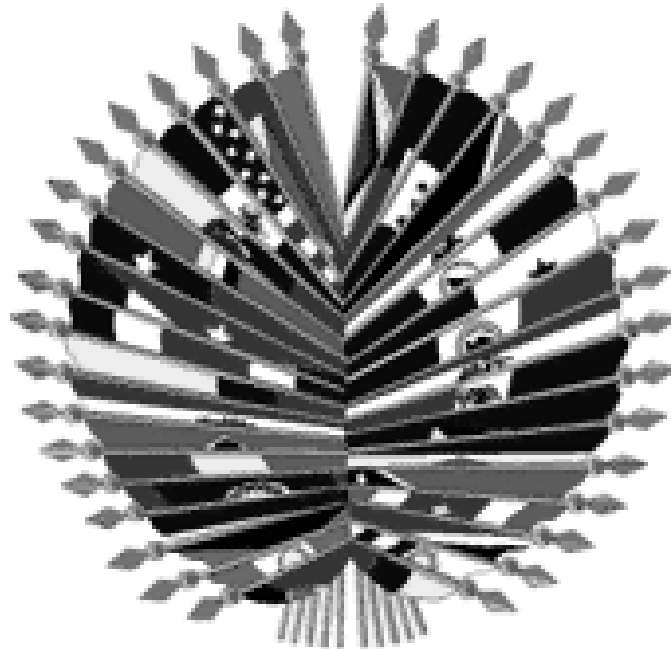


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**COOPERATING WITH PERMANENT OBSERVERS TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR
RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Fourth Committee

Topic No. 2 of the Agenda

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

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING;

Article 2 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), which recognizes that all members should: “promote, by cooperative action, their economic, social, and cultural development”;

Article 38 and 44 of the OAS Charter, which encourage scientific, technological and economic cooperation to promote “regional economic integration” programs;

That AG/RES. 2253(XXXVI-O/06) “Support for the Use of New and Renewable Energy Resources” has the function of aiding the development of local natural resources to provide more energy services to less-developed countries; and

RECOGNIZING;

That the relationship between the Permanent Observers and the members of the Organization of American States has continued to grow;

That some Permanent Observers have access to advanced technologies to develop renewable energy which could help OAS members to develop jobs, improve environment and improve economic performance;

That the OAS has consistently cooperated with Permanent Observers, such as China, to increase renewable energy within the Department of Science, Technology and Innovation (DSTI) and the Department of Sustainable Development, by developing new energy technologies to help lower-developed countries with their financial crisis,

RESOLVES;

1. To encourage all interested countries to work together to increase renewable energy production using: wind, solar and hydropower energy to reduce dependency on petroleum based energy.
2. To promote cooperation of all Permanent Observers to work together with OAS members to exchange scientific and technical information on renewable energy technologies in conjunction with other international organizations such as the Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association, Canadian Solar Industries Association and others.
3. To create a temporary commission to convene potential Permanent Observers and OAS members to coordinate projects that develop a stable infrastructure for renewable energy.

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**INITIATIVE TO INCREASE FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH
INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS**

Fourth Committee

Topic No. 1 of the Agenda

Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Paraguay

The General Assembly,

BEARING IN MIND:

Article 53 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), assigning the General Assembly with the power and responsibility to promote collaboration, especially in the economic, social, and cultural fields, with other international organizations whose purposes are similar to those of the OAS;

Article 39 of the OAS Charter which declares: “The Member States, recognizing the narrow interdependence among the international commerce and the social and economic development, have to unify efforts, singular and collective, with the purpose of achieving a better international financial cooperation”;

That Chapter I, Article 2 of the Charter of the OAS further states as an “essential purpose” to “promote, by cooperative action, ...economic, social, and cultural development”;

HAVING SEEN:

AG/DEC 8 (XXV-O-95), which states that: “[...] 32. Their commitment to ensure that the modernization of development cooperation is accompanied by the adoption of necessary changes in the structure, modalities, and procedures of the General Secretariat so that such cooperation will address the priorities defined by the States, will be more effective, efficient, and partnership-oriented, and will draw upon experience gained in cooperation and finance organizations, such as the Inter- American Development Bank, the World Bank, United Nations agencies, cooperation institutions of countries within and outside the Hemisphere, and non-governmental organizations, so as to channel the greatest amount of resources to the region ”;

CONSIDERING:

The important role that international financial organizations play in the development of member states;

The importance of coordinating efforts with financial institutions for funding of developmental strategies and projects, as well as cooperation for new innovations in sustainable development;

**A STUDY OF CONDITIONAL CASH TRANSFER PROGRAMS TO AID IN THE
ALLEVIATION OF EXTREME POVERTY IN THE HEMISPHERE**

Fourth Committee
Draft Resolution presented by the Delegation of Brazil

Topic No. 3 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

The Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) (Bogotá 1948), which declares that “The Member States, inspired by the principles of inter-American solidarity and cooperation, pledge themselves to a united effort to ensure international social justice in their relations and integral development for their peoples, as conditions essential to peace and security”;

