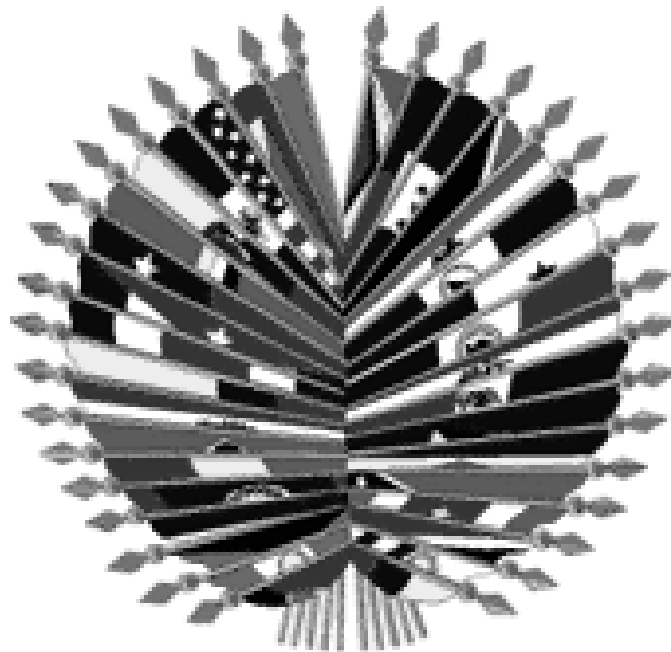


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**PROMOTION AND STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRACY:
INCREASING THE PUBLIC OFFICE POSITIONS OCCUPIED BY YOUTH**

General Committee

Topic No 1 of the Agenda

Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Preamble of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), in which representative democracy is taken as an indispensable key for peace, stability and development in the region, and that “the true significance of American solidarity and good neighborliness can only mean the consolidation on this continent, within the framework of democratic institutions, of a system of individual liberty and social justice based on respect for the essential rights of man”;

The Article 2b. of the Charter, which states that “the Organization proclaims as an essential purposes... the promotion and consolidation of representative democracy”;

The Article 1 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, which declares: “The peoples of the Americas have a right to democracy and their governments have an obligation to promote and defend it. Democracy is essential for the social, political, and economic development of the peoples of the Americas”;

Article 4 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, which affirms that “Transparency in government activities, probity, responsible public administration on the part of governments, respect for social rights, and freedom of expression and of the press are essential components of the exercise of democracy”;

That Article 27 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter notes the importance of promoting democratic values and practices through education, emphasizing that “special attention shall be given to the development of programs and activities for the education of children and youth as a means of ensuring the continuance of democratic values, including liberty and social justice”;

CONSIDERING:

That the participation of Civil Society, especially the youth, in democratic activities plays a fundamental role in encouraging and strengthening government activities among Member States.

That education is the key for citizens to achieve better jobs conditions, life styles and then, be able to make more proper decisions in democratic election matters;

That an educated youth should be accompanied and encouraged with compromise by all Member States; and

REAFIRMING:

The “commitment to the Monterrey Consensus that each country has primary responsibility for its own economic and social development through sound policies, promotion of good governance at all levels and respect for the rule of law and that, at the same time, the international community should support national development efforts,” as noted in the Declaration of Mar del Plata, at the Fourth Summit of the Americas (2005),

RESOLVES:

1. To invite Member States to improve their commitment and efforts in the promotion and strengthening of democracy by opening new positions for youth in their Public Offices.
2. To instruct the Department of Sustainable Democracy and Special Missions of the Secretariat for Political Affairs (SPA), to create a Committee composed of university graduates, representatives of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and specialists such as psychologists and sociologists:
 - a. To analyze the situation and purposes of youth related to Public Offices within the different Administrations in the Hemisphere.
 - b. To propose the creation of new programs to promote democracy among the youth linked to their participation in public issues.
 - c. To be a point of reference and information for Member States' governmental organizations in this matter.
3. To request the Department of Press to create an electronic bulletin for acknowledgment compiling and give an analysis of the situation of the youth in social-political affairs in the Hemisphere, which will:
 - a. Be published on the OAS webpage each month.
 - b. Include the opinion and contributions of the young people who are already occupying positions in the Member States' Public Offices.
 - c. Inform about the programs related with the promotion of democracy among youth in the Hemisphere.
4. To finance this project with the specific funds allocated to the SPA budget and also contributions of voluntary donations from Member States, Permanent Observers, NGOs, and any other organization which wishes to collaborate to carry out this initiative.
5. To instruct the Secretary General to present a report on the implementation of the activities of the aforementioned Committee to the General Assembly in its next period of sessions.

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**ENHANCING HEMISPHERIC AWARENESS OF THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL RECESSION
THROUGH A SPECIAL SUMMIT OF THE AMERICAS**

General Committee
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Suriname

Topic No. 2 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Article 2f. of the Charter of the Organization of American States, which states that member states will “promote by cooperative action, their economic, social and cultural development”;

Article 3k. of the Charter, which states that “Economic cooperation is essential to the common welfare and prosperity of the peoples of the continent”,

The thirty-first lecture series of the Americas “A Conversation on the Inter-American Agenda”, in which the President of the World Bank noted important contributions being made to foster that Agenda and the urgency to act to act upon it;

The thirty second lecture series of the Americas “The Financial Crisis and its impact on the Americas,” in which the President of the Inter-American Development Bank explained his vision of the crisis to the Hemisphere and its impact on the quality of life in the Member States; and

CONSIDERING:

