation missions conducted in countries of the region, including Colombia, Bolivia, Haiti, and Nicaragua, and the ongoing process between Belize and Guatemala. They also referred to the electoral observation missions of the General Secretariat in OAS member states, presented reports on administrative developments in the Organization, and delivered speeches during protocolary visits to the Organization.

### **Visits to the Permanent Council**

The Council welcomes the following presidents and officials: The President of Honduras, Ricardo Maduro Joest; The President of the Dominican Republic, Doctor Leonel Fernández; The President of Guyana, Bharrat Jagdeo; The interim Prime Minister of Haiti, Gérard Latortue; The Minister of Foreign

Affairs of Peru, Ambassador Oscar Maúrtua de Romaña; The Prime Minister of Jamaica, Percival J. Patterson; the President Elect of Haiti, René Préval; The President of Peru, Alejandro Toledo; The Vice President of Panama, Samuel Lewis Navarro; the President of Nicaragua, Enrique Bolaños Geyer; The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Nicaragua, Norman Caldera Cardenal; The United States Commerce Secretary, Carlos Gutiérrez; The Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Dominican Republic, Ambassador Carlos Morales Troncoso; The Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ecuador, Ambassador Francisco Carrión Mena; and others.

## **Resolutions and Declarations**

The Council approved the following resolutions, the complete texts of which are posted on the Council's website:

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| CP/DEC. 28 (1494/05)         | Declaration of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States on the Acts of Terrorism Perpetrated in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland on July 7, 2005                |
| CP/RES. 885 (1499/05)        | Support for Democracy in Bolivia  |
| CP/RES. 886 (1501/05)        | Convocation of the Third Meeting of Ministers and High-Level Authorities Responsible for Policies on Decentralization, Local Government, and Citizen Participation at the Municipal Level in the Hemisphere |
| CP/RES. 887 (1501/05)        | Convocation of the Second Meeting of Central Authorities and Other Experts on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters and Extradition   |
| CP/RES. 888 (1501/05)        | Place and Date of the Sixth Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples                 |
| CP/RES. 889 (1503/05) rev. 2 | Convocation of the Meeting of National Authorities on Trafficking in Persons  |
| CP/RES. 890 (1503/05)        | Specific Fund for the Inter-American Program of Cooperation to Prevent and Remedy Cases of Abduction of Children by one of their Parents  |
| CP/RES. 891 (1505/05)        | Solidarity with and Assistance for the People and Government of the United States   |
| CP/RES. 892 (1507/05)        | Support for Nicaragua   |
| CP/RES. 893 (1514/05)        | Reallocation of the Extra-Budgetary Appropriation Approved under CP/RES. 882 (1478/05) to Defray Part of the FY2005 Unforeseen Expenses   |
| CP/RES. 894 (1516/05)        | Use and Replenishment of the Capital Fund for the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs to Meet Overextended Fellowship Commitments   |
| CP/RES. 895 (1524/05)        | Creation of the Assistant Secretariat for Multidimensional Security and the Assistant Secretariat for Political Affairs   |

CP/RES. 896 (1524/05)	Convocation of the Fourth Meeting of the Group of Governmental Experts on Cyber-Crime, Pursuant to Resolution AG/RES. 2068 (XXXV-O/05) and the Recommendations of the Fifth Meeting of Ministers of Justice or of Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA-V)
CP/DEC. 30 (1528/06)	Declaration of the Permanent Council of the Organization of American States on the Elections Held in Haiti
CP/RES. 897 (1526/06)	Convocation of the Thirty-First Special Session of the General Assembly
CP/RES. 898 (1528/06)	Place and Date of the Seventh Meeting of Negotiations in the Quest for Points of Consensus of the Working Group to Prepare the Draft American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples
CP/RES. 899 (1531/06)	Date and Place of the Sixth Meeting of Ministers of Justice or of Ministers or Attorneys General of the Americas (REMJA-VI)
CP/RES. 900 (1532/06)	The Inter-American Defense Board as an Entity of the Organization of American States and Approval of its Statutes
CP/RES. 901 (1535/06)	Change of Date of the Thirty-Second Special Session of the General Assembly
CP/RES. 902 (1537/06)	Invitations to the Thirty-Sixth Regular Session of the General Assembly
CP/RES. 903 (1542/06)	Adjustment to the 2006 Approved Program-Budget
CP/RES.904 (1550/06)	Convocation of the Meeting of States Parties to the Inter-American Convention on Transparency in Conventional Weapons Acquisitions
CP/RES.905 (1550/06)	Convocation of the Meeting on the Limitation of Military Spending and the Promotion of Greater Transparency in the Acquisition of Arms
CP/RES.906 (1550/06)	Convocation of the Second Meeting of the CIFTA-CICAD Group of Experts to Prepare Model Legislation on the Areas Covered by the CIFTA
CP/RES.907 (1550/06)	Addressing Extreme Poverty, Inequality, and Social Exclusion as a Means of Strengthening Hemispheric Security

## **INTER-AMERICAN COUNCIL FOR INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT**

The Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) is directly answerable to the General Assembly. It has decision-making authority in matters related to partnership for development and was established when the Protocol of Managua entered into force on January 29, 1996 (Chapter XIII). It has the following subsidiary bodies: Permanent Executive Committee (CEPCIDI), Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (IACD), Nonpermanent Specialized Committees (CENPES), and the Inter-American Committees.