Chapter I, Article 2, Section G, of The Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) (Bogotá 1948), which recognizes the need to, “eradicate extreme poverty, which constitutes an obstacle to the full democratic development of the peoples of the hemisphere”;

Chapter II, Article 3, Section F, of The Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) (Bogotá 1948), which stipulates that, “The elimination of extreme poverty is an essential part of the promotion and consolidation of representative democracy and is the common and shared responsibility of the American States”;

Chapter XIII, Article 94, of The Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) (Bogotá 1948), which maintains that, “The purpose of the Inter-American Council for Integral Development is to promote cooperation among the American States for the purposes of achieving integral development and, in particular, helping to eliminate extreme poverty”;

Chapter III, Article 12, of The Inter-American Democratic Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) (Lima 2001), which suggests that, “Poverty, illiteracy, and low levels of human development are factors that adversely affect the consolidation of democracy. The OAS member states are committed to adopting and implementing all those actions required to generate productive employment, reduce poverty, and eradicate extreme poverty, taking into account the different economic realities and conditions of the countries of the Hemisphere. This shared commitment regarding the problems associated with development and poverty also underscores the importance of maintaining macroeconomic equilibria and the obligation to strengthen social cohesion and democracy”;

The Declaration of the Mar del Plata drafted at the Fourth Summit of the Americas (Argentina, 2005), which asserts that the Member States must, “reaffirm our commitment to fight poverty, inequality, hunger, and social exclusion in order to raise the standard of living of our peoples and strengthen democratic governance in the Americas”; and

CONSIDERING:

One of the principal aims of the OAS is the eradication of extreme poverty;

A main goal of the Millennium Development Goals is to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, by halving the proportion of people whose income is less than one dollar a day between 1990 and 2015;

The United Nations' Human Development Report of 2007-08, which states that several Member States are ranked among the poorest of the world;

The success of conditional cash transfer programs as a measure to alleviate poverty throughout the hemisphere,

RESOLVES:

1. To commend Member States for their efforts in eradicating extreme poverty across the Hemisphere and their ongoing efforts to meet the goals regarding poverty, hunger and education established in the United Nations Millennium Goals.
2. To suggest that the Permanent Executive Committee of CIDI establish a task force to conduct a study analyzing conditional cash transfer programs as a means to combat poverty in the Hemisphere.
3. To propose that the aforementioned study include, but not be limited to, the analysis of already existing conditional cash transfer programs in the Hemisphere and that it also suggest ways in which these programs could be adapted to fit the needs of individual Member States interested in the concept of conditional cash transfer programs as a means to fight poverty.
4. To urge that these suggestions for possible modifications be country specific.
5. To further urge that CIDI ask interested Member States to provide information for the study.
6. To recommend that the CIDI task force be established by October, 2009 and that the study be completed by March 2010.
7. To further recommend that the completed study be placed on the CIDI website and be made available in hard copy upon request so that Member States can implement their country specific study on conditional cash transfers as a poverty alleviating measure.

8. To recommend that the OAS seek funding from the Natural Disaster Relief and Poverty Alleviation Fund and CIDI to complete this study and to publicize its recommendations.

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INCREASING FUNDING AGREEMENTS WITH INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR PROVIDING QUALITY PRIMARY EDUCATION

Fourth Committee

Topic No. 1 of the Agenda

Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Haiti

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Article 10 of the Organization of American States Charter which recognizes: "Poverty, illiteracy, and low levels of human development are factors that adversely affect the consolidation of democracy";

Article 47 of the Organization of American States Charter which declares: "The Member 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";

Article 95 of the Organization of American States Charter which indicates: "In order to achieve its various goals, especially in the specific area of technical cooperation, the Inter-American Council for Integral Development shall ... Establish cooperative relations with the corresponding bodies of the United Nations and with other national and international agencies, especially with regard to coordination of inter-American technical cooperation programs";

CONSIDERING:

The UN's Millennium Development Goals with specific attention to the second goal of universal primary education for all children of the world and the goals of the Fast Track Initiative;

That the Hewlett Foundation's Global Development Program and the Bill and Melinda Gates Program have committed themselves to the goal of improving the quality of primary education for students;

BEARING IN MIND:

That participation in the Fast Track Initiative would allow Member States to create their own educational programs which would avoid fragmentation and create coordinated approaches. It also signals to the world community, including potential investors, that a country's education plan is sound and sustainable;

That creating partnership with the HFDFP's Quality Education in Developing Countries initiative would provide grants to help increase competence in reading, math, and critical thinking among primary education;

RECOGNIZING:

That, on average, graduation rates have risen in the region, but the quality of instruction in areas such as language, mathematics and the sciences must be implemented; and

UNDERSTANDING:

That achieving universal primary education means more than full enrollment. It also encompasses quality education, and quality education is one of the surest investments for combating poverty,

RESOLVES:

1. To encourage Member States to develop an educational program that contains content that will increase the quality of primary education with foci on health awareness, gender equality, languages, mathematics, and the sciences.
2. To encourage member states, once such educational programs are developed, to send them to the Fast Track Initiative for approval.
3. To request that the OAS collaborate with the Hewlett Foundation's Global Development Program in partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in order to increase the quality of primary education.