The global financial recession the world has been experiencing in the past months;

That the Organization of American States (OAS) has not addressed the issue in a General Assembly;

That many member nations have been ensuring unilateral measures in order to control the situation;

That the Summit of the Americas’ process has proven of great importance to the stability of the Hemisphere;

That the OAS is the key hemispheric forum in which member nations can find the solutions to global issues;

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the General Secretariat to organize a Summit of the Americas dedicated towards raising awareness on the global financial situation, with the following characteristics:
 - a. That the Heads of State, their Ministers of Foreign Affairs, Commerce, Economy and the representative of the Central Bank of all member countries be invited to participate.
 - b. That the Summit be held in Washington, DC at OAS Headquarters in the interest of fiscal responsibility.
 - c. That the Summit be divided in four committees during the first two days: one for the North American Ministers, one for the Central American Ministers, one for the Caribbean Ministers and one for the South American Ministers.

- d. That in these committees the member states will discuss the current situation and elaborate a document containing their conclusions.
 - e. That in the following two days of the Summit, the member states will meet as a whole and expose their situation by committees and then reach solutions using the committee's work.
2. That the General Secretariat set up the Agenda of the Summit bearing in mind the guidelines pointed out above.
 3. To charge the General Secretariat with elaborating a budget for the Summit and allocating the necessary resources from any means it considers fit.
 4. That this conference may not be rescheduled for a later time, as the financial situation is most challenging.
 5. A report of findings and recommendations will be submitted to the Permanent Council at the earliest possible occasion.

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**REINFORCING THE DIALOGUE REGARDING THE ADVANTAGES
OF AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS MODERNIZATION**

General Committee
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of the United States of America

Topic No. 4 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Article 34d. of the Charter of the Organization of American States, which affirms the necessity for member states of: “Modernization of rural life and reforms leading to equitable and efficient land-tenure systems, increased agricultural productivity, expanded use of land, diversification of production and improved processing and marketing systems for agricultural products; and the strengthening and expansion of the means to attain these ends”;

The Directorate of Technical Leadership and Knowledge Management of the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), (Promoting the introduction of technology and innovation for the modernization of agriculture and rural development), which states: “...technological innovation plays a decisive role on the development of countries, since it is a proven fact that technological change accounts for an average of 30% to 40% in agricultural production changes. On the other hand, it can contribute to a more efficient and sustainable use of natural resources”; and

CONSIDERING:

That agriculture is an important and sensible sector in the economies of all member states;

The significant advantages, the important knowledge, and the new opportunities that the meetings of FORAGRO (Forum of the Americas on Agricultural Research and Technology Development) provide to the countries of the Hemisphere;

That cooperation is one of the most important purposes of the Organization of American States and that one of its main interests is the integral development of each member state,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate and support the intense work of FORAGRO (Forum for the Americas on Agricultural Research and Technology Development) and FONTAGRO (The Regional Fund for Agricultural Technology).
2. To request that the Secretary General, through the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), have FORAGRO hold meetings annually instead of once every two years.
3. To exhort all member states to support and to resort to the IICA to evaluate the development of their technical assistance on agricultural trade modernization.

- 4. To ask the IICA to create the Agricultural Trade Modernization Test (ATMT), where the strengths and weaknesses of the agricultural production of each member state complying with this resolution will be shown, with the purpose of correcting and improving the quality of the products according to the standards of the region and the World Trade Organization (WTO).
 - a. IICA will adapt the current standards of the WTO to deal with the regional and individual needs regarding economic and social situations of the member states.
 - b. That the findings of the ATMT remain confidential for each member state.
 - c. This initiative will initially focus on exportation, but is not limited to exports.

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**PROMOTION AND STRENGTHENING OF DEMOCRACY
THROUGH NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL POLICY AND NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENTS**

General Committee
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Guatemala

Topic No. 1 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That Article 2b. of the Charter of the Organization of American States establishes that an essential purpose of the Organization is “to promote and consolidate representative democracy”;

That Article 45 of the Charter articulates the dedication of member states to “the incorporation and increasing participation of the marginal sectors of the population...in order to achieve the full integration of the national community, acceleration of the process of social mobility, and the consolidation of the democratic system”;

That Article 16 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter insists on the importance of representative and participatory democracy and affirms that “education is key to strengthening democratic institutions, promoting the development of human potential, and alleviating poverty and fostering greater understanding among our peoples”;

RECALLING:

That the “Declaration of Medellín: Youth and Democratic Values,” adopted on June 3, 2008, reaffirmed “the commitment of the member states to promote and strengthen in the youth of the Hemisphere the values, principles, and practices of a democratic life, including liberty and social justice, progress, respect for human rights in their universality, indivisibility, and interdependence, and the rule of law, pursuant to the Charter of the OAS and the Inter-American Democratic Charter”;

RECOGNIZING:

The right of young people across the Hemisphere and throughout the world to participate actively and fully in the political, economic, and social spheres of their countries, and the importance of youth participation in political activities and public life as a key aspect for the promotion and exercise of a democratic culture;

CONSIDERING:

That the Inter-American Program for Democratic Values and Practices was adopted at the Fourth Meeting of Ministers of Education within the framework of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), held in Scarborough, Trinidad and Tobago from August 10 to 12, 2005, in order to promote a democratic culture through education;

HIGHLIGHTING:

The Model OAS General Assembly (MOAS), carried out for the purpose of promoting among youth democratic values and a better understanding of the Organization as the main political forum of the Hemisphere; and

REAFFIRMING:

