

#### 42/11. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States

*The General Assembly,*

*Reaffirming* the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Recalling* that the purposes of the United Nations are, *inter alia*, to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural or humanitarian character, and in promoting and encouraging respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of these common ends,

*Bearing in mind* that the Charter of the United Nations provides for the existence of regional arrangements or agencies for dealing with such matters relating to the maintenance of international peace and security as are appropriate for regional action, and other activities consistent with the purposes and principles of the United Nations,

*Recalling also* that the Charter of the Organization of American States reaffirms these purposes and principles, and provides that that organization is a regional agency under the terms of the Charter of the United Nations,

*Bearing in mind* that the Charter of the Organization of American States affirms that economic co-operation is essential to common welfare and prosperity, and that that organization will put into effect the principles on which it is founded by fulfilling its regional obligations under the Charter of the United Nations,

*Taking note* of the standards on co-operative relations between the Organization of American States and the United Nations, its specialized agencies and other national and international organizations,<sup>28</sup> adopted by the Organization of American States on 23 April 1971,

*Underlining* the need to strengthen the co-operation that already exists between the United Nations and the Organization of American States, especially in respect of economic and social development, as well as the recent initiative by their Secretaries-General regarding co-operation in the peace process in Central America,

*Convinced of the need* for more efficient and co-ordinated utilization of available economic and financial resources to promote the common objectives of the two organizations,

1. *Invites* the Secretary-General to take the necessary measures for promoting and expanding co-operation and co-ordination between the United Nations and the Organization of American States in order to increase the capacity of the two organizations for the attainment of their common objectives;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations, in close co-ordination with the Secretary-General of the Organization of American States, to promote meetings between representatives of the two organizations for the purpose of holding consultations on policies, projects, measures and procedures which will facilitate and broaden co-operation between them;

3. *Urges* the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system:

(a) To collaborate with the Secretary-General in the submission and follow-up of proposals designed to intensify and expand co-operation in all spheres between the

United Nations system and the Organization of American States and its specialized agencies;

(b) To initiate, maintain and increase consultations with the specialized agencies, organizations and related programmes of the Organization of American States responsible for development projects for the purpose of co-operating with them in the attainment of their objectives;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its forty-third session a report on the implementation of the present resolution;

5. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its forty-third session the item entitled "Co-operation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States".

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#### 42/12. Co-operation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System

*The General Assembly,*

*Bearing in mind* that the Convention establishing the Latin American Economic System, signed on 17 October 1975, created a permanent body for intraregional co-operation and consultation and co-ordination among Latin American and Caribbean States,

*Considering* that, in accordance with the Convention, the activities of the Latin American Economic System are carried out in keeping with its principles that correspond to those of the United Nations such as equality, sovereignty and independence of States, solidarity, non-intervention and respect for the economic, social and political systems freely chosen by States,

*Recalling* that, in accordance with the Convention, co-operation as well as consultation and co-ordination activities promoted by the Latin American Economic System are carried out in the spirit of the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, contained in General Assembly resolutions 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974, and of the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States, contained in Assembly resolution 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974,

*Bearing in mind* its resolution 35/3 of 13 October 1980, in which it granted observer status to the Latin American Economic System in the General Assembly, and that several organs and agencies of the United Nations system participate on the same basis in the Latin American Council, the supreme organ of the Latin American Economic System,

*Taking into account* the fact that the Secretary-General of the United Nations is represented at sessions of the Latin American Council by a special representative,

*Considering* that the Latin American Economic System has entered into agreements or understandings regarding the conduct of co-operation with organs and agencies of the United Nations system, such as the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the United Nations Development Programme, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the United Nations Industrial Development Organization, the International Labour Organisation, the World Intellectual Property Organization, the Office of the United Nations Disaster Relief Co-ordinator, the United Nations In-

<sup>28</sup> Document OEA/Ser.P-AG/doc.109 Rev.1 of the Organization of American States of 22 April 1971.