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EXTENSION OF THE SPANISH FUND PRINCIPLES

Fourth Committee
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Peru

Topic No. 2 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

CP/RES. 407 (573/84) indicates that the Permanent Council, in examining the application of a non-Member State to enter as a Permanent Observer, will consider, as well as the points of view of the Member States, “the contributions that the petitioning State could offer to the programs of the Organization.”;

BEARING IN MIND:

That according to the Report on Fundraising: Permanent Observers (Presented by the Department of External Relations in compliance with resolution AG/RES. 2353 (XXXVII-O/07)), only a third of Permanent Observers “contribute regularly to OAS programs and an additional nine contribute sporadically.”; and

NOTING WITH SATISFACTION:

That Spain alone provided 45% of all donations from Permanent Observers in 2007,

RESOLVES:

1. To congratulate Spain for the creation of the Spanish Fund in 2006, this increased the amount of funds given by Spain to the OAS thirteen fold, which underscores Spain’s commitment to democracy, human rights and the betterment of all the peoples of the Western Hemisphere.
2. To laud the contributions of Spain and encourage other permanent observers to follow their example in their continued support of development and democracy in the hemisphere.
3. To invite all Permanent Observers who have yet contributed to do so and to establish a stronger bond with the Member States of the OAS.
4. To propose a series of educational exchanges between Universities of Member Nations and those of Permanent Observers, to be funded by contributions from Permanent Observers.
5. To recommend that each Permanent Observer allocate the donated funds to whichever program of the OAS that it deems worthy.

6. To honor and laud each Permanent Observer for their contributions, and to express the gratitude of the entire Western Hemisphere for supporting Democracy, Free Trade, Human Rights and the alleviation of poverty.

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MOVING THE OAS TO A TWO-YEAR BUDGET CYCLE

Fourth Committee
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Panama

Topic No. 3 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Article 2a., b. and c. of the Charter of the Organization of American States, which state that among the essential purposes of the OAS are to “strengthen the peace and security of the Continent...promote and consolidate representative democracy...and to ensure pacific settlement of disputes”;

The findings of the Management study of the Operations of the General Secretariat by the firm Deloitte & Touche pursuant to A/G Resolution 1909 (XXXII-O/02, which states that “There is no strategic planning process in place to identify organizations most critical objectives and priorities, and to allocate resources to those priorities in a rational, systematic and disciplined manner” and that “Resources are not always allocated to priorities” in the OAS;

A/G Resolution 2437 (XXXVIII-O/09), in which the General Assembly requested “that the General Secretariat...examine the feasibility of establishing a new fiscal cycle for the budgetary and financial operations of the OAS”;

RECALLING:

That the noble ideals found in Article 2 of the Charter deserve the strongest possible support;

The time-consuming nature of the yearly budget debates in the General Assembly, and

CONSIDERING:

The need for long-term planning in order to mitigate changes in the revenue stream of the OAS;

The revenue problems raised in the quota system through double-payment of arrears,

RESOLVES:

1. To instruct the Secretariat of Budget and Administration to specifically investigate under A/G Resolution 2437 of the 38th Regular Session the feasibility of moving the Organization to a two-year budget cycle.
2. That this investigation be made with special reference to the impact a two-year cycle would have on the financial priorities of the OAS, especially but not limited to: promotion of democracy, poverty alleviation and hemispheric security and human rights.

3. That a report of the Secretariat's findings be submitted to the General Assembly at the 40th regular session in 2010.

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**EXPLORING PROCESSES TO EXPAND EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL
EXCHANGE PROGRAMS BETWEEN THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND
THE AMERICAS**

Administrative and Budgetary Affairs Committee
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of El Salvador

Topic No. 2 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

CP/RES. 867 (1424/04) which granted the Government of the People’s Republic of China permanent observer status of the OAS;

BEARING IN MIND:

Article 39 of the OAS Charter, which recognized the close interdependence between foreign trade and economic and social development; and since education contributes to economic and social development, then education is also interdependent with foreign trade;

Article 43 of the OAS Charter, where the Member States agree to give adequate priority to the preparation and carrying out of multinational “projects”;

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

The People’s Republic of China’s foreign policy document released on November 5, 2008 regarding Latin America, which states their intention to cooperate in multiple fields including cultural, agricultural, industrial, technological, and investment;

RECOGNIZING:

That the People’s Republic of China and Peru for many years have established multiple agreements to cooperate in the fields of economics, science, and culture;