AG/RES. 2327 (XXXVII-O/07), “Promotion and Strengthening of Democracy: Follow-up to the Inter-American Democratic Charter,” which reinforced the importance of the participatory nature of democracy in our countries for the consolidation of democratic values and for freedom and solidarity in the Hemisphere;

AG/RES. 2344 (XXXVII-O/07), “Citizen Participation and Strengthening of Democracy in the Americas,” which urged member states to cultivate participation by citizens, the community, and civil society in national decision-making processes in order to involve all segments of society, including marginalized ones, in the decisions that affect them,

RESOLVES:

1. To acknowledge the importance of the Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices.
2. To urge member states to foster diverse forms of participation by citizens, particularly young citizens, in decision-making processes, so that they may contribute to ensuring that the benefits of democracy are shared by society as a whole.
3. To call upon the Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices to establish a set of guidelines which member states could choose to use in order to better define their individual national education policy goals with respect to engaged citizenship and community service in the spirit of non-intervention as well as substantive democracy.
4. To call upon member states that have not already done so to develop a National Youth Parliament and to instruct the Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices to develop a set of guidelines for the National Youth Parliaments, reporting on this framework at the thirty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly.
5. To instruct the Inter-American Program on Education for Democratic Values and Practices to provide technical assistance and allocate material resources from Program 72A: Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, Chapter 7: Executive Secretariat for Integral Development, to aid member states in developing and executing their respective National Youth Parliaments, with focus given to economically marginalized youth.
6. To encourage other members to provide scholarship and aid to those countries that do not have a well-developed education system.
7. To reaffirm the “Declaration of Medellín: Youth and Democratic Values,” in its request to the OAS General Secretariat to continue promoting the holding of Model OAS General Assembly (MOAS) session in the countries of the Hemisphere;
8. To reaffirm the inter-American Democratic Charter Article 27 that “the objectives of the programs and activities will be to promote good governance, sound administration, democratic values, and strengthening of political institutions and civil society organizations special attention given to the development of programs and activities for the education of children and youth as means of ensuring the continuance of democratic values, including liberty and social justice.”

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OCEAN AWARENESS AND EDUCATION IN 2011

General Committee

Topic No. 2 of the Agenda

Resolution Presented by the Delegation of the Federation of Saint Kitts and Nevis

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND:

Article 48 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), which states that “The Member States will cooperate with one another to meet their educational needs, to promote scientific research, and to encourage technological progress for their integral development”;

Article 50 of the Charter, which states: “The Member States will develop science and technology through educational, research, and technological development activities and information and dissemination programs. They will stimulate activities in the field of technology for the purpose of adapting it to the needs of their integral development”;

RECALLING:

The information provided for the Caribbean Dialogue on Water and Climate by the United States’ National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) National Ocean Service, which cited that the “lack of sitting criteria for dumps has led to floodwaters taking sediments and plastics out to sea and depositing them on reefs,” and that “the end result of primary treated and untreated sewage disposal at the near-shore is the continuing build-up of algae on reefs;” and

RECOGNIZING:

That the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI) maintains a specific fund that finances similar activities, the Special Multilateral Fund for CIDI (FEMCIDI), which states that “Science, technology, engineering, innovation and science education are fundamental for the integral development of member states...” and seeks to “Support the continuous dialogue with civil society organizations involved in science, technology, engineering, and innovation, in order to facilitate their contribution for the advancement and understanding of these areas in the member states,”

RESOLVES:

1. To proclaim 2011 be the Ocean, River, and Aquifer awareness and education year in the OAS and Western Hemisphere.
2. To request that all member states consolidate the internal information on local oceanography from their respective government agencies, private sectors, and scientific communities with the goal to share this scientific data during the entire Ocean Awareness and Education Year and, specifically, during the conferences and activities to be planned over the course of 2011.
3. To invite the Ministers of Science and Technology from member governments, and other special agencies, experts in the field of oceanography, and other relevant experts from member states to attend the events.

4. To establish a Special Committee on Events Planning that will be composed of 15 representatives to be selected by lot by the member states to gather submitted information from member states, set the number and locations of conferences to be held, set the agencies for each conference, and plan events and activities so that scientific information and recommendations can be distributed effectively to all member states.
 - a. To recommend that the selected representatives have specific knowledge in pollution, oceanic tourism, trade, security, and renewable energy.
 - b. In the event that a representative is unable to serve on the committee, an alternate representative will be redrawn from the remainder of the lot.
 - c. This committee will create a webpage to report and record the events of the conference in order to publicly distribute the information.
5. To request that the first conference be held in Basseterre, St. Kitts on January 11th, 2011.
6. To suggest that this conference be used in order to:
 - a. Discuss the affects of pollution on the ecosystems of the ocean.
 - b. Address concerns over the affects that tourism, over-fishing, and coral reef destruction have on the ocean long and short term.
 - c. Address oceanic security concerns including piracy, smuggling, trafficking, and border issues in the hemisphere
 - d. Discuss options to improve economies of member states while protecting the ocean for future generations.
7. To provide finances, at the recommendation and oversight of the Permanent Council and the CIDI, thorough the FEMCIDI development fund, private corporations interested in Ocean, River, Aquifer, Awareness and Education in 2011, public and private NGOs, and through voluntary donations from member and observer states.
8. To request that CIDI compile all information from programs and conferences to allow member states to continue their oceanic awareness. CIDI shall also host a bi-annual conference to continue follow-up on the issue.