### **Tenth Regular Meeting of CIDI**

The Tenth Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) was held at OAS headquarters on April 28, 2005. The Permanent Representative of Saint Kitts and Nevis, Ambassador Izben C. Williams, and Mr. Patricio Powell, Alternate Representative of Chile, were elected Chair and Vice Chair of the meeting, respectively. Furthermore, the delegations of Argentina, Canada, Brazil, and United States were elected as the members of the Style Committee for the meeting.

The Executive Secretary for Integral Development, Dr. Brian Stevenson, presented a report on partnership for development in the framework of the Organization. He indicated his strong belief that the OAS, its member states and its Secretariat could accomplish great things in addressing the development challenges faced by the region. In this framework, and taking advantage of the ongoing restructuring of the General Secretariat, Dr. Stevenson mentioned that SEDI would support the member states in defining and promoting development policies for the region, under the umbrella of CIDI and its ministerial processes, and that it would support development programs and offer them technical assistance. At the meeting the importance was underlined of acquiring external funds, maintaining contributions, supporting the Special Multilateral Fund of CIDI (FEMCIDI) and ensuring the efficient and transparent management of funds.

CIDI instructed CEPCIDI to elect four new members of the Management Board of the IACD, as well as the Chair and Vice Chair of the Permanent Executive Committee, received the offer of voluntary contributions to FEMCIDI from several member states, and adopted the following reports: Summary Description of Ongoing Programs and Activities in the Tourism Area; Report to the General Assembly pursuant to resolution AG/RES. 1987 (XXXIV-O/04); Report on Implementation of Strategies to Mobilize External Resources and Expand the OAS Scholarship and Training Programs; Report on Activities of the OAS General Secretariat on the resolution on Trade and Integration in the Americas; and Report of the Working Group on Sustainable Development on the Draft Inter-American Program on Sustainable Development (2005-2007).

The 10th Regular Meeting of CIDI went on to consider and approve the following resolutions: Strengthening of Political Dialogue Mechanisms for Integral Development; Strengthening of Technical Cooperation for Integral Development; Strengthening of the Substantive Policy Dialogue in the Framework of CIDI; Poverty, Equity and Social Inclusion: Follow-up to the Declaration of Margarita; Microcredit and Microfinancing for Job Creation and Poverty Alleviation and Instruments for Furthering Social Cohesion and Community Participation; Strengthening of Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises; Study on the Relationship between Trade, Debt, and Financing; XIX Inter-American Travel Congress; XIV Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor; Report on the Second Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Culture; Report on the First Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development; Report on the Second Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Education; Report on the First Meeting of Minister and High Authorities on Science and Technology; Inter-American Program on Sustainable Development; Delegation of Authority for Approving the Appointment

of the Executive Secretary for Integral Development; and Continuing Participation in the Inter-American Council for Integral Development by Member States that have not Ratified the Protocol of Managua.

CIDI also decided to present the following draft resolutions to the General Assembly at its 35th regular session: Strengthening of Political Dialogue Mechanisms for Integral Development; Strengthening of Technical Cooperation for Integral Development; Strengthening the Substantive Policy Dialogue in the Framework of CIDI; Study on the Relationship between Trade, Debt, and Financing; Poverty, Equity and Social Inclusion: Follow-up to the Declaration of Margarita; Microcredit and Microfinancing for Job Creation and Poverty Alleviation and Instruments for Furthering Social Cohesion and Community Participation; Strengthening Micro, Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises; Report on the Second Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Culture; Report on the First Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Social Development; Report on the Second Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Education; Report on the First Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities on Science and Technology; XIV Inter-American Conference of Ministers of Labor; XIX Inter-American Travel Congress; Continuing Participation in the Inter-American Council for Integral Development by Member States that Have not Ratified the Protocol Managua. All the draft resolutions were considered and adopted by the General Assembly in June 2005.

### **Nonpermanent Specialized Committees (CENPES)**

The nonpermanent specialized committees are technical bodies that lend support to CIDI in dealing with specialized matters or in developing specific aspects of inter-American cooperation in the priority cooperation areas of the Strategic Plan. There are eight committees, one for each priority area of the Strategic Plan: Education, Economic Diversification, Trade Liberalization and Market Access, Social Development and Creation of Productive Employment, Scientific Development and Exchange and Transfer of Technology, Strengthening of Democratic Institutions, Sustainable Development and Environment, and Sustainable Tourism Development.

CEPCIDI convoked the annual meeting of the Nonpermanent Specialized Committees (CENPES) corresponding to the 2004 FEMCIDI programming exercise, which was held from May 3 to 5, 2005. The 33 members of the 8 Committees evaluated the projects and submitted recommendations to the Management Board of the IACD on the projects that should be financed and the level of financing for each project. The CENPES recommended 92 projects, of which 52 are multinational and 40 national, for a total amount of US\$ 7,598,967.52. The recommendations of the CENPES were approved by the Management Board of the IACD in June 2005.