In accordance with their agreements the government of China has contributed to the exchange of scholars and these educational exchanges have helped to strengthen these nations’ relationship, as indicated by the multiple agreements that have been signed between the two nations; and

CONSIDERING:

That the People’s Republic of China is increasing its trade and cultural partnership with Latin America, which is a reflection of the People’s Republic of China and Latin America’s mutual benefits derived from trade and cooperation;

The rapid growth rate of their trade and cooperation indicates the capacity to further expand and increase the mutual benefits of trade,

**EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF AND POVERTY
ALLEVIATION IN TIMES OF FINANCIAL CRISIS**

Fourth Committee
Draft Resolution presented by the delegation of Suriname

Topic No. 3 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

AG/RES. 1755 (XXX-O/00); "*OAS Natural Disaster Reduction and Response Mechanism*";

AG/RES. 2114 (XXXV-O/05); "*Natural Disaster Reduction and Risk Management*";

AG/RES. 1854 (XXXII-O/02); "*Poverty, Equity, and Social Inclusion*";

AG/RES. 1512 (XXVII-O/97); "*Inter-American Program to Combat Poverty and Discrimination*";

ACKNOWLEDGING:

The loss of lives, devastation of cultural heritage, economic collapse, and damage to property caused by natural hazards;

The vulnerability of the Hemisphere, especially of the Caribbean, towards natural disasters and hazards including tornados, hurricanes, earthquakes, floods and volcanic eruptions among others;

That according to the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB), in Latin America poverty (more than in any other region of the world) is strongly associated with social inequality;

That 44% of the population (220 million people) live below the poverty line, and 19% (97 million people) are indigent in Latin America according to the Inter-American Development Bank (IADB);

BEARING IN MIND:

That those usually most affected by natural disasters are the socially disadvantaged groups as they are least prepared to cope with them; and

EMPHASIZING:

The need to work in cooperation with other regional and international institutions that have made significant advances in the matter;

That the Declaration of the Third Summit of the Americas stated that "we will spare no effort to free our fellow citizens from the dehumanizing conditions of extreme poverty";

That the Inter-American Democratic Charter recognizes the importance of a safe environment as essential to integral development;

Article 2 - g. and Article 3 - f. of the Charter of the OAS, which specifically state the importance of poverty eradication,

RESOLVES:

1. To include within the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction (IACNDR) the following framework suggested by the World Bank to strengthen the prevention and immediate response of natural disasters of all member states:
 - a) Institutional Strengthening: Training local, regional and national agencies, as well as promoting dialogue between them to improve the region's capacity to manage disaster risks and disaster events.
 - b) Risk Identification: Improving the identification and understanding of natural hazard risks, emphasizing on hazard data collection and mapping as well as vulnerability assessments.
 - c) Risk Reduction: Increasing coastal protection, emphasizing public awareness and educating local population.
 - d) Risk Financing: Ensuring that sufficient liquidity exists in the aftermath of a disaster by allowing an integration of risk within the government budget planning process.
2. To strengthen the identification of mechanisms to promote cooperation for development and exchange on effective and efficient programs to combat poverty and improve natural disasters relief.
3. To instruct the Secretary General to perform all necessary actions in order to organize the *"Inter-American Conference for poverty alleviation in the XXI Century: Facing a World Financial Crisis"*.
 - a. To this conference members of the fourth committee will be invited.
 - b. This conference will focus on employment, human displacement, high food prices, education, decentralization and accountability.
4. To request the Secretary General to appoint a date and a location for the conference.
5. To appoint the Secretary General to allocate the necessary resources for the Conference from the Integral Development Irregular Fund.

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**REQUEST FOR FUNDS FROM THE IDB FOR THE PRODUCTION OF
INTERNET RESOURCES TO REDUCE NATURAL HAZARD
VULNERABILITY IN THE HEMISPHERE**

Fourth Committee
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Colombia

Topic No. 1 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Article 1 of the Charter of the OAS which states: "The American States establish by this Charter the international organization that they have developed to achieve an order of peace and justice, to promote their solidarity, to strengthen their collaboration";

AG/DEC 8 (XXV-O-95), which declares the commitment of the member states to "ensure that the modernization of development cooperation... will draw upon experience gained in cooperation and finance from organizations such as the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), the World Bank (WB), United Nations Agencies... so as to channel the greatest amount of resources to the region";

CONSIDERING:

That natural disasters in 2008 affected over 18 million people in Latin America, causing around 1,000 deaths;

That according to the UN's Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), "A trend that we see and that's important to note across the region is this increase in flood affectation" and also "droughts in our region have increased over the last 30 years some 300 percent, hurricanes fivefold, and flooding almost 300 percent as well, disasters invariably hit the poorest and most vulnerable people in the region and states must do more to address social inequalities which exacerbate their impact";

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

That the main objective of the Internet resources for vulnerability reduction program is to prepare and implement actions to reduce the effects of natural disasters on the education sector and identify elements in the infrastructure that could be damaged in the event of a natural disaster, and therefore need to be protected by preparedness and response measures;