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EMERGENCY ACTION FOR HAITI'S CURRENT WATER CRISIS

General Committee
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Ecuador

Topic No. 3 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

DEEPLY CONCERNED:

By the present humanitarian crisis developed in Haiti due to a growing reduction of the water supply in all its land, but particularly in the poorest areas of the south and center of the country, with not even one-third of the country's population having access to clean water, which is a basic natural resource for human survival;

By the material incapability of Haiti's government to deal with this crisis that is strongly affecting its population;

CONSIDERING:

That the current water infrastructure system in Haiti does not have the capability of properly supplying clean water to most of the poorest Haitian population, as the entire system was built decades ago and cannot satisfy the needs of the growing population;

That the Health Care System is also affected by the massive lack of water, creating also a health crisis that affects mostly the poorest areas of the country.

That if water supply is not reestablished in some areas, health conditions will continue to worsen, threatening to cause another major humanitarian crisis in the country, as infant mortality has risen such that at the present times twelve out of every hundred children die before their fifth birthday;

ACCEPTING:

That the efforts made by CARICOM to improve the situation in Haiti have not been entirely successful, mostly due to the fact that the growing humanitarian crisis, the lack of clean water being one of the principal causes of it, has gone beyond CARICOM's reach; and

CONVINCED:

That if Haiti had a modernized water supply system, most of the crisis could be dealt with, based on the fact that the abundant rainfall (average rainfall of 55 inches every year) of the country could provide clean water for the current growing population, the issue thus being that the water from rainfall must be captured and well-managed in clear canals, water-treatment plants and distribution facilities;

That the American community can solve the water crisis by cooperating in a multilateral way, and that by doing so we can create a long term solution and avoid creating a relation of dependence between Haiti and its neighbors,

RESOLVES,

1. To call for the entire Inter-American system and all its States, to actively enroll in the finding of a solution for the current water crisis that is striking Haiti.

2. To engage in the creation of a Haitian Water Emergency Inter-American Aid Program (HAWAP), asking the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) to finance it, to help Haiti in overcoming its critical water crisis, whereby:
 - a. In order to start the program, the \$200 million dollars of aid pointed at improving the access of safe water in Haiti pending at the IDB since 2000, must be released.
 - b. Another \$200 million dollars in aid must be invested in Haiti by the IDB to improve and modernize the water supply system, so as to increase the access to clean water in the most deteriorated areas, with these resources invested in Haiti being administered by HAWAP to prevent the embezzlement of these funds.
 - c. This second low-interest loan must have a payment time limit of thirty years from the year 2009 to the IDB from the Government of Haiti.
 - d. The primary objective of this investment is to build up the proper infrastructure so as to secure safe and clean water supply to the most far away populations in central and south Haiti, to which primary objective the first \$120 million dollars of aid must be invested.
 - e. The last \$80 million dollars in aid must be invested in modernizing the current water supply system of the urban areas on the coast, concentrating half of the money in bettering Port-au-Prince's water system.

3. The creation of an International Head Quarters for HAWAP, where by:
 - a. The General Assembly calls for the Government of Dominican Republic to offer its soil for the establishment of HAWAP Head Quarters, from where all the logistical of the program will be handled.
 - b. Ecuador offers its citizens and governmental personnel to integrate the core administrative group of HAWAP, and also calls the rest of the member states to do so.
 - c. Additionally, Ecuador calls for the rest of the member states, specially the Caribbean governments, to participate in the integration of HAWAP; particularly in the need of technical personnel such as civil engineers and the like.

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**MODEL OAS AND RESOLUTION CONTEST
FOR HIGHSCHOOL STUDENTS OF MEMBER STATES**

General Committee
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Costa Rica.

Topic No. 1 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND

That the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) establishes in its preamble that “representative democracy is an indispensable condition for the stability, peace and development of the region and that one of its purposes is “to promote...representative democracy”;

RECALLING:

The commendable efforts of the Permanent Council in their creation of the OAS Youth Symposium held on 19 and 20 September 2007, and continuing the theme of “Empowering the Future Leaders of The Americas”;

CONSIDERING:

That the most effective way of engaging the youth of the Americas as the future torchbearers of democracy is to actively engage them in the democratic process, a process epitomized by in the inner workings of the General Assembly of the Organization of American States;

RECOGNIZING:

That this body has an outstanding opportunity to provide a venue for the youth of the Americas to gain firsthand knowledge and experience of the democratic process, at a minimal monetary cost, while providing significant intellectual returns on the investment;

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Department of Foreign Affairs of the OAS to organize four regional Model Organization of American States simulations for the equivalent of high school junior and senior students throughout the Western Hemisphere, whereby:
 - a. Each Member State of the OAS shall be allowed a maximum of four delegations to their respective simulation, solely dependent upon that states ability to finance the travel and lodging expenses associated with attendance and participation in the simulation.
 - b. A grant fund will be established and donations will be given out to countries based on financial need.
 - c. The assignment of member states to specific regional simulations will be decided based upon recommendations of the committee, taking into consideration the ease and affordability of travel for member states’ delegations.
 - d. A panel of judges shall be assembled at each simulation in any manner deemed fit by the hosting state, which will have the sole purpose of judging the two best resolutions.

- e. The criteria for declaring the two best resolutions shall be entirely within the discretion of each panel of judges.
 - f. The authors of the best two resolutions at each simulation will be flown to Washington D.C. and granted observer status for the next regular session of the OAS General Assembly.
 - g. Copies of the eight best resolutions will be given out to all representatives on the General Assembly, and posted on the website of the OAS.
 - h. The committee will determine the success of the simulations being held in each regional area and decide if and when the future models would be held.
 - i. The Department of Foreign Affairs will be in charge of designating the countries in which the models will take place. The Department has to choose a country from each region that will act as a host.
2. That funding to cover all travel expenses, lodging, and food for the winning resolution authors will be provided from the General Fund.
 3. The OAS Secretariat will make press releases to promote the Model OAS contest in member states.
 - a. to make sure that each member state has been made aware of the events and proper advertising is made available.
 4. That the Secretariat of International Affairs working with the Office of the Secretariat General oversee the organization of the four regional MOAS simulations.

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HEMISPHERIC PLAN FOR THE REMOVAL OF BARRIERS TO FREE TRADE

General Committee

Topic No. 2 of the Agenda

Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING:

The regional benefits among the members of the Caribbean Community from the opening of free trade;

The positive effect of economic integration and diversification of trade as a response to developmental challenges;

The continuing role of the Organization of American States through its Department of Trade, Tourism, and Competitiveness in working to aid developing economies and cultivate better trade relations between members;

HAVING SEEN:

The need for increased economic diversification in light of the current economic troubles and the fragility of many hemispheric economies;

The potential for economic growth as a result of the lifting of tariffs and the reduction of obstacles to free trade;

The necessity of a unified response to developmental challenges within the Hemisphere, bearing in mind the potential for economic hardships among the developing nations during the current economic crisis; and

RECALLING:

The positive influence of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act of 1983, which helped Caribbean economies re-establish strong trade links and fostered growth through increased private investment and tariff reduction;

The “Strategic Plan for Partnership for Integral Development 2006-2007,” which calls on the OAS to support member states, in particular those smaller economies, in focusing on and developing trade capacity-building priorities;

RESOLVES:

1. That all OAS member states, in the light of the economic crisis, maintain the goal of removing obstacles to free trade within the hemisphere.
2. That the General Secretariat create a Trade and Development Commission (TDC), under the authority of the Department of Trade, Tourism, and Competitiveness, to study and report on the progress in and various obstacles to achieving this goal.

3. That the Department of Trade, Tourism, and Competitiveness prepare a preliminary report on methods for the member states to diversify their economies and reduce reliance on primary resources in agriculture and raw materials.

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YOUTH FOR DEMOCRACY

General Committee
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of El Salvador and Paraguay

Topic No. 1 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECOGNIZING:

Article 2 section A of the Charter of the Organization of American States, which proclaims an essential purpose of the organization is to promote and consolidate representative democracy, with due respect for the principle of nonintervention;

Article 46 of the Charter of the Organization of the American States, which proclaims Members States will give primary importance within their development plans to the encouragement of education, science, technology, and culture, oriented toward the overall improvement of the individual, and as a foundation for democracy, social justice, and progress;

RECALLING:

Article 2 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, which states that representative democracy is strengthened and deepened by permanent, ethical, and responsible participation of the citizenry within a legal framework conforming to the respective constitutional order;

Article 12 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, which states that poverty, illiteracy, and low levels of human development are factors that adversely affect the consolidation of democracy;

Article 16 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter which states that education is key to strengthening democratic institutions, promoting the development of human potential, and alleviating poverty and fostering greater understanding among our peoples; to achieve these ends, it is essential that a quality education be available to all, including girls and women, rural inhabitants, and minorities;

HAVING SEEN:

AG/RES. 1788 (XXXI-O/01), "Promotion of the Model OAS General Assembly Program for High School and Young University Students" states that the Model OAS General Assembly Program (MOAS Program) of the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States is designed to promote greater awareness of the OAS among high school and university students in OAS member states;

AG/RES. 2422 (XXXVIII-O/08), which supports the OAS and efforts towards strengthening democratic institutions, values, practices, and governances, as well as reaffirm the promotion and protection of human rights as a prerequisite for a democratic society;

AG/RES. 2423 (XXXVIII-O/08), which underscores the importance of the Education for Democratic Values and Practices, as well as strengthens the democratic culture through formal and non-formal education and provides genuine participation by the youth of the OAS;

BEARING IN MIND:

AB-31-2006, The Memorandum of Understanding between the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States and the Inter-American Institute of Diplomacy (IAID) for the establishment

of guidelines on mutual cooperation on activities related to the Washington, D.C. University Model General Assembly of the Organization of American States previously known as the Edgar Maya Model OAS General Assembly, which establishes that the GS/OAS and IAID will jointly promote and support the annual Washington Model General Assembly of the OAS WMOAS; and

CONSIDERING:

Programs like CALIDEM and the former Unit for Promotion of Democracy's Regional Courses on Democratic Institutions, Values and Practices are already set in place by the OAS to help acquire techniques related to a democratic political culture and the promotion of the "theoretical and practical knowledge of democratic institutions, values, and practice, and human rights",