RECOGNIZING:

That Latin America has a great amount of natural resources and that natural disasters not only damages natural resources but also people's homes, health, schools, jobs and at the same time increases the poverty and illiteracy; and

RECALLING:

The Charter of the (OAS) which establishes in its preamble that: "Confident that the true significance of American solidarity and good neighborliness can only mean the consolidation on this continent",

RESOLVES:

1. To remind all member states of the importance of the Internet resources for natural hazard vulnerability reduction program in the Hemisphere.
2. To request funds from the Inter American Development Bank (IDB) for the Internet resources for natural hazard vulnerability reduction program.
3. To request that the Inter-American Agency for Cooperation and Development (AICD) call for a meeting with the IDB to discuss funding for the for the Internet resources for natural hazard vulnerability reduction program.
4. To call for two meetings per year in which IDB discusses with AICD how funds are being managed in regards to for the Internet resources for natural hazard vulnerability reduction program.
5. To schedule the first meeting in Bogota, Colombia, in September 2009.

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**DISSEMINATING INFORMATION AND POOLING DONATIONS TO INCREASE COOPERATION
WITH PERMANENT OBSERVERS FOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC PROJECTS**

Fourth Committee

Topic No. 2 of the Agenda

Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegations of Panama, Honduras, Colombia and the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

HAVING SEEN:

Article 34 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), which establishes that “the Member States agree that equality of opportunity, the elimination of extreme poverty, equitable distribution of wealth and income and the full participation of their peoples in decisions relating to their own development are, among others, basic objectives of integral development”;

Article 138 of the Charter of the OAS, which proclaims that “within the provisions of this Charter, the competent organs shall endeavor to obtain greater collaboration from countries not Members of the Organization in the area of cooperation for development”;

AG/RES. 1719 (XXX-O/00), which requests that “the General Secretariat take the additional administrative measures necessary to facilitate still further the participation of the permanent observers in the cooperation activities and programs of the Organization”;

Executive Order No. 05-14, which creates the Committee on Resource Mobilization and states that this committee is to coordinate the Organization’s comprehensive fundraising efforts and its relationships with external donors;

RECALLING:

The report from the chair of the Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Affairs to the Permanent Council on December 3, 2008, in which the chair noted the \$9.4 million budget cut foreseen for the year 2010 and suggested that the situation requires a prioritization of mandates;

The First Meeting of Ministers and High Authorities of Social Development on July 9-10, 2008, which approved a Communiqué reaffirming the importance of promoting social development and recognizing that “greater priority should be attached to national poverty reduction and social protection strategies, allocating to such strategies the appropriate financial resources”;

BEARING IN MIND:

That almost 43 percent of the population, 222 millions of people, lives in poverty in Latin America and the Caribbean, and that two of every five children live in extreme poverty;

That Latin America and the Caribbean have one of the highest rates of inequality in the developing world, where income, resources and opportunities are concentrated in a small segment of the population, the systematic and disproportionate;

The need to encourage all Permanent Observers to increase their participation in the cooperation activities and programs of the Organization; and

CONSIDERING:

That the larger execution of socioeconomic programs will favor the achievement of United Nations Millennium Development Goals;

That the General Secretariat should develop and implement a comprehensive fundraising strategy which avoids duplication in efforts;

That smaller permanent observer nations may lack the financial resources that would allow them to offer large donations to the OAS, but that they could provide smaller contributions that could be combined with other donations in order to have a greater impact;

That pooling the donations provided by permanent observers would increase efficiency, allowing the Organization to focus on meeting needs of high priority by directing greater funding to these areas,

RESOLVES:

1. To express its gratefulness to all Permanent Observer countries for their valuable and helpful contribution to OAS projects, giving special recognition to Spain, Sweden, Norway, the Netherlands, and the European Union.
2. To recognize the previous efforts of the Resource Mobilization Committee (RMC) and the Executive Office of the Secretary for External Relations in seeking funds from permanent observers to finance the Organization's priority programs and projects.
3. To request that the RMC, assisted by the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), coordinate a fundraising strategy for pooling donations from Permanent Observers, in which:
 - a. The RMC, in consultation with the Secretary General and the SEDI, will create a list specifying the high priority socio-economic projects with funding needs.
 - b. The Department of International Affairs will seek donations from multiple Permanent Observer nations to fund projects or technical areas with high priority needs that were identified in the abovementioned list.
 - c. These funds from observer nations will be pooled to be used exclusively to fulfill programs that promote social and economic improvement in member states.
 - d. The Department of Budgetary and Financial Services will ensure that the donated funds are applied appropriately and that the financial records for the individual donors are correctly maintained.
4. To instruct the RMC, in coordination with the SEDI and the Department of International Affairs, to program a meeting with representatives from Permanent Observer nations, in which:
 - a. The OAS representatives will provide information about the high priority socioeconomic projects that the RMC and SEDI have identified and explain the importance of these projects.
 - b. The participants will discuss the promotion of fairness and equity as fundamental values for world development to demonstrate the benefits of supporting those projects.
 - c. The RMC will request financial cooperation and encourage continued contributions from Permanent Observers to fund the priority socio-economic goals of the OAS.
 - d. The meeting will be incorporated in the Tenth Resource Mobilization Committee Meeting.
5. To entrust the Department of Communications and Institutional Image of the Secretariat for External Relations with the development of a section within the OAS website that will provide information about

those OAS projects focused on integral development and their beneficial impact in society, which should include, but is not limited to, the following characteristics:

- a. It will appear as a link in the outreach area of the OAS main page, with the name: “Get involved” as the heading.
 - b. It will be edited in the four official languages of the OAS (English, Spanish, Portuguese and French).
 - c. It will contain an instructive guide for those internet users (from both the private and public sectors) interested in collaborating with OAS programs through monetary or in-kind donations that will explain donation opportunities and the donation process.
 - d. It will have a special segment with the purpose of publicizing the donors, the support they provided, and the name of the project to which the funds were applied.
6. To invite Member States to include a link to this website in some of their official web pages to multiply the number of visitors and in this way increase the number of potential donors.
 7. To ask the RMC to prepare a report – to be published by the General Secretariat and to appear in the new website section – that describes the outcomes from the fundraising strategy for pooling donations, presents the results from the meeting and from the website link, and includes a detailed description of the efficient use of the funds received.

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**ENHANCEMENT OF ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND COLLABORATION ON THE
APPROACH TO HEMISPHERIC NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF**

Fourth Committee

Topic No. 3 of the Agenda

Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegations of The Commonwealth of the Bahamas, Haiti,
Dominica and Jamaica

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

CONSIDERING:

Natural disasters do not recognize country borders and include a wide variety of events such as landslides, droughts, floods, earthquakes, and hurricanes which affect countries' infrastructures, economies, social systems and political stability;

The AG/RES. 1682 (XXIX-O/99) "OAS Natural Disaster Reduction and Response Mechanisms" that created the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction (IACNDR) in 1999;

That the Inter-American Committee for Natural Disaster Reduction (IACNDR) is the main forum of the OAS and the Inter-American System for the analysis of policies and strategies aimed at natural disaster reduction in the context of the sustainable development of member states;

That in addition to disaster preparedness and reduction, disaster relief and response are also critical components to sustainable development policies;

BEARING IN MIND:

The IACNDR, and the FONDEM share members and some functions, therefore the question arises as to practicality, economy of resources and effective coordination of the organizations;

Assistant Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Ambassador Albert Ramdin inaugurated the "Workshop on the Inter-American System for Natural Disaster Mitigation" (February 2009) by stressing the importance of making the Inter-American system work better through efficient coordination, in order that the OAS can respond more adequately to the needs of member states in the area of natural disaster reduction;

HAVING SEEN:

Article III of the Statutes of the Inter-American Emergency Aid Fund (FONDEM) (AG/RES. 1327 (XXV-O/95) which states, "The Fund shall provide available social, humanitarian, material, technical, and financial aid, both in kind and in services, to any member state of the Organization that is threatened by, has suffered from, or is in an emergency situation caused by natural disasters."

RECOGNIZING:

The importance of accessible information in order to guarantee transparency in the management of public funds;

That especially in time of crisis such as the one at hand, it is imperative to assure the most efficient use of public resources by implementing an exhaustive evaluation of the way they are used and obtained

RESOLVES:

1. To recognize the IACNDR as an invaluable tool for the OAS and FONDEM for its success in securing funding from international organizations.
2. A feasibility study that will be completed within six months to identify monetary and physical resources to supply immediate aid after natural disasters provided by international organizations, NGO's, Permanent Observer countries and Member countries.
3. To instruct FONDEM to provide the General Assembly with results from the previously mentioned feasibility study and semi-annual updates on the financial mechanisms for the allocation of monies to OAS member countries.
4. That the information regarding the management of FONDEM, its budget and disbursements be publicized on the OAS webpage.
5. That the Assistant Secretary General will receive or delegate someone to receive suggestions and inquiries made by OAS member states regarding the Fund.