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate the Model OAS General Assembly Program for encouraging the participation of high schools in member states.
2. To encourage the OAS Department of International Affairs, following the outline of the Model OAS General Assembly Program, to include in their efforts an additional effort by adding the Certificate Program titled, "Tres Opciones al Programa de la Participación de la Juventud (Three Options of the Participation of Youth Program.)"
3. To conduct the program entitled, "Tres Opciones al Programa de la Participación de la Juventud (Three Options of the Participation of Youth Program)" be carried out through the Department of International Affairs, in association with the OAS Office of the General Secretariat, creating this program available to all high schools in member states, wherein:
 - a. The first democratic youth participation option would be to participate in the already establish High School MOAS program.
 - b. The second option for youth participation would be to conduct an annual competition for the youth of the Americas where students, with the help of their school teachers, demonstrate their knowledge of democracy and move towards a positive culture in both education and democracy, by:
 - i. Implementing the "Tres Opciones al Programa de la Participación de la Juventud (Three Options of the Participation of Youth Program)" competition for students, ages 13 - 17.
 - ii. As needed, providing the teachers that will be guiding the participating students with the background knowledge of the Inter-American Democratic Charter to better facilitate the aide to their students.
 - iii. Throughout the nation, organized groups of up to 10 students with the advisement of a teacher(s) to film a short video presentation (no more than 15 minutes) which reflects their view of democracy under the guidelines set by the International Affairs' at the discretion from the General Assembly.
 - iv. Dividing each nation by regions, with an emphasis on those regions with high dropout rates.
 - v. Selecting a winning team from each region until the competition reaches the national level, and choosing at each level of competition, a selected group of films to be broadcast through the official site of the OAS.
 - vi. Based on the budget and donations, the choosing, by the Secretariat for External Relations (with correspondence with the International Affairs department), of no less than 1 and no more than 3 winning groups to attend the next annual OAS General Assembly.
 - vii. Providing the winning group(s) and advising teacher(s) from each country with the opportunity to meet with the presiding members of the OAS at a future determined regular session of the General Assembly, where a single group will be determined as the winner.

- viii. Requesting that the teacher(s) from the winning group should be provided with the opportunity to report to their respective government authorities on her / his experience at the OAS General Assembly as a way to promote a culture that fosters positive education and democratic beliefs to the rest of the country and its youth in the primary education system.
 - ix. Requesting that all winning regional groups will be provided with the opportunity to meet with their respective Senate and current President as a runner-up prize to show their knowledge of democracy and democratic culture.
 - x. Holding the “Tres Opciones al Programa de la Participación de la Juventud (Three Options of the Participation of Youth Program)” competition annually to observe the progress of democracy and positive educational culture and beliefs within each country.
- c. The third option for youth participation would be high school student participation in a high level of either community service, election volunteering, political volunteering, or any other form of democratic participation, whom would be receiving recognition in the form of a certificate from the OAS presented at a high school assembly in which:
- i. The high school would explain to all students the reason for their recognition and inform them about the OAS, which would encourage participation of youth in democracy and inform youth of the existence and functions of the OAS.
4. The names of the students who received the certificate for the program titled, “Tres opciones al programa de la participación de la juventud (three options of the participation of youth program.” would be posted on the annually updated section of the Educational Portal of the Americas online by the Education Section of the Department of Education and Culture under the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development.
5. To finance the project by requesting voluntary donations from member state and observing nations, as well as UNESCO, UNICEF, and UNDP, as well as seeking funding from the World Bank, the IMF, and Banco del Sur.
6. To report the progress of this resolution to the General Assembly at the regular session in 2012.

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PLAN OF ACTION TO ENSURE HEMISPHERIC COOPERATION ON THE CURRENT GLOBAL ECONOMIC CRISIS

General Committee

Topic No. 2 of the Agenda

Draft Resolution presented by the Delegations of The Federative Republic of Brazil and The Republic of Honduras

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), which lists one of the main purposes of the OAS in Article 2e, as “to seek the solution of political, juridical, and economic problems” and further states in Article 3k that “economic cooperation is essential to the common welfare and prosperity of the peoples of the continent”;

The OAS Charter in Article 37 proclaims that “Member States agree to join together in seeking a solution to urgent or critical problems that may arise whenever the economic development or stability of any Member State is seriously affected by conditions that cannot be remedied through the efforts of the State”;

The Joint Ministerial Statement of the IV Meeting of Western Hemisphere Finance Ministers states that the Financial Ministers of the Hemisphere have “noted that globalization, like any economic transformation, also gives rise to economic and social challenges. We therefore committed our governments to the development and implementation of policies to promote financial and economic stability and affirmed the importance of having the benefits of globalization widely and equitably spread”;

BEARING IN MIND:

That the Draft Social Charter of the Americas declares that “the peoples of the Americas are entitled to economic development with social justice, and it is incumbent on the states to make the necessary efforts to promote and ensure it, in order to overcome poverty and to attain decent living standards, which will help to strengthen democratic governance”;

CONSIDERING:

That the globe is facing an economic crisis unprecedented since the 1930s that will require international cooperation to minimize the negative effects and resolve the problem in a timely matter;

That the OAS has the potential to facilitate Hemispheric cooperation in effectively managing the economic downturn;

That a successful response to the economic crisis for Latin America will require addressing the way in which Member States manage their economies and how the Hemisphere can cooperate with the international community towards recovery;

RECOGNIZING:

That many of the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean are beginning to feel the effects of the harmful economic conditions that first hit the developed world in 2007 and action should be taken quickly to stabilize the Hemisphere’s economies;

That existing regional financial groups, such as the Latin American Network of Central Banks and Finance Ministries, do not represent the entire Hemisphere;

That the last complete Western Hemisphere Ministers of Finance Meeting took place almost seven years ago and the importance of Finance Ministers in addressing the current economic crisis cannot be overstated; and