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CREATION OF A FUND TO SUPPORT THE PARTICIPATION OF PERMANENT OBSERVER NATIONS IN THE OAS-PLACED GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Fourth Committee
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegations of Argentina and Chile

Topic No. 2 of the Agenda

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

Article 47 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS) emphasizes education and its ability to move Member States in the direction of democracy and integral development;

BEARING IN MIND:

AG/RES. 1719 (XXX-O/00) encourages participation of the Permanent Observer nations in the cooperation activities and programs of the OAS;

CP/RES. 870 (1446/04) strengthens international dialogue in critical areas of the OAS agenda through the establishment of a series of lectures by leading world representatives because it is essential that this process go beyond the confines of the Member States;

HAVING SEEN:

That education and scholarship are principle topics of the OAS, leading to the IE-OAS Scholarships in International Management program, establishing scholarships for the students of OAS Member States to study in Spain at the IE Foundation and then return to intern at the OAS;

OAS/SEDI-CIR.167/2008 invites the cooperation and participation of the Permanent Observer nations in the OAS Professional Development Scholarship Program; and

ACKNOWLEDGING:

The increased costs of higher education worldwide due to the stressed economy and a simultaneous increasing demand for knowledgeable and cultured individuals,

RESOLVES:

1. To express gratitude to Member States, Permanent Observers, NGOs and other interested parties for their continued support of the OAS scholarship programs;
2. To instruct the Secretary General, through the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), to establish a Specific Fund to Support the Participation of Permanent Observer Nations in the OAS-Placed Graduate Scholarship Program, hereinafter "Observador Permanente Naciones Scholarship" (OPEN) Fund, to allow OAS Member State students to attend institutions located in Permanent Observer nations that contribute to the OPEN Fund.
3. To invite all Permanent Observer nations, as defined in Article 74 of the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the Secretary General and other rules and regulations of the OAS, to make voluntary contributions to the OPEN Fund.

4. To instruct the Secretary General to administer the OPEN Fund through SEDI in accordance with the General Standards to Govern the Operations of the Secretary General and other rules and regulations of the OAS and to act as the Technical Security of the OPEN Fund.
5. To request that the Secretary General through SEDI:
 - a. Analyze methods of decreasing per capita costs of OPEN-funded and other OAS scholarships such as through the standardized use of in-state tuition agreements between the OAS and institutions in both Member States and Permanent Observer nations.
 - b. Take the additional administrative measures necessary to further facilitate participation by the Permanent Observer nations in the OAS-Placed Graduate Scholarship program.
 - c. Create a program evaluation form for OPEN Fund recipients to measure the success of the program thus providing evidence of the benefits of continued and increased sponsorship of the OPEN Fund.
6. That the expenses incurred in the administration of the OPEN Fund shall be covered by the OPEN Fund itself. Operating costs incurred by SEDI shall also be defrayed by the OPEN Fund.
7. That the OPEN Fund's accounts shall be audited by the Secretary General's Board of External Auditors and its financial statements published in the annual report of that entity.

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**IMPROVING NATURAL DISASTER REDUCTION BY DEEPENING COORDINATION AND
REASSESSING RESPONSE STRATEGIES IN THE HEMISPHERE**

Fourth Committee

Topic Number 3 of the Agenda

Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegation of Argentina and Guatemala

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

That Article 95 of the Charter of the OAS, which states that the “Inter-American Council for Integral Development shall promote, coordinate, and assign responsibility for the execution of development programs and projects to the subsidiary bodies and relevant organizations, on the basis of the priorities identified by the Member States, in areas such as economic and social development, which include trade, tourism, integration and the environment”;

RECOGNIZING:

That the Inter-American Committee on Natural Disaster Reduction (IACNDR) is one of the principal regional instruments and mechanisms to assist member states in preparing for, responding to, and reducing vulnerability to natural disasters;

BEARING IN MIND:

The 2005 Declaration of Mar del Plata, which expressed concern for “the increased intensity of natural and man-made disasters and their devastating impact on human lives, infrastructure, and economies in the Hemisphere” and which called “for action at the national, regional, and international levels to strengthen disaster management programs, including through increased capacity for disaster preparedness, development of early warning systems, risk mitigation and post-disaster recovery and reconstruction and technical and financial assistance as appropriate, particularly for disaster prone countries, to reduce the impact of disasters”;

CONSIDERING:

AG/RES. 2314 (XXXVII-O/07) recognizes “that effective natural disaster reduction and mitigation is dependent on a high degree of preparedness, effective mobilization, and coordination of the governments of the countries affected at all levels, as well as of the private sector and nongovernmental, community, and civil society organizations”; and

TAKING INTO ACCOUNT:

AG/DEC. 55 (XXXVII-O/07), which called for increased inclusion of international programs such as the White Helmets in coordination with the OAS “providing human and technical resources for dealing with humanitarian, social, and developmental emergencies in the region, as well as for providing and facilitating effective responses to disaster situations”;

RESOLVES:

1. To reassert the need for greater inter-American cooperation to ensure quicker, more effective responses to natural disasters.
2. To reiterate the important role of Inter-American Committee for Natural Disaster Reduction (IACNDR) in responding to natural disasters and their coordination with international programs.
3. To call for the Inter-American Committee for Natural Disaster Reduction:
 - a. To cooperate with the White Helmets and the Disaster Management Training Program (DMTP) to establish regional and national workshops on disaster prevention, mitigation, preparation and response procedures as part of a world-wide program,
 - b. To review and update the Inter-American Strategic Plan for Policy on Vulnerability Reduction, Risk Management and Disaster Response (IASP), and
 - c. To conduct and update, for each member state, natural hazard assessments which will research hazard mitigation strategies and integrated regional planning and investment project preparation activities.
4. To request a reallocation of funding be directed from the Natural Disaster Relief and Poverty Alleviation Fund to the Special White Helmets Fund in order to support their essential aid in humanitarian and disaster relief in member states.
5. To allocate the necessary financial resources for the funding of this resolution from Program 22A: Office of the Assistant Secretary General, Chapter 2: Assistant Secretary General; and to draw financial support from voluntary contributions.
6. To request that the Inter-American Committee for Natural Disaster Reduction present a report to the General Assembly at its thirty-ninth regular session on the progress of this resolution.

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**STRATEGIES FOR THE EFFECTIVE USE OF FUNDS FROM NATURAL DISASTER RELIEF
AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION FUND**

Fourth Committee Topic No. 3 of the Agenda
Draft Resolution Presented by the Delegations of Antigua and Barbuda, Belize, Dominican Republic, and
the United States of America

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY,

RECALLING:

Article 95 of the Charter of the Organization of American States (OAS), which states that the “Inter-American Council For Integral Development shall promote, coordinate, and assign responsibility for the execution of development programs and projects to the subsidiary bodies and relevant organizations, on the basis of the priorities identified by the Member States, in areas such as economic and social development, including trade, tourism, integration and the environment”;

Article 93 of the Charter of the OAS, which states the Inter-American Council for Integral Development may establish the subsidiary bodies and the agencies that it considers advisable for the better performance of its duties;

HAVING SEEN:

AG/RES. 2114 (XXXV-O/05), which began the call of the re-organization of Natural Disaster Programs specifically within the Inter-American System;

Article 32 of the Declaration of Santa Cruz, which resolves “to promote initiatives taking into account existing mechanisms that seek to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters, through regional coordination, as well as policy and strategy coordination on the matter”;

AG/RES. 2314 (XXXVII O/07), which reaffirms the “high priority— of natural disaster reduction, risk management, and assistance in natural and other disaster situations”;

AG/RES. 1855, which states under the priority area of sustainable development and the environment that the focus will be on, “contributing to efforts to reduce vulnerability to natural disasters, and preventing and adapting to global climate change, in accordance with relevant international agreements”;

ACKNOWLEDGING:

The importance of the Inter-American Convention to Facilitate Disaster Assistance (Convention), the Inter-American Emergency Aid Fund (FONDEM), and the Inter-American Committee on Disaster Reduction (IACNDR) as the principal regional instrument and mechanisms to assist member states in preparing, responding, and reducing vulnerability to natural disasters;

The significant work carried out by the Inter-American Council for Integral Development (CIDI), the Inter-American Committee for Sustainable Development, the Pan American Health Organization

(PAHO), the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF), the Inter-American Defense Board and its College (IADB and IADC), the Inter-American Institute for Cooperation on Agriculture (IICA), and the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) in matters relating to natural disasters within their respective areas of competence;

The efforts of the Permanent Council through its Committee on Hemispheric Security and the recommendations concerning the redundancies in the composition and function of the IACNDR, the Inter-American Committee for Emergency Situations established under FONDEM, and the Inter-American Aid Committee mentioned in the Convention, as well as the recommendations on natural disaster reduction and risk management proposed for implementation by the Organization of American States and its subsidiary bodies;

RESOLVES:

1. To applaud the effort being made by PADF, the IACNDR, nations, organizations or individuals to fight the impact of natural disasters, but recalling as well the importance of advising better ways to use such funds in the necessary areas instead of wasting much of the funds in bureaucratic costs.
2. To urge, recommend and encourage the Inter-American Council for Integral Development to consider a re-organization of Natural Disaster programs, in which:
 - a. The missions of the current programs would be indentified.
 - b. Common missions across programs would be indentified.
 - c. Each program would be assigned an area of expertise.
 - d. Mission areas of each organization would be re-assigned to the one program in charge of that area of expertise to allow for all the working of current programs to now be integrated into a more efficient working body.
3. To request the Inter-American Council for Integral Development to assign a program that would specialize in creating a Natural Disaster Database considering information regarding:
 - a. Administrative costs of commissions in charge of natural disaster relief.
 - b. Logistics and the previous preparation in chaotic situations.
 - c. The management and ways to conduct the funds and aid provided in order to achieve the most effective use of them and identifying countries that are highly vulnerable and keep records that would allow them to request and receive resources promptly.
 - d. Any other information seen to be pertinent in order to conduct funds in a more effective way.
4. To encourage nations to implement the database and appoint specialized groups to publish, gather and improve information with the tools they find necessary.
5. To have re-organization provide for a more efficient use of resources and funds for natural disaster prevention and relief.

6. The funding for the re-organization and creation of the Natural Disaster Database to be provided through the regular appropriations approved for the Inter-American Council for Integral Development through the OAS General Budget.

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