That Latin American and Caribbean countries have a history of pro-cyclical fiscal policy—in which the government increases spending in boom times and cuts spending during recessions—however, developed countries use counter-cyclical fiscal policy and generally increase spending during economic troubles,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend Member States for their efforts to stabilize their economies and cooperate with the international community to lessen the negative effect of the current economic crisis and reform the global financial system.
2. To direct the OAS Secretary General to form a working group to organize a committee entitled Committee on Hemispheric Adjustment and Response to the Global Economic Crisis.
3. To recommend that the Committee be equally comprised of representatives from the OAS, the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), and specifically the Hemisphere's Finance Ministers to ensure the widest knowledge basis possible.
4. To direct the Committee to create a Plan of Action to articulate the Hemisphere's response to the global economic crisis and outline methods to improve Member States' abilities to provide economic stability under current and future critical circumstances.
5. To recommend that the Plan of Action, while establishing recommendations relevant to the entire Hemisphere and developing specific recommendations for individual Member States upon request, addresses but is not limited to:
 - a. The potential to improve the use of fiscal policy in Latin America,
 - b. Needed reforms and improved regulation to protect the Hemisphere's economies from global economic volatility,
 - c. Ways in which the Hemisphere can cooperate with the international community to address the economic crisis; and
 - d. Continue the efforts and commitment that OAS Members States have pledged towards the elimination of extreme poverty in the region.
6. That the working group form the Committee as soon as possible given the urgent nature of the economic crisis but no later than May 15, 2009, and have the Plan of Action presented to the Permanent Council no later than July 30, 2009.
7. To recommend that once the Plan of Action is disseminated that the Hemisphere's Finance Ministers meet to discuss implementing the aforementioned Plan and take it into account when drafting future budgets and continue meeting annually in pursuit of strengthening cooperation and working to prevent future crises.

8. To recommend that any required funding be sought from Observer States, Member States, and the Inter-American Development Bank.
9. That the committee take into account the decisions of the Special Summit of Americas called for in Resolution GC 2-2 of the General Committee.

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**AN INTEGRATED VISION AND SOLUTION FOR HAITIAN RECOVERY
FROM NATURAL AND UNNATURAL DISASTER**

General Committee

Topic No. 3 of the Agenda

Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegations of Panama, the United Mexican States, and Suriname

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

BEARING IN MIND:

That Article 1 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) affirms the desire “to achieve an order of peace and justice, to promote their solidarity, to strengthen their collaboration, and to defend their sovereignty, their territorial integrity, and their independence”;

That Article 37 of the Charter states that “The members agree to join together in seeking a solution to urgent or critical problems that may arise whenever the economic development or stability of any Member State is seriously affected by conditions that cannot be remedied through the efforts of that state”;

RECOGNIZING:

That, in the Fourth Summit of the Americas Plan of Action (Mar Del Plata, Argentina 2005), section sixty-six reaffirms the member states’ commitment to Haiti and its people, to fight poverty and foster equitable socio-economic development;

ACKNOWLEDGING

The success of the numerous missions of the White Helmets, since their establishment in 1994, and their continual service to the Hemisphere through disaster prevention and relief, and their continuous efforts to fight poverty and hunger;

REITERATING:

The concern of the OAS for the well-being of the Haitian people; politically economically and socially, as illustrated in AG/RES. 2058 (XXXIV-O/04) “Situation in Haiti: Strengthening Democracy,” AG/RES. 2112 (XXXV-O/05) “Special Security Concerns of the Small Island States of the Caribbean,” and AG/RES. 2147 (XXXV-O/05) “Strengthening Democracy in Haiti”;

FULLY AWARE:

Of the importance of cooperation and coordination among the OAS, the United Nations (UN), and the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) with a view to strengthening democracy in Haiti;

NOTING WITH APPROVAL:

That both the OAS and the UN have sent groups to Haiti to monitor elections, respond to coups, and to ensure the continual strengthening of the democratic process;

DEEPLY CONCERNED:

That, according to Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), as of 2006 only 58% of the Haitian population had access to clean drinking water services;

That, according to *Focal Point: Canada’s Spotlight on the Americas* (March, 2009), 78% of the population lives on less than US \$2 per day;

That Haiti ranks at 146 of 177 states on the human development index and is also considered one of the fifty least developed countries in the world, according to the United Nations Development Program;

That the overall impact of the numerous tropical storms and hurricanes that affected Haiti in 2008 constitute the largest disaster in more than one-hundred years;

That the estimated damages and losses are put at nearly US\$900 million, or about 15% of Haiti's Gross Domestic Product;

That the current condition of Haiti represents a threat to the stability of the Hemisphere in that 120,000 people or 2.2% of the population have HIV/AIDS, and there is a high risk of bacterial and protozoal diarrhea, hepatitis A and E, typhoid fever/dengue fever, malaria, and *leptospirosis*, that Haiti is a major point on the Caribbean drug trade, that illicit financial activity is commonplace, and that Haitians are crossing into the Dominican Republic and sailing to neighboring countries; and,

SEEKING:

The reconstruction and relief of Haiti as a means to also acquire hemispheric stability and development;

To promote Haitian recovery from both natural and unnatural disasters,

RESOLVES:

1. To applaud the actions of member states in supporting United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti (MINUSTAH), the OAS Special Mission for Strengthening Democracy in Haiti and other programs designed to help the Haitian people and to recommend continual support.
2. To recommend continued collaboration between the UN, OAS, CARICOM, the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO), and the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), the Inter-American Network of Disaster Mitigation and the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Response Agency and various Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs).
3. To call for an emergency summit on May 27 – 30, 2009 in Guadalajara, Mexico to discuss the situation in Haiti and establish a twenty-year Haitian recovery plan, in collaboration with the Haitian government, entitled: The OAS Flag Helmet Initiative.
4. To invite Member States, Observer States, Non-governmental Organizations (NGOs), and Civil Service Organizations (CSOs) interested in assisting Haiti to send representatives.
5. To suggest that topics of discussion include but not be limited to:
 - a. Natural Disasters:
 - i. A response plan for natural disasters that effect Haiti.
 - ii. Preventative measures to lessen the affects of natural disasters.
 - iii. Establishing an early warning system.
 - b. Measures to:
 - i. Continue consolidating democracy within Haiti.
 - ii. Promote economic stability and growth.
 - iii. Protect existing environmental resources and the restoration of damaged resources.
 - iv. Ensure equal access to a quality education and healthcare systems.
 - c. Addressing issues of:
 - i. Food shortages and the infrastructure of food aid.
 - ii. Sanitation.
 - iii. Accessibility to clean, portable water.
 - iv. Long-term sustainable agricultural.
 - d. The possibility of involving the White Helmets in the humanitarian recovery process.
 - e. Planning for the MINUSTAH transition out of Haiti.
 - f. Building, re-building and strengthening all needed infrastructure.
 - g. Enhancing the abilities and skills of local law enforcement.
 - h. The possibility of a binding OAS Flag Helmets Initiative treaty

6. To establish the Oversight Management Commission, to be placed under the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), who:
 - a. Shall be comprised of:
 - i. Representatives of the-Haitian government.
 - ii. Representatives from interested member states.
 - iii. Representatives from pertinent organizations, such as the Pan American Health Organizations (PAHO), with experiences and/or current programs in Haiti.
 - b. Shall be responsible for:
 - i. Compiling all information and goals obtained at the summit and provide a comprehensive twenty-year Haitian recovery plan, in collaboration with the Haitian government, entitled The OAS Flag Helmet Initiative.
 - ii. Providing a transition period of two-years for all current aid programs that wish to be implemented into the OAS Flag Helmet Initiative, to come to a close and/or transition into said program.
 - iii. Working with the Haitian government, civilians, and leadership to implement the OAS Flag Helmet Initiative.
 - iv. Facilitating the involvement of non-governmental organizations, civil society organization, international non-governmental organizations, and all other pertinent organizations working within Haiti.
 - v. Acting as an accountability agency to insure that all individual programs benefit the OAS Flag Helmet Initiative.
 - vi. Seeking new and continual financial support for Haitian recovery.
 - vii. Compiling an annual report on the implementation and progress of the OAS Flag Helmet Initiative to be submitted through SEDI to the General assembly, for the twenty-year duration of the program.
 - viii. Providing follow-up evaluation and discussions on the OAS Flag Helmet Initiative and determining if any further initiatives need to be implemented after the twenty-years.

7. To provide funding:
 - a. For the emergency summit in May, through voluntary donations from member states, observer states, the UN, NGOs, and CSOs.
 - b. For the OAS Flag Helmet Initiative, through a special funding pool created from the continual monetary donations of member states, permanent observers, international non-governmental organizations, and all other entities that wish to donate.

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**PLAN FOR THE COLLECTIVE SUPPORT OF HAITIAN RECOVERY THROUGH
THE OAS STATES, THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND THE HEMISPHERIC YOUTH**

General Committee Topic No. 3 of the Agenda
Joint Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegations of Haiti and Belize

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

Article 31 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), which states that “Inter-American cooperation for integral development is the common and joint responsibility of the Member States within the framework of the democratic principle and the institutions of the Inter-American system”;

CONCERNED WITH:

The inability of local governments in Haiti in carrying out recovery projects and disaster preparedness measures;

The struggle in development in Haiti that has led to the emigration of 80% of the Haitian population, ranking Haiti with the highest emigration rate in the world in 2006;

The low attendance of higher education institutions by Haitians;

RECOGNIZING:

The value of public service, the integration of the youth in development, and the need for the retention of the native population;

The presence of a variety of international aid and development organizations, a diverse collection of skills and resources, and many existing projects in Haiti;

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION:

The Caribbean Disaster Mitigation Project’s work in Haiti (1993-1999) which advocated disaster preparedness and vulnerability reduction by mobilizing resources from national and local Non-Governmental Organizations, holding local training sessions, and by assessing the vulnerability of certain cities;

The success of OAS student scholarships, grants, and loans in educating and incorporating the youth of the hemisphere; and

HAVING SEEN:

An increase in development from the cooperation of the private sector with the public sector, with a rise in Haitian GDP from -3.50% in 2005 to 3.20% in 2008,

RESOLVES:

1. To send a special GS-OAS team from the Department of Sustainable Democracy and Special Missions to Haiti for one year to:
 - a. Assess the vulnerabilities and the needs of local governments.
 - b. Advise local governments on evacuation plans, disaster preparedness, reconstruction, and recovery.
 - c. Identify where reconstruction and infrastructure projects are needed and utilize local resources and mobilize and train citizens to carry them out.

2. To call for unification of the existing Haitian aid funds in carrying out the aforementioned projects, being accounted for by the special GS-OAS team.

3. To encourage the youth of the hemisphere to join in the recovery and development of Haiti by:
 - a. Giving benefits to recipients of existing OAS student scholarships, grants, and loans that express a commitment to apply their knowledge to the benefit of Haiti for a minimum of 2 years.
 - b. Giving preferential treatment to Haitian applicants, acknowledging that they understand the situation in Haiti the best, and are therefore, most equipped to remedy it.
 - c. Encouraging private organizations to give scholarships, grants, and loans to students that pledge to contribute to the continuing development of Haiti.

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